RELIGIOUS.

SERMON BY HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Before announcing his text yesterday morning, Mr. Beecher said that hereafter the ushers would not be to blame when the seats were taken after 10½. If the pew holders want their seats they must occupy them by that time. He hoped that more christian benevolence would be shown among the brethren in regard to the pews, and he was glad that a perceptible change for the better had been manifested during the past year. He read a note from a member of the congregation saying that since a certain sermon was preached one of the deacons had shown unusual kindness toward strangers and others who chanced to be put into his pew.

In speaking of what he had previously alluded to touching New-Year's calls, Mr. Beecher said that he had intended to visit all of his friends, but he had no idea of the undertaking at the time, and he spake as a fool spake. The first day's work gave him reason for congratulation, but now there was little. So far he had only finished Montague-st. and a portion of Joralemon. He found call-making different from what it was the first day of the year. Then the doors were open and no time was wasted. Now, besides standing on the step, he had often waited for the last touches to be put on a face already comely. Then he was obliged to retire in a few minutes so as to make room for others. However he was entirely discouraged, though he had made but twelve calls on Wednesday last. He would continue every Wednesday until further notice. If the programme could not be carried out, or if he found that he could make more than twelve calls a day, the people would be duly informed.

He then preached from the 17th chapter of Luke, 5th verse: "And the Apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith." Christ was preaching on the duty of self-denial and goodness, but as soon as the Apostles thought of the command as applying to them, and as soon as they saw the impossibility of their task, they exclaimed, "Lord, increase our faith!" Christ replied, saying that if they had faith as a grain of mustard seed, they might cause the sycamore tree to be plucked up and cast into the sea. Men are just like the disciples. They listen to the words of virtue and are charmed, but when they think of doing the things themselves, they instantly say that it is impossible for them to follow the advice. They believe in the ideal, but not in the practical. This is a common mistake. The better nature of man can accomplish mighty things if he only knew it.

Men often think the world good enough until they become bankrupt; then their horizon is filled with the dark clouds of misfortune, and they seek, perhaps for the first time, the hand that has so long been reaching after them. The man who lives happily with his companion at last misses her, and then he says, "if there is any consolation in religion let me have it," and so he gets it to fill up the aching void.

Thus men are frequently brought into the presence of God when they would come in no other way. This is the dawn of faith. If the person keeps the upper window of his soul open, so that God can come in, then he has got the beginning of Divine inspiration. When once men get this, their higher nature has the power to expel the vermin brood of passion that has possession of them. The new life re-adjusts the forces of the soul and decides in what direction they shall work. Faculties are not added nor taken away, but trained. When the doctor says he will make the patient a new man, he does not mean that he will give him new legs or new arms.

Before Paul was converted, his pride worked for selfishness, afterward for benevolence. First he was all malign, lastly all benign. When, therefore, a man enters into the Christian life, his disposition is not removed but changed. It may be hard for a sly person to become frank and open, but it can be done. There is nothing bad in man but what can be made good, if he is clothed with power from above. The tap-root of sin has got to be cut before a man can be transplanted into the new soil. No one who draws near to the twilight of a higher life should be faint-hearted. "I preach," said Mr. Beecher, "not only a free Gospel, but a victorious Gospel."

When a man attempts to gain access to a virtue he must go at it with as much earnestness as he would in opening a trunk or a drawer when the key has been lost. Whoever got a drawer open by coaxing it; by saying, "Come out, drawer; please do open." We can get what we need if we take it. There was never a heart so homesick, but what heaven was just as homesick for it.

At last, when the domes of the celestial city flash back the everlasting glory of God, then will all the sorrows of this life be blotted out forever.

CHURCH OF THE PURITANS.

The Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Cheever preached an able sermon at Apollo Hall (Church of the Puritans) yesterday morning, selecting as his text Jeremiah 31st chap., 9th verse:

"They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first born."

The reverend speaker commenced by alluding to the objections made, from time to time, by unbelieving minds—objections from the side of philosophical reasons—arguing from the omniscience and immutability of God, and the absurdity of prayer with expectance of an answer, "If we could change God's purposes, God, Himself, answers these objections, and sometimes bases the use, and advantage, and efficiency of prayer on the very attributes from the nature of which some persons have pretended to demonstrate the uselessness of prayer. They don't attempt this demonstration to keep men away from God, but with the avowed purpose of correcting what they say is the greatest evil in the religion of the modern age—the supposition that piety consists in prayer. They advance the argument that if a man carries about with him benevolence and kind feelings, that that is true prayer, and God does not require anything else. Now, God founds the very obligation and efficiency of prayer upon this great fact announced to all mankind: *that He does not change;* that he is immutable. Therefore, go to him in prayer. If we turn away from the Lord and neglect prayer, which is the only heart-proof, God looking upon it and seeing its spirit, they may never come to him. We must not pray with prayers of any particular form, not with prayers printed like our telegraph messages and rolled off like a rolling-mill. God looks on the heart. "If ye turn away, then will I turn away. If ye repent of your goodness, then will I repent of my mercy." God changes His method according to a person's character and doings, else there would be no fear of God. The reverend speaker then referred to the miracles which Christ performed upon the bodies of the sick and the blind, and deduced from this fact the argument that if these were miracles, how much more were the converting and cleansing of men's hearts miracles. Christ had no sooner heard the leper's prayer than he answered it—first forgiving his sins, and when he had received the blessing, he asked for nothing more.

We must labor among our fellow men. Prayer is the most effectual powerful working piety in the world. This piety has wings, the wings of faith and love, yet flying is not the greatest exercise of piety. The speaker referred to the famous frigate bird, which is constructed with such vast enormous wings that it can do almost nothing else but fly. It can only soar above the earth. Such is some men's piety; so soaring, so transcendental in its elevation, so spurning the affairs and cares of mortals that it sits enthroned in upper air. True piety is like ships at sea. While above the world, yet it is for working, not for soaring merely. The sails are to steady her against wind and tide. This is the picture of the true brave Christian in this world. He is not walking in the world, and governed by the world, but he is to force his way through the earth, and the very wind that blows against him he can turn aside. Sometimes he will have to spend long nights at the helm, but he knows his work is worthy, his reward incalculable, and he is ready for the emergency.

THE "TREASURIES OF THE SNOW"—THE BYRON SCANDAL.

The Rev. E. C. Sweetser, pastor of the Bleecker-st. Universalist church, preached yesterday morning from the text, Job xxxviii xxii., "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" The speaker thought that if his audience had spent their lives in New-York city, they probably could not return an affirmative answer to the question of the text, for, in the first place, the treasures of the snow are not exhibited here very often, or in very great quantities; and, in the second place, they hardly remain long enough for us to get a glimpse at them when they are here. We must spend a Winter in the country, or among the Alps, or in the Polar regions, before we can fully understand the meaning of that expression, "the treasures of the snow."

It was of the moral "treasures of the snow," however, that Mr. Sweetser proposed to speak, and, after referring briefly to the scientific beauties of his subject, he mentioned as the first of these its purity. Another treasure of the snow, said the preacher, is its lesson of charity. In true charity two elements are always found—the transforming and the protecting element. To illustrate the transforming power of the snow, Mr. Sweetser quoted a beautiful selection from Whittier's "Snow-Bound," in which the poet describes the snow as hiding all the deformities of the forest landscape, and transforming even the most repulsive objects into beautiful resemblances to marble statuary. But if, said he, on some Winter's day you walk through such a human forest as this city, for instance, affords us in its length and breadth, what shall you see again? Will you see mankind exercising toward each other the same spirit of loving kindness with which nature treats her desolate, storm-beaten and fallen ones, covering their faults with charity as she covers them with snow, protecting and nourishing the good that is in them as she protects her own?

Here is a poet, a fallen tree, decayed at the root in early life, and fallen into a premature grave. His sins have been great, but noble impulses dwelt within him; the breath of lofty aspirations swayed him to and fro, and he has given to the world as the fruitage of his short, eventful life such germs of sacred thought as must develop into peace and righteousness in him who harbors them. We know his faults. Alas! they were too many. But now he is dead. His iniquity, however great, is visited upon him in another world. What shall we say of the fallen man? How shall we treat him? How do we treat him? Do we cherish his sacred poetry, the noble fruitage of his life; and do we cover the deformities of his life with the garb of Charity? The snow-flakes rest as softly and as lovingly upon the grave of the sinner as on that of the saint. Do we imitate their example? Far from it. We tear the grave open with ruthless hands, and like the Romish Inquisition, which dug up the bodies of distinguished heretics, and burned them and heaped all manner of indignity upon them, so does this generation pull from the silence of the grave, from their last natural retreat, the decaying remains of the poet's wayward life, and hold them up to contumely and indignity; and even his noblest works are pulled to pieces by foul fingers, and made to testify against him. It is but a sample of the way we treat the sinner everywhere. No sooner does a tree in this human forest fall from internal corruption, or before the strong winds of temptation, than instead of covering its fall with the white mantle of charity, we prop it up as a mark for pitiless censure, if it has any life left in it, and if not, we kick it from the path.

EPISCOPAL MISSION FOR SEAMEN.

A new Bethel called the "Church of our Saviour for Seamen," was opened yesterday with the celebration of services according to the Episcopal rite. It is a floating church constructed on the margin of the East River at the foot of Pike-st. The Rev. Robert W. Lewis is in charge. Bishop Potter preached a sermon from Romans, 12th chapter, 1st verse, in which he reviewed the work of the Mission for the last twenty-five years. The building is a handsome Gothic structure 74x35 feet, with roof supported by arched braces forming a series of Gothic arches. The chancel is frescoed in color and gilt, and ornamented with a *fleur-de-lis* crest work. On either side is a vestry and library room. The furniture of the chancel is in black walnut, handsomely carved. The building is thirty-five feet high. It is built on a scow 60x30 feet and about six feet deep. The total cost has been $20,000. The architect is Mr. Alfred H. Thorp. The organ and vocal music yesterday were excellent, and the church was crowded.

"CHARITY."

The Rev. Dr. Jas. P. Thompson preached last night at the Tabernacle of the corner of Thirty-fourth-st. and Broadway, on the subject of Charity, with special reference to the noble deeds of George Peabody. His text was taken from the twentieth chapter of Acts, thirty-fifth verse: "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus—it is more blessed to give than to receive." In this motto, said the speaker, is condensed the whole philosophy of charity. It is a beauty; it is one of the chief beauties of charity that the value of the gift is enhanced by the spirit of the giver, and that the blessing returns to himself. In pure charity there is a repression of self-consciousness. Pride is incompatible with true philanthropy. It mars the pleasure of giving by making the liberality of the giver the measure of his self-esteem. The speaker then related in brief the history of George Peabody, a history crowded with examples of well-doing; a history in which the actor is rewarded by the gratitude of the hundreds and thousands whom he has benefited by his timely charity.

OUT-DOOR SPORTS.

SKATING.

Firm ice beds were announced by the proprietors of all the grounds and rinks in New-York, Brooklyn and Jersey City last evening, and there came from them also the gratifing announcement that they would throw them open to-day. The Empire Rink is to be open this evening, and the managers declare themselves prepared to give an old-time entertainment to their patrons. The rink band will perform, and the building will be brilliantly illuminated. Brady's Curriculum and Skating Rink, in Jersey City, will also be open, with music by a band of 30 performers. Many members of the New-York Skating Club have been invited, and Frank Swift, Engler, Macmillan and others are announced, to give *eclât* to the proceedings. The Fifth-avenue, Union and Capitoline, being again ready for visitors, the managers invite a visit to-day. It is not beyond probability that the Commissioner Green will throw open the Park lakes. Many of the unsheltered ponds upon the Beekman estate are in good condition, and were liberally patronized yesterday.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

THE PAINE-TINKER MATCH OFF.

When Mr. Bergh first put an interdict upon professional pigeon shooting in his district, he stated, what was then scouted, that it was not only cruelty in itself, but demoralizing in the highest degree, from the wagering of money by unscrupulous men. How well he has been borne out in this latter assertion is shown by the two recent matches at Dubois's track, the one of last Friday in particular. At this match the conduct of a few persons cast such odium upon the whole, that one of the principals declared he would never appear in a public match again, and the other asserted that although he felt satisfied everything was fairly conducted, he nevertheless felt hurt at the manner in which matters were managed. It further gave rise to such apprehension of foul play in the pending match between Paine and Tinker, for $1,000 a side, that it has been deemed prudent to withdraw the original deposits, and indefinitely postpone the contest.

THE TELEGRAPH STRIKE.

The Correspondence Committee of the League was busy yesterday receiving and sending messages to all points within their reach. They said that everything was in a satisfactory condition, and that all the operators were in the best humor. Several operators arrived from various localities, but they were seized by the "habeas corpus Committee" and made leaguers, after the situation had been explained to them.

A dispatch from Washington said that the Associated Press refused to send to the Southern papers any information regarding the strike, except such as comes from Western Union sources. They also refused to send the circular of the President of the National Typographical Union. Albany, Washington, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, and the other principal cities sent dispatches saying that they were firm, and urged the fraternity throughout the Union to continue firm also. The seven Philadelphia backsliders were soundly berated for their treachery.

The operators say that they have positive proof that the Company have sent hundreds of messages by mail, and that the conductors on certain Jersey railroads are acting as messengers for the Western Union Company, leaving packages of messages at different towns for delivery. The meager force on duty in the Western Union offices have been worked day and night, and are nearly exhausted. The Company offer to take back all the strikers with the exception of seven ringleaders and the female operators, but the leaguers declare that they will not forsake the women.

The following card has been issued by the Committee in charge of the strike:

To the Editor of The Tribune:

The false statements regarding the Telegraphers' strike, and the causes which led thereto, which have been made by the Western Union Telegraph Company, and published all over the country through the medium of the Associated Press, have greatly misrepresented the true facts in the case.

The assertion in many of this morning's papers that members of our ranks were deserting, although partially true, was grossly exaggerated. The truth is simply this: Seven of our members in Philadelphia, induced by flattering promises of increased compensation and promotion from the Western Union Company, were weak enough to violate their oaths, desert their associates, and return to their former duties. This occurred yesterday afternoon. This morning five of the seven repented their hasty action, and assured us of their willingness to return to our ranks if requested. No action has been taken in their case. One member in Utica city also deserted yesterday, and returned to work at 145 Broadway. He was last night disheartedly expelled from the League.

No other members have shown weakness in any portion of the country. While we regret exceedingly the inconvenience to the public, resulting from the action we have felt compelled to take, we shall regard it as still more disastrous that either side should consider it necessary to resort to systematic misrepresentation in order to bolster up their cause.

W. W. BURHANS, Chairman. C. J. RYAN. J. M. PETERS. } Committee.

New-York, Jan. 9, 1870.

HOMICIDE IN TREMONT.

On Saturday evening Milton Carpenter and Christian Hepger, residents of the village of Tremont, quarreled at that place, and during the affray Hepger struck Carpenter on the head with a mallet, fracturing his skull. Hepger was arrested. Carpenter lingered until 5 p. m. yesterday, when he died. An inquest will be held to-day. The affair has created considerable excitement in the village, where both men were well known.

BURNING OF A TUG-BOAT.

Yesterday morning, about 11 o'clock, while the tug-boat Jonathan Chase, Capt. Dalton, was returning to the city, after having towed the bark Mendota as far as Quarantine, when off Robin's Reef Light-house, fire was discovered breaking out from around the steam chimney. The men on board made all efforts to extinguish the fire, but the wind was blowing so strong they were unable to stop its headway. They then launched a boat and were picked up by the Staten Island ferry-boat Northfield, Capt. Freeland, and brought to the city. The burning tug was afterward taken in tow by the tug Unit, and towed over on the Jersey Flats, where the Police-boat Metropolitan came up, poured some heavy streams upon the burning boat, and extinguished the flames, but not until considerable damage had been done.

THE ALLEGED FRAUDULENT TRANSACTION IN BONDS.

The hearing in the case of Cornelius Campbell, a Broad-st. broker, against Benjamin F. Sawyer, the Mayor of Hudson City, the particulars of which have already appeared in THE TRIBUNE, was continued on Saturday last before Justice Ledwith at the Jefferson Market Court. The complainant, however, through his lawyer, asked for an adjournment on the ground that his principal witness, Mr. A. W. Sheppard, was absent from the city. Sheppard is the witness by whom the prosecution asserted they can prove that the transaction was fraudulent. Justice Ledwith granted an adjournment until Wednesday at 3 p. m. at the Essex Market Police Court.

A CARD FROM MR. ROPES.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

SIR: I beg to request you to correct an untrue accusation against me in an article in your paper of this morning, in relation to a transaction in North Carolina bonds. The charges made by Mr. C. W. Campbell against me, in the article mentioned above, are utterly false and untrue. To avoid controversy, I will only say that Mr. Campbell swore in Court yesterday, before Justice Ledwith, that I acted as *his broker* in the transaction, and in accordance with his desire; which is true, and I did not sign any papers or agreements whatsoever.

So far as the charges against the Hon. B. F. Sawyer are concerned, to my knowledge and belief, they are without the least foundation in truth. S. W. ROPES, JR.

New-York, Jan. 7, 1870.

LABOR MOVEMENTS.

United Coopers No. 1 of Williamsburgh, was in session on Saturday evening relative to the prices ruling in shops within their jurisdiction.

A new coöperative association, to be known as the Metropolitan Cooperative Tailoring Association, is being organized in this city by Messrs. Blissert, Troup, Young, and other prominent trades unionists.

The six divisions of the Laborers' Union will meet to-morrow evening, and select a delegate to represent the Union in the State Trades Assembly meeting, in Albany, on the 25th inst.

A special meeting of the Workingmen's Union is to be called the present week, to take action relative to certain bills in favor of workingmen, which are to be presented to the State Legislature during its present session.

The members of the German Tailors' Protective and Benevolent Union No. 2, of Williamsburgh, met on Saturday. Some 35 members who refused to pay $1 each, to support the Arlester Union, were expelled. The Society has 200 members, and a Fire Insurance sick and burial fund of $7,000.

The Brooklyn Hackmen recently organized into a Protective Union, met on Saturday evening, and resolved not to allow any person to join who was not 21 years of age and a citizen of the United States. They also proposed to start a Benevolent Union in addition to the present society.

The cigar establishment in Maiden-lane which was placed on strike, a week ago, in consequence of a reduction of wages, will again be opened to-day, as the employers have agreed to pay the old rates of wages. The men employed in several other firms are on strike, and are supported by their Unions at the rate of $10 per week for married and $7 for single men.

The Rev. William P. Marrogh, D.D., lectured in the church of the Immaculate Conception last evening, on "The Martyrs," for the benefit of the poor in charge of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Rev. Father O'Farrell lectured for a similar purpose in St. Brigid's Church, on "St. Vincent de Paul, the Apostle of Charity."

HOME NEWS.

THE WEATHER.

New-York.	Heat.	Ther.	Bar.	Wind.		Heat.	Ther.	Bar.	Wind.
Jan. 3—	7	27°	30.00	N.E.	Jan. 9—	7	18°	30.30	W.
	12	33°	29.97	N.W.		12	22°	30.36	N.W.
	3	32°	29.66	W.N.W.		3	26°	30.38	W.
	6	30°	29.96	W.N.W.		6	23°	30.37	W.
	9	30°	29.98	N.W.		9	24°	30.35	S.W.
	11	32°	30.02	N.W.		11	25°	30.33	S.W.

REMARKS.—8th.—Morning—Overcast and very hazy from midnight to 2; overcast 2 to 11:30; very cloudy 11:30 to noon; snowing between 7 and 7:30 to 11:30; snow depth, two inches. Afternoon—Slightly cloudy 1 to sunset. Evening—Cloudy 8:30; slightly cloudy 6:15 to midnight; Northern lights 7 to midnight. Note.—7th—From 11 p. m. to midnight; overcast and very hazy. 9th.—Morning—Slightly cloudy from midnight to 3; clear 4; slightly cloudy 6 to 8; slightly cloudy and very hazy at noon; Northern lights from midnight to 6. Afternoon—Slightly cloudy and very hazy to 1; hazy and little cloudy 3; slightly hazy and slightly cloudy at sunset. Evening—Slightly hazy to 7:40; hazy 8:30; very hazy 9:30 to 11. Note—The lowest temperatures of the season have been 18° at sunrise on Dec. 4, and 18° on this morning (Jan. 9).

The following is a synopsis of the Central Park Meteorological Report for the week ending Jan. 8, 1870:

BAROMETER.	Inches.	THERMOMETER.	Degrees.
Mean	29.801	Mean	33.8
Maximum at 1 a. m., Jan. 5	30.224	Maximum at 12 m., Jan. 2	53.5
Minimum at 4 p. m., Jan. 2	28.968	Minimum at 12 p. m., Jan. 8	18.0
Range	1.236	Range	35.5

REMARKS.—Jan. 2, rain from 1 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.; amount of water, 1.18 inch. Jan. 6, rain from 6:45 p. m. to 12 p. m.; amount of water, .06 inch. Jan. 7, rain from 0 h. 0 m. a. m. to 4 a. m.; amount of water, .11 inch. Jan. 8, snow from 7:45 a. m. to 11:3 a. m.; amount of water, .10 inch. Total amount of water for week, 1.45 inch.

THE CITY.

Arrests for the week, 1,218.

The Receiver of Taxes, the past week, received for taxes $109,453 15.

To-day, the fare on the Jackson-st. ferry will be raised to three cents for each foot passenger.

The Young Men's Christian Association have a social gathering of the members and their lady friends this evening.

Mr. Michael J. Shandley, brother of Judge Edward J. Shandley, has been elected Clerk of the Board of Police Justices.

In the Rutgers Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Mr. Conkling last night preached an eloquent sermon before a crowded congregation, on love.

A free lecture on Gen. Sheridan will be given this evening by the Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, in the West Twenty-third-st. Presbyterian Church.

Horace Greeley lectured on Saturday evening, at Irving Hall, in behalf of the disabled Soldiers and Sailors fund. "Doesticks" read an original poem.

The Mayor's Marshal last week granted 102 licenses, and for fines and licenses received $206 75; the sum of $382 was refunded to various complainants.

The Tammany General Committee was organized on Saturday evening by the election of William M. Tweed as Chairman, and Speaker Hitchman as Secretary.

The First Division Staff and Brigade Commanders met at Major-General Shaler's headquarters on Saturday evening for theoretical and practical instruction in the manual of the sword, etc.

Horace Greeley, the Rev. Dr. John Hall, and the Rev. Dr. Ridgway will address the temperance meeting at the Presbyterian Church (the Rev. Dr. McElroy's), corner of Fourteenth-st. and Sixth-ave., this evening.

Samuel Johnson, alias Rich, robbed George Franklin, on Saturday night, while the latter was asleep in his place of business in William-st. The property stolen consisted of $75, a gold watch and chain, and two coats.

Superintendent Losee of the Free Labor Bureau reports that for the week ending Jan. 8, 352 men applied for situations, and 604 women. Male help required, 113; female, 569. Situations furnished to 113 men and 427 women.

The funeral of James Logan No. 2, killed by Jerry Dunn, took place yesterday. A number of the friends of the deceased, bearing on the lappel of their coats badges, on which was printed "James Logan," marched behind the hearse containing the remains.

The resignations of Capt. Fullagar, and Lieutenants Hart, Whelan, Cole, Hall, and Burnton, of the Thirty-seventh Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., were announced on Saturday at the meeting of the Board of Officers. The Regiment elected a new Colonel in the early part of the week.

On and after the 18th inst., the library of the College of the City of New-York will be kept open each Friday from 6 to 10 p. m. for the accommodation of the male teachers in the public schools and for those persons who may have been students in the College in good standing for two years.

Henry Hannoff, who was struck on the head with an ax by Dennis Hartnett, in a tenement in Mott-st., several weeks ago, was yesterday reported as in a critical condition. He is in the New-York Hospital. Coroner Flynn took his ante-mortem statement some days ago. Hartnett is locked up in the Tombs.

William Worth was sent to the Penitentiary on Saturday on a charge of assaulting John Dawe, a German; the latter was on his way home from a bank on Tuesday last. William Earl, against whom a charge is pending in the Court of General Sessions, was sent to the Penitentiary for six months, on a charge of theft.

Late on Saturday, Andrew Phalen of No. 19 Broome-st., while passing along Thirty-sixth-st., near Second-ave., was assaulted by two unknown men, who knocked him down and beat and kicked him in a brutal manner. The cries of the victim attracted Officer Sherwood, and the assailants fled. The wounds of Phalen were dressed by Police-Surgeon Ranney.

Workmen are busily engaged in laying the tracks of the Madison ave. Railroad from Fifty-ninth st. to Eighty-sixth-st. A large portion of the road is completed below the former point, except in the neighborhood of Fiftieth-st., where a sewer is being put down. Early Spring will probably see the work complete and the cars running to Yorkville.

At the recent encampment of Winthrop Post No. 28 G. A. R., the following officers were elected for 1870: Commander—A. J. B. Duganne; Vice Commanders—Jas. A. Christie and Thomas L. McCanlis; Adjutant—William Evans; Quartermaster—Thomas W. Haird; Officer of the Day—Wm. H. Corsa; Officer of the Guard—John McGaulie; Sergt. Major, John H. Miller; Delegate to Grand Encampment—Wm. A. H. White.

In the Court of Special Sessions, on Saturday, Lawrence Buckley, a teacher in a public school in Thirty-seventh-st., near Third-ave., was arraigned on a charge of assaulting and beating James H. De Witt, a pupil. Justices Dowling and Bixby disposed of the case by recommending Mr. Buckley to take steps in reference to cases of insubordination that would not in future bring disgrace on the school.

On Saturday Coroner Flynn visited Bellevue Hospital and impanneled a jury, preparatory to commencing an investigation into the circumstances connected with the shooting of James Logan No. 2 by Jerry Dunn. The jury having viewed the body, the investigation was adjourned, to give the police time to make search for Dunn, who is believed to be still in the city. Dr. Shine found the ball in the right lung.

The Universalist Mission Societies, yesterday, held morning and afternoon sessions. The morning in East Twenty-seventh-st., and in the afternoon at Brevoort Hall, in Fifty-fourth-st. The children present were divided in classes, and went through their usual Sunday-school studies, after which they were addressed by the Rev. Charles F. Lee and the Rev. Charles Fluhrer. The attendance of visitors was not large, perhaps on account of the severe cold weather.

While three brothers, named Stanley, aged respectively 4, 10, and 12 years, were playing on the ice yesterday, in Fifth-ave., between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth-sts., it broke, and all fell into the water. The older boys were rescued in an exhausted condition, and taken into an adjoining house. The youngest, Samuel, was drowned. His body was soon afterward recovered, and taken to the residence of his parents at Third-ave. and Twenty-sixth-st.

The following are the officers of Post Dahlgren, No. 113, Grand Army of the Republic: Commander, Hans Powell; Senior Vice-Commander, James Murray; Junior Vice-Commander, Charles Smith; Quartermaster, P. T. Lynch; Adjutant, W. H. Condon; Surgeon, M. J. Franklin; Chaplain, Corydon Millard; Sergeant-Major, W. Clear; Quartermaster-Sergeant, T. E. Grogan; Officer of the day, Wm. McEntee; Officer of the Guard, B. W. Crane; Orderly, Melville Smith; Delegate to Department Convention, Thos. J. Odlum.

Senator Michael Norton was presented with a gold watch and chain by the politicians of the Ninth Ward yesterday. Assemblyman Bergen made the presentation speech, and after a pleasant reply by Senator Norton, the company listened to short addresses by Police-justice Hogan, ex-Police-justice Dodge, Congressman Fox, Assemblyman Mitchell, Alderman Calkin and others of that ilk. The watch and chain are valued at $1,000. Senator Tweed and Mr. Sweeny were conspicuous by their absence.

Last evening Edward Wardlow, aged 22, of No. 33 East Thirty-seventh-st., while intoxicated attempted suicide in the Mills House, at the corner of Fourth-ave. and Twenty-seventh-st., by stabbing himself in the breast with an oyster knife. He succeeded in inflicting a slight wound, when his hand was seized by Francis Donnelly, and the knife wrested from him. Wardlow was taken to the East Thirty-fifth-st. Police Station, where his wound was dressed, and he was there detained for the night. Poverty, he alleged, impelled him to make the attempt on his life.

James Martin, aged 9, whose parents reside at No. 60 West Broadway, was on Saturday committed by Justice Dowling to the care of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction. He was found by the Police on Friday night, beastly intoxicated. He has been arrested on three different occasions for having, with companions of his age, broken into stores and stolen articles, and on one occasion he became intoxicated on liquor stolen during one of these raids. The police say that it is almost incredible that one so young should be such an adept in crime.

The Trustees of the Steuben Schentzen and the Steuben Monument Association met yesterday afternoon, Mr. Sixt Charles Kapff in the chair, to receive reports of the entire subscription so far received for the monument to Baron Von Steuben in Oneida County. The amount at present on hand exceeds $2,000, including a contribution by the State. It was resolved to close the subscription list on the 1st of February, and until then subscriptions will be received by the editors of the City papers. Ex-Gov. Seymour, Gen. Sigel, and many other prominent gentlemen have signified their intention to be present at the commencement of the work on June 1.

Coroner Keenan held an inquest yesterday over the body of John A. Baeirn, a German, age 70, who, on the 14th ult., fell from his cart....Also, over the body of Jacob Stubenroth, who was found dead in the machinery of Jones's brewery, at No. 180 Sixth-st....Coroner Flynn held an inquest over the body of Ebenezer Frothingham, a carpenter, age 24, lately residing at No. 959 West Eighteenth-st., who, on Saturday, fell from an upper-story window of the new building in One-hundred-and-twenty-fourth-st., near Sixth-ave., and died soon afterward....Also, over the body of Robert Wainwright, age 60, who was found dead in his apartment at No. 18 Thames-st. On Tuesday last, the wife of the deceased was found dead in her room.

The annual course of free lectures on Science and Art was commenced by Prof. Elitt in the large Hall of the Cooper Union, on Saturday evening. The course will consist of four lectures on "Animal Life." After being introduced by Peter Cooper, the speaker said that the difference between the animal and the vegetable kingdom is in the fact that the latter is generally inorganic, and the former organic. The lecture was divided into four heads, viz.: The scope and utility of natural science; the observance of natural history as a philosophy and not merely a list of names; the observance of a few of the principal laws of life; and a review of the great plans of structure, two of these being peculiar to the plant kingdom and the other five to the animal kingdom. The Professor elucidated the four divisions of his subject with the aid of the black-board, and was frequently applauded.

A certain lady and daughter, the former of whom figured as a principal in action preferred for divorce, or breach of promise, or abandonment, against a wealthy citizen of New Jersey, a short time ago, at the Essex Market Police Court, and the latter of whom was the most interesting witness, appeared in the Jefferson Market Police Court, on Saturday. They were cordially welcomed by the "interviewing" reporter, who this time appeared with a plaster over the bridge of the nose. After a brief conference the reporter bowed the ladies to a seat, and as some person engaged his attention a court officer approached, asked the ladies if they desired to see the Justice, and being answered in the affirmative, graciously ushered them before Justice Cox, the maid or youthful matron in the van. A short conversation in undertone followed, and the ladies were referred to the clerks, all of whom waited upon them, apparently honored with the privilege. More talk followed, and after some writing was done and the signature of the youthful complainant was attached to the paper, the twain retired well pleased with their latest experiences at court, and with Justice Cox and his clerks. As nothing appears about the matter in the newspapers yesterday, it is probable that the conversation was merely an application for a warrant.

In the recent case of Henry Lawrence and others agt. John Good in the Supreme Court at Chambers, Judge Cardozo has rendered a decision. The defendant was formerly employed as a foreman in the rope factory of the plaintiffs. While there he invented a machine for converting hemp and other fibers into slivers, and afterward with their consent and with the assistance of their workmen, he built a machine. He testified that he worked over time and that he received no extra pay for his labor, but, that it was understood that if the machine proved successful he would charge nothing, but if, on the other hand, it was a failure, he would alter the machine to one of the old style at his own expense. The machine proved a success, and it has been in operation since last May. The plaintiffs brought action, claiming that the defendant agreed to give them half of his interest in the invention for bearing all the expenses. It appears in the evidence that the defendant had applied for letters patent and in his own name before he began work. He denied in toto the alleged agreement, saying that he only promised to give them the machine in question. The complaint was dismissed chiefly on the ground that the case was not inconsistent with the defendant's theory, that the only interest the plaintiffs were to have was in the first machine.

BROOKLYN.—The police made 341 arrests last week.

The Eye and Ear Infirmary in December treated gratuitously 139 patients.

William A. Furey, cousin of the Street Commissioner, was on Saturday reelected President of the Board of City Assessors.

The permanent fund in charge of the Board of Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the late Volunteer Fire Department is $84,200.

A Temperance Convention of the Christian ministers and laymen of Brooklyn, will be held this afternoon at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association.

On Saturday, Mr. Robert Nelson, Supervisor of the Second Ward, while in a saloon in Joralemon-st., had a gold watch and chain valued at $250 stolen from him by Patrick Nolan. The valuables were recovered at Nolan's house, No. 91 Atlantic-st. Held for trial.

About 11:30 on Saturday night an unknown man fell into the water at the foot of Van Brunt-st., and was drowned. He is supposed to have been a sailor. Michael Coffee, watchman for the New-York Warehousing Company, and others, endeavored but were unable to rescue him.

Mrs. Ann Jackson of Factoryville, Staten Island, was arrested on Saturday on complaint of Robert Avery, who charges that she drew poison-money as the widow of Thomas Dorwin, a soldier killed during the late war, after having been married to Edwin Jackson, her present husband. U. S. Commissioner Jones held her to await examination in $5,000.

SAG HARBOR, L. I.—At the recent corporation meeting at this place it was resolved to petition Congress for the cession of the Arsenal building, long disused by the General Government in this place....Fifty-eight deaths occurred in the village last year.

RIVERHEAD, L. I.—Mrs. Hallett of this place was robbed last week of a box of jewelry while purchasing goods at the store of Terrell and Tall. While looking at the goods she placed the box on the counter, and when ready to go, no box could be found.

WEST FARMS.—Notwithstanding the fact that Justice Tappen has modified his injunction in reference to the collection of taxes in the town of West Farms, in the matter of opening certain avenues, Mr. Hamilton, the Receiver of Taxes, will decline to make any collections whatsoever; inasmuch as the assessment lists are made out to cover all the improvements, and which, it is alleged, he has no power to deviate from. Consequently, all improvements and all collections of taxes will be at a stand until the whole subject in litigation shall have been settled.

MORRISANIA.—A lad whose name could not be ascertained, was knocked down and run over by the fire engine of Jackson Company, No. 4, on Friday night, and no hopes of his recovery are entertained. The engine weighs 5,500 pounds, and passed the entire length of his body and face.

WAPPINGER'S FALLS.—The new M. E. Church at Wappinger's Falls, Dutchess County, will be dedicated for divine worship to-morrow. Preaching by Bishop Simpson, D. D., of Philadelphia, at 11 a. m., and at 7 p. m. by Dr. D. Kinsley, of New-York. A. M. Gibbs, D. D., of Sing Sing, J. M. Weseley, D. D., of Newburgh, and other prominent Ministers are expected to be present and assist in the services.

UNION HILL.—United Division, No. 77 Sons of Temperance, have installed the following officers for the present term: P. W. P., Edward Ravenson; W. P., Henry Bell; W. A., Mr. Euler; Treasurer, Mrs. Brown; Chaplain, Wm. R. Clark; R. S., E. E. Smith; A. R. S., J. McCrosley; Conductor, W. F. Trask; A. C., E. H. Trask; P. S., G. Van Vorst; O. S., J. Smisson.

NEWARK.—Chief-Engineer Carhuff's annual report says that there were, in 1869, 74 fires and 46 false alarms, making a total loss of $137,566 77, the insurance on which was $104,217 77. There are in service the nine steamers, two trucks, and one hose carriage; 30 new hydrants have been put up in different parts of the city.... The taxes collected last year amount to $8,725 89, and paid out $2,725 89. The total assessment was $8,629 77, leaving $2,904 06 uncollected for the last year....In the South District of New-Jersey, comprising Morris, Sussex, Bergen, and Passaic Counties, the total amount of Internal Revenue tax collected for last year was $10,928 59, an increase over the previous year of $10,172 65. Comparing the returns of former years, when the tax was collected on manufactured articles produced, it is found that this district collects more tax on locomotive engines and manufactured silks than any other district in the United States....At 7 last evening a fire broke out in the First Reformed Church on Market-st., and before its progress could be stayed a damage of $300 was caused. The fire originated from a defective flue....At an early hour yesterday, the saloon of Peter Conway, on Wycliffe-st. was broken into and robbed of property valued at $20. Four boys, ranging in age from 16 to 19, are suspected of the theft. One of them, Daniel Kelway, has been arrested.

PATERSON.—The case of Henry Campbell, who was put off from a train on the Erie Railway in February last for not showing a proper ticket and for refusing to pay his fare was tried on Friday. The jury, after being out all night, were unable to agree, so Messrs. Harrison and Everton, charged with assault and battery in ejecting Campbell from the train, were released on the sum of $250 each to appear at the next term of Court....J. Gould and Jas. Fisk, Jun., appeared in the Passaic County Court, on Saturday, charged with conspiring to rob and injure the Rodgers Locomotive and Machine Company, of this place, by charging illegal rates for transporting locomotives over the Erie Road. They sought to charge $250 when the legal rates, it is alleged, does not exceed $50. The indictment papers are said to be nearly half a mile in length. Preliminaries have been nearly completed for instituting