

A PRETENTIOUS SCHEME.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR A MYTHICAL HOME.

WHAT MR. NIVER AND MRS. DEVINE HAVE UNDERTAKEN—NAMES USED WITH LITTLE AUTHORITY.

A circular was issued recently which was headed in large type, "We trust Charity will begin at home." Beneath this announcement it was stated that a benefit concert will be given in the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening, October 30, 1883, under the management of "Thomas J. Niver" and his celebrated troupe of "The 71st Regiment," assisted by and who have kindly volunteered their services, etc. Then followed a long list of well-known and unknown singers and young humorists, comedians and a "young violinist." The announcement was also made that an "eminent speaker would preside," but his name was not divulged. The circular contained a list of names of the "visitors" for the evening, and how to appeal entitled "400 names for men—How to please name-crying want of our city civilization," signed a "Visitor." The crying want which was to be remedied was no less than the "home" of some destitute man in New York. This rather large sized want was to be "remedied" by building an "insectarian home for destitute men." Beneath the appeal appeared the names of "Thomas J. Niver," County, the Superintendent of Police, the president of the Board of Aldermen, and several members of that body, together with the names of three well-known business firms, all named to give their names to the project had the approval, sympathy and co-operation of the signers. The whole circular was signed by "A. J. Niver, business manager, No. 189 Broadway, New York," and "Mrs. M. Devine and treasurer, Office No. 454 Fourth-ave."

A TRIPUR reporter visited Ward, Warren & Co., of No. 6 East Eighteenth-st., whose names appeared on the circular, and who J. Niver and Mrs. M. Devine was, one of the firm said that he knew nothing of the circular, the concert, the "home," or the use of their names. He said that he had been asked by the other member of the firm and he would not guarantee that the "benefit" was to be carried on in good faith, and that Taylor's name also appeared. It was said that the use of the firm name was given simply to indicate their willingness to aid in making the concert a success, which was known to the firm of S. M. Devine or A. J. Niver, and the firm would give no guarantee that the money would be properly used. The main reason for allowing the firm name to be used, it was said, was because a certain well-known singer was to take part in the concert, who was a friend of a member of the firm. At the store of Shepard Knapp & Co., No. 100 Broadway, the firm said that the use of their name had been allowed because A. J. Niver was a salesman of theirs and they had known him for several years. They did not intend to be connected with the concert, and the circular could be used for the "home for destitute men" alone, although they believed that the money would not be misappropriated.

A. J. Niver himself, a man who has been a clerk in his present position, and who is now a clerk in the office of the firm of S. M. Devine or A. J. Niver, who he said, was a benevolent lady who had already given money to build the "home," and who had worked hard to get others to do so. He had been asked by Mrs. Devine last spring to become "business manager" for her and he had been working with her since that time. Mrs. Devine had already given many hundreds of dollars, and he had been told that she had plans for the "home," but he had never seen them and he understood that the building would be twelve stories high, and that it would be a grand building. He acknowledged that the public had no guarantee that the money obtained from the concert would be properly used, but he said that he would be satisfied if the money was used for the "home" as intended. Mrs. Devine was busy sending out invitations and attending to other work connected with the concert, when the reporter called upon her at her home, No. 454 Fourth-ave., and she said that she had no objection to the "home" which she "begged to be excused" from giving for not appointing a committee to take charge of the funds before the concert took place. She also begged to be excused from giving the names of those who would constitute the committee, and refused to give the names of those who had already subscribed to the fund. She said that she was herself, after the concert, a standing committee would be appointed by herself. She would assign the members to their duties, and Mr. Niver should be business manager. She expected, as Mr. Niver had done previously, that he would always be "business manager." The plans of the "home" which Mr. Niver had mentioned were not on paper; they were "in her mind," she said.

THE HOBOKEN TRAIN ROBBERIES.

TRIAL OF PETER EMERSON AT JERSEY CITY—A BARING NUGENT THAT FAILED.

Peter Emerson, known among his associates as "Bano Pete," and alleged to be one of the three men who made a daring attempt to rob a bank cashier in a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad train at Hoboken on the morning of July 28, was placed on trial in the Hudson County (N. J.) Court of Sessions yesterday. District Attorney Winfield appeared for the State, and the defendant was represented by ex-Judge Hoffman and Norman L. Rowe. The other two men, ex-Policeman John Nugent and "Ned" Farrell, pleaded guilty to the robbery, and were committed to the State Prison. The trial of Emerson was held in the afternoon, and he was found guilty of the robbery. The judge sentenced him to the State Prison for two years. The robbery took place on the morning of July 28, when a train carrying passengers and a large amount of money was stopped by three men. One of the men, Peter Emerson, seized the cashier and demanded the money. The other two men, John Nugent and Ned Farrell, also participated in the robbery. The train was stopped for some time, and the men fled with the money. The robbery was a major event in the history of the railroad, and it led to the implementation of stricter security measures.

SCHOOLS FOR WOMEN IN MEXICO.

Among the visitors at the Monday meeting of the Board of Education, yesterday morning, were Don Severo Fernandez, Mayor of Saltillo, in the State of Coahuila, Mexico, and Jose Maria Cardenas, superintendent of public instruction in that State.

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HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Admiral David D. Porter, U. S. Navy, returned from his tour of duty in the Pacific.

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WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Matthew Arnold's lecture on "Numbers" in Chalkering Hall.

Annual meeting of American Missionary Association in Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn.

Citizens' celebration in Newark German Evangelical Church.

Prohibition Convention at White Plains.

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