# A BRILLIANT WEDDING.

## MISS STOKES MARRIED TO BARON HALKETT —OTHER CEREMONIES PAST AND TO COME.

Few weddings have excited so much interest as that of Miss Sarah Phelps Stokes, the eldest daughter of Anson Phelps Stokes, to Baron Hugh Colin Gustave Halkett, which took place yesterday at noon in the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Fifth-ave., above Forty-fifth-st. The prominence of the bride's family, and the fact that she was to marry a foreigner with a title, of course made the wedding something out of the ordinary. Long before the hour of the service a crowd collected about the entrance of the church, but no one was admitted without a card, thus giving no inconvenience to the personal friends of the bride's family. The chancel of the church was a mass of palms and white flowers, and along the edges of the pews were placed clusters of white flowers and smilax. Just at the head of the aisle and at the foot of the chancel steps was a pair of floral gates extending across the aisle, on one gate appearing the letter H in gold, and on the other, the letter S, the initials of the pair. While the guests were assembling Henry Carter, organist of the church, played wedding music of Grieg, Jensen, Moskowski and Mendelssohn, and at the approach of the bridal party the surpliced choir of boys and men, augmented for the occasion by men from the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company who in England are cathedral singers, filed into their seats in the chancel singing "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden" to the music of Dr. Dykes. When in their places they began to sing the nuptial chorus from Lohengrin as the bride passed up the aisle with her father.

First in the bridal procession came the two little sisters of the bride, the Misses Ethel and Carrie Phelps Stokes, who were dressed in pink silk slips with puffed sleeves, and half veils of pink silk mull held by wreaths of pink hawthorn. They opened the gates through which the bridesmaids, the bride and her father passed. The bridesmaids were Miss Helen Phelps Stokes, a sister of the bride; Miss Mary Lusk, Miss Lillian Stokes and Miss Mabel Slade, all cousins. They wore pink satin gowns with scant trains made with high necks and long sleeves, also half veils of pink mull held on with golden bands. They carried bouquets of pink roses tied with long pink ribbons. They received from the bridegroom lace pins in the shape of pearl coronets. The bride was with her father. Her gown was of heavy white satin made by Worth. It had a full train, the front being embroidered with a design of orange blossoms. The tulle veil was held in place by a band of diamonds, her mother's gift, and a coronet of orange blossoms. Other ornaments of diamonds were worn, among them a crescent, the gift of Mrs. Isaac N. Phelps, her grandmother by marriage. The bridegroom, with his best man, Wadsworth Ritchie, a grandson of General Wadsworth, of Genesco, met the bride at the chancel and then the marriage ceremony took place, Bishop Potter, of the Diocese of New-York, officiating, the Rev. D. Parker Morgan, rector of the church, assisting. The ushers did not walk up the aisle with the bridal party, but escorted the bridesmaids out of the church. They were Isaac Newton and J. Graham Phelps Stokes, brothers of the bride; Graham Lusk, a cousin, and Walter Curzon Taylor. As the bride passed out of the church with her husband, the choir sang "Deign this Union to Approve" to the music of Haendel.

Immediately after the ceremony the relatives and most intimate friends assembled at No. 229 Madison-ave., the recently remodelled house of the bride's parents, which was thrown open for the first time yesterday. This house came to the bride's mother at the death of her father, Isaac N. Phelps, about two years ago, and for more than a year the builders and decorators have been at work. For the wedding breakfast only two floors were in readiness, and these were magnificently fitted up. In this house the bride's parents were married. The guests entered a spacious hall finished in dark oak and hung with maroon leather, and ascending the broad staircase were escorted into beautiful rooms, one of which was in red and gold, another in blue and white, and a third in white and silver, hung with Watteau tapestry. These rooms were all decorated with flowers, principally roses, and in the halls were palms and blooming plants.

Baron and Baroness Halkett received the congratulations of their friends in the Louis XVth drawing-room, said to be one of the best specimens of that style of decoration in this country. The walls are covered with rose-colored satin damask and set with panels of beautiful paintings of the period. The happy pair stood under a canopy of flowers and a bell of pink roses and lilies of the valley with a tongue of orchids. Passing from this room the guests went through the Moorish room, a correct reproduction of one in a Moorish castle, the floor set with mosaics, and in the centre a fountain playing into a basin filled with Ethiopian lilies and aquatic plants. The wedding breakfast was served in what will be the library, a room nearly fifty feet square, to be finished like a library and picture gallery of an old German castle. Here was hung a temporary ceiling of green from which depended a chime of wedding bells of roses and lilies. Pinard served the breakfast at numerous small tables. At the extreme east end of the library was the table for the bridal party and relatives. There were covers for twenty-four. This table was beautifully decorated with white flowers, and for each one who sat at it there was a square box of white satin containing wedding cake on which appeared in gilt letters the monogram of the pair and the date. Each box was tied with broad satin ribbon.

Out of the library opens the dining-room, where tables were also placed. This room, about thirty feet square, has a heavy-beamed ceiling set with squares of oxydized silver, the side walls being hung loosely with tapestry. Here roses abounded on mantels and in vases. Tables were also placed in the halls, and in the handsome mediaeval reception room at the right of the entrance, hung in dark leather studded with wrought iron nails, armor and effigies in coats of mail being placed in the corners. Owing to the rather sombre color of this room only white flowers were used. One of the attractive features of this room was an ancient brazier of wrought brass taken from some old French monastery. During the reception and breakfast Lander's orchestra played.

Among the guests at the breakfast were Mrs. Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Astor, Mr. and Mrs. H. McK. Twombly, Chauncey M. Depew, Mr. and Mrs. John Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Post, Miss Lina Post, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Turnure, the Misses Turnure, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Borland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lanier, Miss Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. D. Lanier, Mrs. Heber R. Bishop, Miss Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Borden Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Barger, Miss Barger, Mrs. Paran Stevens, Mrs. Arthur Paget, Mrs. John Zerega, Miss Charlotte Zerega, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Henshaw Ward, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hewitt, the Misses Hewitt, Mrs. Isaac N. Phelps, the Misses Olivia and Caroline Phelps Stokes, W. E. D. Stokes, Thomas Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dodge, Miss Ethel Dodge, Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Kinnicutt, Mrs. Edmund D. Stanton, Mrs. C. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Hoadley, Miss Hoadley, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Willis James, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Lusk, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, the Misses Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Parsons, the Misses Parsons, Judge and Mrs. Peckham, Mr. and Mrs. George Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scrymser, E. Randolph Robinson, Miss Robinson, Mrs. H. G. Chapman, Miss Chapman, Commodore and Mrs. E. T. Gerry, Miss Angelica Gerry, Mrs. Frederic Goodridge, the Misses Goodridge, the Misses Dudley, Mrs. Wm. Fellows, Henry Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. William Storrs Wells, Miss Sallie Hargous, Miss Maud Jaffray, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Travers, Miss Camilla Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Pelham Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moller, jr., Edwin Moller, Miss Adeline Moller, Mrs. Goodman and the Misses Goodman, of Lenox; Mrs. Dudley Field, Mrs. Frederick G. Tallmadge, Robert Potter, Mr. and Mrs. John Crosby Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cary, Bishop and Mrs. Potter, the Rev. and Mrs. D. Parker Morgan, Mrs. Austin Corbin, Miss Corbin, Miss Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. James, of Albany; Russell Stebbins, ex-Secretary and Mrs. Fairchild, the Misses Furniss, Miss Rathbone, of Albany; Miss Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Chapin, Mrs. Del Monte, the Misses Del Monte, J. W. Gerard, jr., George Turnure, Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Hartley, Miss Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Appleton, Miss Louise Shepard, Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt, Ray Miller, H. F. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Burden, Miss Davis, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Barlow, Mrs. E. J. Woolsey, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Chapin, Leon Del Monte, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Munroe, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Leith and Miss Cameron.

Baron Halkett and his bride started in the afternoon for a short trip, and will sail on Wednesday next by the City of Paris for England. They have taken a house for the London season, and will make that city their permanent home.

The young pair met at Pau last winter, and theirs was a case of love at first sight. The bride's mother told an intimate friend in this city that she realized the condition of affairs after the first week of their acquaintance. The engagement was not announced until December last, at a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes to introduce their second daughter, but that was before the arrival of Baron Halkett. After the announcement many dinners and luncheons were given in honor of the young pair. Although the barony of Halkett is of Scotch origin, there is an English and Hanoverian branch, the present holder of the title being descended from the latter branch. Baron Halkett is also a descendant of Major General Halkett, who distinguished himself at the battle of Waterloo, and one of the members of the family many years ago came to this country and invested in property in Pittsburg, Penn., which has a Halkett-st. The Baron's mother was Sophie von Schwanewede, who died in 1869, and his father was Baron Colin Halkett. The family seat is Felsdorfer Muhlen, in Hanover. The bride is one of the heirs of Isaac N. Phelps, her grandfather, and is related to the Dodge, Graham and Dudleys, of New-York. She is heiress to a handsome fortune, and is an accomplished woman, likely to hold an important position in her new home.

The wedding of Miss Louisa Hall Ward, daughter of Charles H. Ward, to E. A. S. Clarke took place at the Church of the Ascension yesterday at noon. The Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix officiated. The bride was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Ward, a cousin; Miss Julia Isham, Miss Laura Billings and Miss R. Clarke, sister of the bridegroom. The best man was Louis B. McCagg and the ushers were Francis and William Ward, brothers of the bride; George Mumford, Wallace Smith, L. E. Sexton and Thomas Clarke, a brother of the bridegroom. A reception followed at No. 784 Fifth-ave., the home of the bride.

Yesterday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church, Henry-st., Brooklyn, Miss Elizabeth B. Smith, daughter of Bryan H. Smith, was married to Charles Koons Mount, of Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. C. C. Hall officiated. The ushers were John H. Doeder, W. W. Whitney, Frank Keene and William B. Mount, of Philadelphia; Edward H. Smith and B. Herbert Smith, brothers of the bride. Samuel Bispham, of Philadelphia, was the best man. Miss Ella Mount, of Philadelphia, was the only maid of honor. After the reception Pinard served a wedding dinner.

The wedding of Miss Helen Hamersley to Charles D. Stokney, jr., of New-Bedford, will take place today at 1 o'clock in Grace Church. A small breakfast will follow at No. 255 Fifth-ave.

A quiet wedding will take place this afternoon at the home of Mrs. John G. Moore, No. 11 East Sixty-fifth-st. when her sister, Miss Grace Aldrich, will be married to Hector de Castro, of the Commercial Cable Company. Relatives and friends to the number of forty will be present.

Miss Caroline Clutterbuck was married to Thomas Charles Budd, of London, England, at the Church of the Transfiguration, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Rev. J. S. Jowitt, rector of Trinity Church, Red Bank, N. J., performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. H. N. Wayne, rector of St. Paul's Church, Stapleton, S. I. The wedding was a quiet one, only the relatives and intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom being present. The bride is the daughter of the late Dr. Charles Clutterbuck, of Gloucester, England, and the niece of Richard Snelling, Queen's Counsel, of Toronto, Canada. She and the bridegroom have recently lived on Staten Island. A wedding breakfast was given at the Hotel Brunswick, there being present Dr. and Mrs. Snelling, of Toronto; the Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Jowitt, the Rev. H. N. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. George Budewill, of New-York, and Mr. and Mrs. L'Huillier and W. D. L'Huillier, of Clifton, S. I. The gifts were numerous and costly, and included many handsome pieces in silver. The couple will be gone on a wedding tour for a month, an will then live in this city.

Miss Grace A. Drayton, daughter of Dr. H. S. Drayton, was married to the Rev. E. Banks Smith, of Lambertville, N. J., last evening. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Scarborough, of New Jersey, assisted by the Rev. Dr. L. Stoddard, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Summit-ave., Jersey City. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, No. 60 Brinkerhoof-st., Jersey City. The wedding supper was served by Clark, of this city. Among those present were the Rev. Mr. Brush, of St. Paul's Church, Jersey City Heights, and Mrs. Brush, the Rev. H. Rowen, of Metuchen, N. J.; the Rev. Mr. Joyce, of New-Brunswick, N. J.; Dr. and Mrs. E. Elting, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shipman, the Rev. Mr. Grieves and Mrs. Grieves, the Misses Drayton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Drayton, Professor R. H. White, Dr. F. W. Hurd, Professor Alfred Hallam, Miss Sadie Drayton, Albert L. Drayton, the Rev. Dr. Fairbairn, of St. Stephen's College, Professor John Ordronaux, Dr. William M. Laurie, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallaudet and Dean and Mrs. Hoffman.

Miss A. Kenney, daughter of the late Abney C. Kenney, was married last evening at the home of her mother, No. 175 Washington Park, Brooklyn, to Ernest Fitzgerald Smith, vice president of the Chicago and North-western Railroad, and son of the late Judge Smith, of Chicago, and grandson of the Rev. Reuben Smith, founder of Lawrence University. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. S. S. Roche and a large reception followed the wedding. The couple will sail today for Europe.

Walter H. Palmer, youngest brother of A. M. Palmer, will be married on Sunday at Stonington, Conn., to Mrs. Lydia M. Beltman. The Rev. A. E. Palmer, father of the bridegroom, will perform the ceremony.

Business chances of many kinds are made known in the varied collection of short advertisements on the ninth page of The Tribune this morning.

### NOTES OF THE STAGE.

Miss Minnie Palmer will play in America next season under the management of W. W. Randall, beginning in Philadelphia on October 6. Her New York engagement will begin at the Standard Theatre on October 13. Charles S. Dickson will probably be the leading man of her company and she will have a new play besides "My Brother's Sister" and "My Sweet heart."

Joseph Jefferson's action in transferring his coming engagement at the Star Theatre to the Fifth Avenue, as he did without hesitation in order to permit the continued run of "The Senator," has been regarded as a most pleasant bit of professional courtesy. Mr. Crane now expects to stay at the Star Theatre till May 1.

### DECORATIONS OF MRS. FAIR'S PALACE CAR.

Mrs. Theresa Fair, wife of Senator Fair, of California, accompanied by her daughters Miss Tessie and Miss Birdie Fair, darted at 6 o'clock last evening for San Francisco in a Wagner palace car from the Grand Central Station. The car will be occupied exclusively by Mrs. Fair and her party and will run through to their destination. The interior of the coach presented a most beautiful sight yesterday. Along the sides, at either end, on tables, seats and in every available place, flowers of the choicest varieties were arranged in the greatest profusion. The floral decorations of the car are said to have cost not less than $1,000.

### MISS ANDERSON AND HER MANAGERS.

A cable dispatch giving an interview with Miss Mary Anderson was published yesterday, in which she said that she had no contract to act under the management of Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau next season. A dispatch giving the substance of a talk with Mr. Abbey was also published, which implied that he did not know that a letter had been sent to Miss Anderson threatening a suit for damages if she should not act under his management. Mr. Schoeffel said yesterday that it was true that there was no positive engagement for next season, but the letter had been sent with Mr. Abbey's knowledge, and the suit would be for damages for this year and the unfinished season of last year. No action will be taken till Miss Anderson has had time to reply to the letter.

### H. E. DIXEY CAN'T LIVE ON HIS EARNINGS.

Henry E. Dixey, the actor, had to explain to Justice Van Wyck, of the City Court, yesterday, why he should not be punished for contempt of court. A. L. Briggs recovered judgment of $220.46 on a note executed by Mr. Dixey and E. E. Rice, and Mr. Dixey has been spending some of his money contrary to the order of the court. The actor said yesterday that he paid a royalty of $100 a week upon his play, gave $100 a week to his wife and $50 a week to his mother. His dresser at the theatre cost him $20 a week and his necessary personal expenses, he said, were $75 a week. As his earnings did not average more than $300 a week, he was really running into debt, and was forced to borrow from his friends. He had paid $100 on the note and would pay the whole if time were given to him.

### "THE WIFE" AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

The Lyceum Theatre travelling company which is playing "The Wife" is this week at the Grand Opera House. The piece has been seen at this house once or twice before and the present company has played it at another theatre in the city this season. The stage settings are the same that were used at the Lyceum Theatre during the long run of two years ago. The cast includes Boyd Putnam, Henry Herman, S. Miller Kent, Henry Talbot, Thomas H. Burns, Stanley Ringold, A. W. Gregory, Miss Frances Garnet, Miss Ethel Greybrooke, Miss Etta Hawkins, Miss Eliza Logan, Miss Olive Dutton and Mrs. Berlan Gibbs.

Although so many theatre-goers have seen the play in this city before, yet "The Wife" is drawing excellent audiences at the Grand Opera House, and it is received nightly with enthusiastic favor.

### WINTER GAYETY IN THE BERKSHIRE HILLS.

Lenox, Mass., Feb. 11 (Special).—The winter gayeties opened to-night with the grand Masonic concert, sociable and hop given by Evening Star Lodge, F. and A. M., at the Schermerhorn Assembly Rooms, with music by the Philharmonic Orchestra of Pittsfield, singing by the Pittsfield Glee Club and speeches by Thomas Post, of Lenox, and Professor H. H. Ballard, of Pittsfield.

### THE AUTHOR OF "TWELFTH NIGHT."

From The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Maybe it is not easy to believe, but at the box office of theatres there are occasionally met just such queer individuals as the one of whom Julian Magnus, the manager of Marie Wainwright, tells this story. It occurred on Monday while the sale of seats for the opening night at the New York Theatre was in progress. A horny-handed agriculturist, with up the Delaware mud an inch thick on his boots, put his face in at the ticket window. "Who wrote this piece 'Twelfth Night'?" he asked. "I never heard of it before."

"Charlie Hoyt," answered Mr. Magnus without a tremor, while Manager Fleishman and Frank Howe turned purple in the face and sought the back office.

"Give me a ticket, then," said the applicant as he unwound seven feet of string from a fat wallet. "I have had two nights of fun with his 'Brass Soldier' and 'Tin Monkey,' and I guess I can get him up to twelve nights."

# SELECTIONS FROM THE MAIL.

## WHO WILL BE PAYMASTER-GENERAL?

CANDIDATES FOR THE VACANCY CAUSED BY GENERAL ROCHESTER'S RETIREMENT.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: A great deal of interest is manifested in Army circles relative to the appointment of a Paymaster-General to fill the vacancy which occurs on February 15 by the retirement, in accordance with the statute, of General Rochester, the present incumbent. Under existing law the President may select any officer of the pay corps, whatever his rank, to fill this vacancy. It is argued by some that what is called the "rule of seniority" should govern, which would limit the President to the appointment of the officer standing on the list next below the retiring chief, thus defeating the intent of the law applying to all the staff departments, which was enacted for the purpose of protecting the Government against the possible drifting to the head of these important bureaus of the War Department of incompetents, who, by virtue of longevity, had reached the senior place. The law does not prevent the "selection" of the senior, but he has no more claim to the place than the junior. As a matter of fact, the so-called rule of seniority has never been observed in such cases. On the contrary, most of the appointments of chiefs in all the staff departments and corps of the Army since 1860 have been made from officers who were not the seniors in rank, and in many instances the appointees stood quite low on the list.

The object of the law is to enable the appointing power to select the best and most capable officer of the corps for its head. For the coming vacancy there are several candidates, the most prominent of whom are these: Rodney Smith, the senior colonel, who went into the Pay Department in 1864, his first entry into the service, and by the rigid rule of promotion obtaining up to the grade of colonel, has reached the head of the list, and whose claims are chiefly based on that fact; Lieutenant-Colonel C. M. Terrell, whose service dates from 1862, and whose claims are that he is an Indiana man, a personal friend of the President and a brother to our Minister to Belgium; Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. Carey, who is the senior in total length of Army service of all the officers of the Pay Department. He entered the Military Academy from Connecticut in 1854, was graduated in 1858, served in the line in the grades of lieutenant and captain until 1867, when he was appointed to the Pay Department. He has had a thorough military education, nine years' experience in the line, with much service in the Commissary and Quartermaster's Departments, and with as good a record of duty done in the Pay Department as any officer in it. It has been prominently put forward that Colonel Carey married a New England lady, whose uncle, some twenty years afterward, has become Secretary of War. If this is the only objection to his appointment, and the gentlemen in whose interest the argument is used have no better grounds for opposing his candidacy and to thus advance their own, there is manifest wisdom in the law which enables the President to make a selection. RETIRED OFFICER.

New-York, Feb. 11, 1890.

## DEFENDING HIS COMPANY'S COURSE.

TO CORRECT MISAPPREHENSIONS ABOUT THE SECURITY MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The current misapprehensions on the subject of the Security Mutual Benefit Society are growing so numerous that a brief statement of the facts would seem to be in order.

About June 14, 1889, the Massachusetts Benefit Association opened negotiations with me for a general proposition to be made by them to the Security's members to insure in that company. Believing such insurance to be for the members' advantage, I made an agreement to use my influence to that end. At this time the Security's assessment was good for $18,000 or thereabouts, and it was amply able to pay current liabilities with current assessments. For various reasons the Massachusetts Benefit matter hung fire until August 15, when I communicated the proposition by circular to the security members, giving my personal reasons for commending it. The proposition stood open for ten days, till August 25. Realizing that its general acceptance would tend to draw members from the Security, the Massachusetts Benefit agreed with me that they would take care of death claims against the security accruing between June 14 and August 25, so far as the current mortuary funds of the security should prove inadequate to do so.

Over 2,100 out of 2,600 members of the security took policies under this proposition in the Massachusetts Benefit Association, and almost all dropped out of the security, and death claims accruing, the result was that after the Massachusetts Benefit proposition had been closed (it had been extended to September 15 by later notice) the security had 20 per cent of thereabouts available to meet its mortuary liabilities. This, however, included not only admitted claims, but several which were contested as excessive or fraudulent, and some of which are still so contested, especially on this score, the security has since set aside all such claims, some three, all of which are in litigation under advice of counsel.

As to the "mortuary fund," the facts are simple. The total receipts from assessments, and interest on balances, have been $3,700,000. This has been paid out, under the constitution and by laws of the society, only for death losses, and legal expenses in collecting claims deemed unjust. The latter item has amounted in eight years to $128,40, and the contests thus paid for have saved over $50,000 to the membership.

The society stopped business last August, and has simply maintained its organization beyond that at its failure.

WILLIAM D. CHANDLER,
President and Receiver.

Office of the Security Mutual Benefit Society,
No. 235 Broadway,
New-York, Feb. 5, 1890.

## DR. HALL AND THE QUAKER CREED.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: It is hard to get people to understand, especially in controversy. A "Demi-Quaker," as he signs himself, appears in your columns today, and in a very good spirit repudiates the idea which he thinks I conveyed that the Quakers believe in "second probation." Now, if he will look once more at my letter, he will see that I simply quoted, in quotation marks, the following words: "The only solution seems to be either in the Quaker doctrine of universal light—that is, an unconvenanted offer of salvation to all men in this earthly life—or in an extension of the period of saving grace beyond death," etc. They are found in "Creeds of Christendom," volume 1, page 753. My point then was: If no solution can be found but those alleged, we had better leave the mystery alone. Whether the author of the "Creeds" is correct in describing the doctrine of the Friends is a matter to be settled by correspondence with him, and I hope "Demi-Quaker" will follow it up. I have great respect for many "Friends" whom I know, and for many of their ways, and I do not wish to appear to do them wrong. Yours, most truly, J. HALL.

New-York, Feb. 10, 1890.

## GRIP AND DRUGS.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I am very glad that you printed the letter of Dr. G. W. King in your issue of February 3. He states a large number of solid facts to the square inch, and I hope you will give him all the space you can afford.

At first thought it might seem that arguments concerning the evil effects of drugs prove too much; that, if they are true, the doctors ought all to have been driven out of practice by this time. The intelligent reader can readily solve this question without my assistance; but it is a growing fact that most of the good we hear concerning physicians is based on what they do not do. Good nursing is lauded by every one, and doctors who place more reliance on that than on their medicines are praised. The best medicine a doctor gives the most credit he gets from sensible people. Although the apothecaries have good drugs on their shelves, it is true, as your correspondent says, that a very small number of these constitute the whole body on which the doctors rely for any appreciable results. This being so, the conflict apparently is narrowed down to limits which can be comprehended by all, and it is to be hoped its settlement is growing nearer year by year.

L. R. ADAMS, jr.

No. 73 Broadway, New-York, Feb. 4, 1890.

## CHAPTERS OF HISTORY.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I must write to thank you for the very able articles contributed through the correspondence of "I. N. F." from Brazil.

I have a clear idea of the conditions in the new Republic, due entirely to the admirable letters of your special staff correspondent.

New-York, Feb. 6, 1890.

Cooks, coachmen, dressmakers and house-servants of all kinds offer their services in the short advertisements on the ninth page of The Tribune to-day.

### MEMORY RINGS.

From The Jewelers' Weekly.

"Is my memory ring done?" queried a bright-looking young lady in a downtown jewelry store yesterday. It was, and she triumphantly carried it away. "That's the latest novelty in jewelry among the girls," remarked the clerk, turning to a reporter, who was wondering what a memory ring could be.

"A memory ring is merely a silver ten-cent piece rimmed out, with the milled edge left untouched. Usually the ring has a bangle attached, made of the inner part of the dime and bearing the monogram of the youth who has been inveigled into giving the girl the coin. The ring when finished costs less than $1. Sometimes it is made double, the two dimes being cemented together.

"Another novelty is the friendship ring. A girl goes among the young men of her acquaintance and gets from each a little sum of money, varying from a cent to a dime, and when she has laid tribute on all her friends she buys a ring such as the proceeds of her work will purchase. Memory rings seem to be the favorite."

# THE BIRTHDAY OF LINCOLN.

## HOW THE MEMORY OF THE MARTYR PRESIDENT WILL BE HONORED.

DINNERS TO BE GIVEN BY ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS CITY AND BROOKLYN—PROMINENT MEN WHO WILL SPEAK AT THEM.

The celebration of Lincoln's birthday has been growing in importance year by year as a reverent love for his character has been gradually knitting itself into the hearts of his countrymen. It is not like Washington's Birthday, a legal holiday, but it is not unlikely to become so if the public interest in its celebration keeps growing as it has been for the last few years. Nearly a generation has passed since the great emancipator was assassinated on the night of April 14, 1865. As the political conflicts in which he was a leader have been settled, and the smoke of the conflict has cleared away, Lincoln's character looms up in all of its greatness, and is admired of all his countrymen. And so there is nothing of partisanship in the various entertainments commemorative of his life and services which will be held this evening. Several dinners are to be given and Republicans and Democrats will stretch their legs under the same mahogany.

One of the principal dinners to be given this evening will be that of the Republican Club at Delmonico's. Three hundred and twenty-five guests in all will sit down at the tables. The decorations of the dining hall will consist largely of silken flags, and where the National colors are massed together in festoons, or rayed out in panels, red white and blue silk plush will be used. A copy of Marshall's portrait of Lincoln will be hung back of the president's chair.

The dinner card is a most elaborate piece of engraving by the Homer Lee Bank Note Company. At the top is a fine portrait of the martyr President. The card will also contain two or three scenes of his life.

The list of toasts and speakers will be: "Lincoln," Senator Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois; "The Soldier and Sailor," Senator Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota; "The Republican Party," Congressman Jonathan P. Dolliver, of Iowa; "The South," by Congressman Louis E. McComas, of Maryland; "Shipping," by Nelson Dingley, jr., of Maine, and "Education," by the Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Virgin, of the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Harlem. The invited guests number nearly 100, among them being the President and his Cabinet. The committee who have labored to such good purpose in getting up the dinner consists of Edward T. Bartlett, chairman; Cephas Brainerd, John S. Smith, Arthur L. Merriam, Mortimer C. Addoms and Job E. Hedges.

The Lafayette Camp of the Sons of Veterans will give a dinner at Sherry's, which will be attended by about 100 invited guests. Among them will be U. S. Grant, son of President Grant; P. T. Sherman, son of General Sherman; Admiral Erben and Captain Wilkie, of the Brooklyn Navy Yard; Colonel Floyd Clarkson, ex-Commander of Lafayette Post, G. A. R.; General Egbert L. Viele, the present Commander of the Post; Colonel W. T. Wood, of George Washington Post; General Sherman and Major-General O. O. Howard.

The Camp has arranged a fine list of toasts and speakers. They are as follows: "Abraham Lincoln," Asa W. Tenney; "Our Country," General Sherman; "The Army and Navy," General O. O. Howard; "Our Revolutionary Sires," Frederick S. Tallmadge; "Our Homes in War Times," Edward F. Hatch; "The Sons of Veterans," George Addington; "Our Camp," Barlow S. Weeks, and "The Grand Army of the Republic," W. A. Simmons. An interesting feature of the occasion will be the singing of old army songs by all present. The dinner committee consists of Edward Trenchard, chairman; F. H. Murphy, Dr. Reynold W. Wilcox, John V. B. Clarkson, and Arthur H. Ely.

A special meeting of the Lincoln Club will be held this evening, at the clubhouse, No. 30 Clinton Place, and a set of resolutions will be adopted thanking Cornelius Van Cott, formerly president of the club, for the able manner in which, as president of the VIIth Assembly District Republican organization, he has for the past twenty-one years conducted its affairs. Mr. Van Cott's successor as president of the VIIth District organization, Lucius L. Van Allen, will preside and the resolutions will be presented by John D. Lawson.

After the pleasant business of reminiscing the services of Mr. Van Cott, a supper will be served, and the remainder of the evening will be devoted to speech-making, and many tributes to Lincoln's memory may be looked for. Among those who have been invited to be present at speeches of reminiscence have signified their intention of attending are: J. C. Plum, Chauncey M. Depew, Abram S. Hewitt, George W. Lyon, Professor Francis W. Seward, Chauncey M. Depew, Abraham Lefferts, Morrison Cox, D. Phelps, Jr., Parker Morrell, Ellis H. Roberts, V. B. Comery, Elliott Lord, Lewis T. Pease and M. W. Cooper.

The Eureka Council, No. 417, of the American Legion of Honor, will have an entertainment and reception at the Hanover Association Hall, at Five-hundred and twenty-fifth-st. and Fourth-ave., at 8 o'clock.

In Brooklyn two of the principal clubs will do their best to honor the day properly. The Lincoln, of Brooklyn, at its new clubhouse, No. 1 Putnam-ave., will hold, as it has done for many years, a reception in honor of the great statesman from whom it takes its name. This year its reception will be on a greater scale than heretofore, as it has been given by the entertainment committee, and the arrangements have been pushed to completion. There will be no speaking, but there will be a good deal of music, of the choicest quality, and it is believed that fully three hundred will be accepted. There will be dancing, music and dancing, and the finest collection of pictures will be one of the finest of its character ever gotten together in the city.

The Union League Club of Brooklyn will give the only Lincoln dinner which will take place in that city this evening. It will be a reunion of 225 club members and outsiders. The Republican Club of Brooklyn having given over the holding of the day for its Young Men's Club, the latter has thrown its celebration open to all Republicans of social standing. Franklin Bergen, who was invited to Lincoln's birthday reception held by the Chicago City Club, the Republican General Committee, Frank Sullivan and Senator Hickey will be all in attendance as guests.

A complete list of speakers has not been published, but among those who are expected to be present are: "Abraham Lincoln," by Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois; "The Duty of the Citizen," by Chauncey M. Depew; "Public Trust and Government," by Peter Ryan, of Toronto; "Worth," "Our Neighbors," by Peter Ryan, of Toronto, who is expected to say something pointed and witty on the subject of the annexation of Canada; "The Pride of the State of Illinois and the Career of Abraham Lincoln," Surgeon-General Hamilton, of the United States Army. The Rev. Dr. G. D. Ward and the Rev. Dr. A. J. F. Behrends will also speak on subjects of their own selection, but having a connection with Lincoln's career. Senator Squire, of the new state of Washington, will also reply to a toast, if he is well enough to come from Washington. The copy of Marshall's original portrait of Lincoln, which it is said by Robert T. Lincoln to be the best picture of his father ever painted, will be taken over to Association Hall by the brother of the artist Cameron and hung behind the president's chair.

The Lincoln Association of Jersey City will have its dinner to-morrow night instead of this evening. The change of date was made to secure the presence of General Sherman, who, not being a Freemason, cannot be at the dinner of the Lafayette Camp of the Sons of Veterans, and over in Jersey City at the same time. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p. m. and will be one of the most brilliant affairs Jersey City has ever witnessed.

At the Lincoln dinner to be given in Newark, Conn., Congressman Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Senator Joseph R. Hawley, of Connecticut, will speak.

If you want work, workers, horses or carriages, board or rooms, or real estate, examine the ninth page of The Tribune this morning.

### MRS. HETTY GREEN IN COURT.

Chicago, Feb. 11. Mrs. Hetty Green, of New-York, one of the richest women in the world, appeared in Judge Coon's court with her attorneys this morning as an objector to the transfer of title to a section of land lying west of this city which was recently sold at auction for $[illegible] to the Grant Locomotive Works, of Paterson, N. J. Mrs. Grant holds a large interest in the property.

### SECRETARY PRUDEN'S LITTLE SLIP.

From The Washington Post.

Executive Clerk Pruden, who has acted as assistant to the private secretary of the President for many years, is a model of discretion. He never made but one mistake, so far as "The Post" knows, and that one so slight and so swiftly repaired as not to be of account.

Mr. Pruden has, among other things, the important duty of copying the President's list of nominations and communicating the same to the Senate. The importunate newspaper man is ever in pursuit of him, but without avail, except upon the day of the mishap in question. Upon that day, Mr. Pruden was just entering the Senate chamber with some important nominations—nominations in a fight of national scope. At the Senate door he encountered a correspondent for an Eastern evening paper, who adroitly frauds to get the news in time. Mr. Pruden, conscious that the next two minutes would make the whole matter a public property, told the names and offices to the anxious correspondent. Upon that instant the senate adjourned from the day, Thursday, to Monday.

Here was the "bottle of ink" for Mr. Pruden, to be sure. Government business, half transacted, silver tined by him to the country. He overtook the correspondent and found what he had not observed before, that the representatives of the press was, as was the very usual practice of the profession in that old time, indulging in a drink. With the volubility of a tipsy man the lucky correspondent turned, as soon as he was told the nominations, from his thirst for news to his thirst for the bottle, and while scuttling along toward the telegraph office had been diverted into a barroom.

Mr. Pruden's sharp and anxious cross-examination of the correspondent satisfied him that the happy fellow had entirely forgotten the nominations, and such proved the fact. So, while it is often the proud privilege of the press to exploit its professors for their numerous feats in enlightening the world, here is one at least in which the confession is forced, that the news was delayed by the weakness of the Mercury.

### A LAWSUIT MADE LIFE A BURDEN.

AN AGED SPINSTER TRIES TO COMMIT SUICIDE BY TAKING LAUDANUM.

A little woman, about sixty years old, who was dressed plainly and spoke with a strong German accent, rented a small room on the second floor of the house No. 234 East Fifty-ninth-st. on Monday. She called herself Mrs. Smith. Yesterday morning she was found senseless in bed, and an empty vial which had contained chloroform explained her stupor. The police found in the room a small sum of money, a sealed letter addressed "Herr Coroner," and several letters which the woman had received from a lawyer. The addresses on the letters showed that the woman was Miss Emilie Hagen, and that she had lived at Nos. 119 Second-st., 163 Allen-st., 314 East Thirteenth-st. and 1,074 First-ave. during a period of about eighteen months. An ambulance carried Miss Hagen to the Presbyterian Hospital, where she was still insensible and believed to be dying last evening. The police did not open the envelope addressed to the coroner, and said the letters indicated that the woman had been carrying on a lawsuit until her money was gone, and that she had tried to kill herself in despair.

At No. 119 Second-st. it was said that Miss Hagen occupied a furnished room on the second floor fifteen months ago. She lived in the house two months and then was forced to leave because she