THE CANVASS FOR SPEAKER.

FOUR CANDIDATES NOW ON THE GROUND.

MILLS, M'MILLIN, SPRINGER AND BYNUM IN WASHINGTON—THE MINOR OFFICES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, Nov. 11.—The presence in Washington of four of the candidates for the Speakership, and twice as many of the candidates for minor offices of the House of Representatives, has set the tongues of the political gossips a-wagging at a great rate. The four Speakership candidates are Messrs. Mills, McMillin, Springer and Bynum, and each of them, of course, is confident of success. One other remark is true as to all of them; they have suddenly become extremely diplomatic, not to say chary, in their treatment of "the issues of the campaign." Even the buoyant and versatile Springer, whose opinions on every conceivable subject have illuminated the otherwise dull pages of the Congressional debates for the last sixteen years, has suddenly closed his lips, and everybody who knows him realizes that it must have cost him a superhuman effort to do so. Of course, he is as amiable and smiling as ever, and there are some opinions which he still dares to express. He strongly approves of the multiplication table and is not afraid to say so, but he is suspiciously reticent about free coinage, in favor of which he has expended volumes of eloquence in the past; he is still ready to defend the nebular hypothesis and the undulatory theory, but he is not quite willing to say whether he regards as wise and prudent the rule of the House which forbids the fastening of "riders" upon appropriation bills, or the rule which distributes those bills among a number of standing committees instead of entrusting them to the appropriations committee. It is pretty certain that he favors the World's Fair, but rather uncertain as to whether he wants the general Government to loan money to the directors. And so it is about many other questions. Heavy odds are offered, however, that the Sangamon statesman will not succeed in playing a long engagement in his present role. His frank, generous nature will not permit it. What is true of Mr. Springer is true also of the other candidates, although their reticence and coyness do not excite so much astonishment as Springer's.

Some of the gossips, probably a majority of them, maintain that Mills is the coming Speaker—in fact, that he is as good as come already. Not so Amos Cummings, who has arrived at the Capital, refreshed after his arduous labors in persuading seven of the "uncrowned kings" of the City Hall Park to vote for Flower because Fassett ruined them by sending the World's Fair to Chicago. It is not known whether Mr. Cummings brought his "bureau of fiction" with him or not, but it is certain that he is for Crisp for Speaker, and has oracularly declared that the Georgian "is in it to win." This declaration, however, has not yet caused Mills, McMillin or any of the other candidates to withdraw.

Judge Crisp is detained in Georgia. Deep and sincere sympathy is felt and expressed here for him on account of his recent bereavement. His second son, a bright and promising youth, recently died after a short illness, and the loss has been a severe blow to the parents. Two of Judge Crisp's most active, zealous and influential supporters, aside from Mr. Cummings—Messrs. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, and Hemphill, of South Carolina—are here, and they will spare no effort in his behalf.

Mr. McMillin is by no means idle or discouraged. He is the second choice of a majority of both the Mills men and the Crisp men, his friends say, and, besides, there is pretty good reason to believe that he is at present first choice of a considerable number of the Democrat representatives-elect. Several of the Pennsylvania men are for him, and it is asserted with a good deal of confidence that he will receive eight votes from New-York unless the Democratic representatives from that State decide to vote as a unit, in which case Judge Crisp will receive twenty-three votes from the Empire State. The only New-York representative who is counted for Colonel Mills by the Crisp men and the McMillin men is Mr. Tracey, of he Albany District whose attitude is attributed by them to the influence of Mr. Cleveland.

The injection of Mr. Cleveland into the Speakership canvass by the partisans of Mr. Mills has already begun to provoke hostile comment among the friends of the other candidates. One Democrat to-day said:

"In my opinion the claim that Mr. Cleveland and his friends are using their influence in behalf of Mills is injuring his prospects. The Democratic party may nominate and support Mr. Cleveland as a candidate for the Presidency, but it will be likely to resent any attempt by him or his friends to interfere in the Speakership fight. If he and Mr. Mills have struck any bargain in regard to the composition of the House Committee on Coinage in case the latter wins, the Western and Southern representatives will demand to know all about it. They do not intend to be sold to Wall Street on any terms or to obey the dictation of New-York and Massachusetts Democrats in respect to silver legislation."

The scramble for the minor offices of the House will be a lively one. Already four candidates for the Clerkship are in the field, all ex-Congressmen. They are Messrs. Kerr and Maish, of Pennsylvania; Gibson, of Maryland, and Clark, of Missouri. The prestige of Mr. Kerr is believed to have been impaired by the overwhelming defeat of the Democrats of Pennsylvania at the recent election. Mr. Gibson is Senator Gorman's candidate. General Clark was Clerk of the House for six years and is familiar with the duties of the office, which he performed with efficiency and credit to himself and party.

The office of doorkeeper is the one which controls the greatest amount of patronage, and no less than seven candidates are in the field. All of them except one wear military titles—from the rank of general down to captain—which titles, with two exceptions, are of Confederate origin. General Colt, of Connecticut, was a Union soldier, and a good one. The other Connecticut candidate is Colonel Haley. The candidate who wears no military title in Thomas A. Coakley, of New-York, who served in the Union Navy during the war. Ex-Representative Yoder, of Ohio, is the only active candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms, and he will doubtless win.

MUSICAL DOINGS.

A song recital is a good deal like a chamber concert in two respects. It is an exceedingly dignified form of entertainment, in which musicians recognize a test at once of an artist's ability and a public's knowledge and taste; it is also likely to be either very good or very bad. Middle ground is seldom to be found, though sometimes ballad concerts try to masquerade under the title, in which case the careless are not exercised so much touching the music as they are concerning the singer. A real song recital, however, makes such lofty demands that programme and singer must reach high water mark or fall under condemnation. A recital that tries one's patience either because of the character of the programme or the incompetency of the singer is injurious to art. Of Miss Lena Little's first recital, which took place in the room set apart for chamber music in the Music Hall last night, it would be agreeable to speak more enthusiastically than the circumstances warrant, if for no other reasons than the excellence of the programme and the lovely sincerity and profound earnestness of the singer. But it did not reach the standard set by the designation. Miss Little loves good music and she strove valiantly and wholeheartedly to disclose the beauty of the selections in her admirable list; but her vocal equipment is not what the music demanded. Her voice is wanting in fulness and resonance and her method is imperfect. It lacks the accent of joyousness, and when the music leaves the sustained style (which it sometimes must if monotony is to be avoided) her singing shows an uncertainty of intonation that is anything but agreeable to the ear and satisfying to the feelings. She sang single songs by Bach, Secchi, Giovannini, Dr. Donne, Wagner, Brahms, Tschaikowsky and Ries and the whole series by Schumann entitled "Frauenliebe und Leben." Mr. Lambert varied the entertainment by playing some short solos on the pianoforte.

Mr. Seidl announces an extremely interesting programme for the popular concert at the Lenox Lyceum next Sunday evening. Mr. Rummel will play Grieg's pianoforte concerto, op. 16, and Miss Clementine De Vere will sing the "Bell" song from "Lakme."

The Symphony Society will give its first concert this season at the Music Hall next Saturday evening and a public rehearsal on Friday afternoon. Mr. Adolph Brodsky, the new leader of the band's violins, will play Brahms's violin concerto and the orchestra Beethoven's seventh symphony and Tschaikowsky's "Hamlet." Mr. Walter Damrosch will conduct.

With the help of a somewhat more numerous and diversified company than the title leads one to expect, Harry Pepper will give his eighth ballad concert in Hardman Hall this Wednesday evening.

In the many columns of short advertisements on the ninth page of The Tribune this morning you will find a variety of desirable things mentioned.

FOR THE PARNELL MEMORIAL MEETING.

The auction sale of boxes and choice seats for the Parnell Memorial meeting, to be held in the Academy of Music on Sunday evening, which was to take place at the Grand Union Hotel last evening, was postponed owing to a misunderstanding concerning the place of the sale, it having been incorrectly announced that the sale would take place at the Park Avenue Hotel. The demand for seats has been enormous. All the 50 cent tickets were sold within twelve hours after they were offered for sale on Tuesday morning. The fact that Chauncey M. Depew is to deliver the eulogy is sure to bring hundreds of people. John M. McConvill, chairman of the committee that has the meeting in charge, received a letter from ex-President Cleveland yesterday, expressing his regret at his inability to attend the meeting.

Tickets are on sale at Brentano's, the Academy of Music, Rogers's restaurant, in Park Place; McPartland & O'Flaherty's; by Lieutenant-Colonel Moran, No. 734 Third-ave.; T. St. John Gaffney, No. 34 Nassau-st., and E. L. Fullam, No. 1,911 Third-ave.

WEDDINGS.

Miss Jean Pollock Brown, daughter of Mrs. E. Bergh Brown, was married to Walter Jennings at the South Church, Madison-ave. and Thirty-eighth-st., yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Roderick Terry and the Rev. Dr. John Hall were the officiating clergymen. The best man was Oliver Jennings, a brother of the bridegroom, and the ushers were Julian Kean, Stanley Dwight, Ernest Carter, Hugh D. Auchincloss, Otto T. Bannard and Samuel R. Betts. The bridesmaids were Miss Florence Brown and Miss Helen G. Jennings. A reception for the family and intimate friends followed at the home of the bride's mother, No. 300 Madison-ave. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jennings, the Misses Jennings, Mr. and Miss E. S. Auchincloss, John W. Auchincloss, Mrs. John Auchincloss, Mr. and Mrs. Lilienthal, Mrs. Edwin Bergh, Miss Bergh, Henry and William Bergh, Dr. and Mrs. M. Grinnell and Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence.

Miss Mary Emanuel Daly, daughter of Philip Daly, was married to Charles F. Wilkin, of Rochester, N. Y., at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Ninth-ave. and Fifty-ninth-st., last evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. John Hughes officiated. Miss Rosalie Daly, the bride's sister, was the maid of honor. The best man was the bridegroom's uncle, Sidney C. Wilkin and the ushers were Frank S. Wilkin and William J. Daly, a brother of the bride. A reception followed at the home of the bride's father, No. 126 West Sixty-fourth-st. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Wilkin, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob New, Charles and Joseph Stoppane, Dr. McDonald, Mrs. J. Allison, Alberto Dal Molin and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Wilkin.

The wedding of Miss Ida Terhune, daughter of Samuel Terhune, to James E. Taylor, took place last evening at the home of the bride's father, in West Eleventh-st. The Rev. J. J. Bronner officiated. Robert G. Taylor, a cousin of the bridegroom, was the best man. Miss Agnes Taylor was the only bridesmaid. A reception followed the ceremony. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. M. Dolbeer, Miss Dolbeer, Mr. and Mrs. Whitewell Coxe, Mrs. Agnes Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lozier, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Grey, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Ringsland, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hayden and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Butler.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Miss Fannie Rice, youngest daughter of ex-Senator Rice, of Arkansas, and Charles C. Bassett, of the United States Geological Survey, were married to-day, by the Rev. Dr. Bartlett in the New-York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Among those present were the wife of Justice Field and the daughter of Secretary Rusk. Miss Garland was one of the bridesmaids, and Robert Breckenridge and James Longstreet, were among the ushers.

You will always find something of interest in the "little advertisements of the people," and may find exactly the bargain you have searched for in vain elsewhere.

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S LETTER OF SYMPATHY.

St. Albans, Vt., Nov. 11.—President Harrison, on his recent trip to Vermont, was the guest of the late Governor Smith. The following letter has been received by Mrs. Smith from him:

Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., Nov. 9, 1891.

Mrs. J. Gregory Smith, St. Albans, Vt.

Dear Madam: I have noticed with very great sorrow the announcement in the papers of the sudden and unexpected death of Governor Smith. It brought back to me very vividly the pleasant incidents of my recent sojourn under his hospitable roof, and the delightful family group that gathered there about him.

Please accept, my dear madam, the assurance that I have in spirit visited again your home, and mourn with you in the loss which is irreparable, but in the light of Christian faith consolable.

Please present my very kind regards to the whole family, including the little grandchildren. Very truly yours, BENJAMIN HARRISON.

LADY PAUNCEFOTE HERE AGAIN.

Lady Pauncefote, wife of the British Minister at Washington, was among the passengers arriving on the steamer Teutonic from Liverpool yesterday.

MANHATTAN ATHLETIC CLUB LADIES' DAY.

The Manhattan Athleuc Club will have another of its popular "Ladies' Days" this afternoon at 2 o'clock. About 10,000 invitations have been sent out, and it is expected that 6,000 people will be present. An exceptionally fine programme has been provided, and two audiences will be successively entertained by the same people upon two stages. This is the programme: Miss Laura Schirmer Mapleson, operatic soprano; Miss Mabel Stephenson, imitations of birds; Miss Jennie O'Neil Potter, dialect humor; Miss Lole Fuller, dramatic recitations; Miss Wagnalls, pianist; Signor Guiseppe Vitale, violinist; W. J. Daly, comedian; Miss Lulu Carpenter, recitations; Zethus Male Quartet, selections; trio of Spanish students, instrumentalists; Victor Dengon, baritone; Benjamin Lowenthall, accompanist, and Paul Martin, jr., accompanist.

The sale of tickets at the box-office of the Manhattan Athletic Club Theatre, for open reserved stand "D," at the Thanksgiving Day football game, was continued at 9 o'cock yesterday. The sales for the day mounted up into the thousands. Those who are desirous of securing reserved seats will do well to call at the ticket office of the Manhattan Athletic Club Theatre at once. The Yale against University of Pennsylvania championship game at Manhattan Field, Saturday, promises to be of additional interest through the announcement that McClung and Heffelfinger will play on the Yale team. This will make the Yale eleven appear at its best.

There will be an auction sale of reserved seats and boxes for the Manhattan Athletic Club indoor meeting at Madison Square Garden, November 28, on Monday in the club's theatre.

A RECEIVER FOR HENRY E. DIXEY.

Thomas F. Coles was appointed receiver of the property of Henry E. Dixey, by Judge McGown, in the City Court, yesterday. Dixey was up for examination in supplementary proceedings in consequence of a judgment for $220 50 against him and Edward E. Rice, in a suit brought by Arthur L. Briggs. In his examination Dixey declared that he lived at the Lambas' Club and had no property. He swore that Edward E. Rice owed him $50,000.

HENRY WATTERSON IN TOWN.

Henry Watterson, accompanied by Mrs. Watterson, arrived in New-York yesterday afternoon, and is at the Everett House. A Tribune reporter met Mr. Watterson last evening, but the genial editor was indisposed to talk politics, preferring for the time being to smile and look happy, which, in fact, he always does, under any and all circumstances. Mr. Watterson expects to remain in New-York several days.

W. BURDETT-COUTTS ARRIVES.

W. Burdett-Coutts arrived here on the White Star steamer Teutonic from Liverpool yesterday. Mr. Burdett-Coutts comes over to attend the horse show and to visit some of the stock farms in this country. He is especially interested in hackneys.

THE CONFERENCE ON HEBREW MISSIONS.

The third day's session of the conference on Hebrew missions was held yesterday at the Hebrew-Christian Church, No. 17 St. Mark's Place. At 11 o'clock the Rev. W. J. Erdman conducted a Bible reading. His subject was "The Kingdom of God in the Gospel According to St. Luke." At the afternoon session the Rev. Dr. Peter Stryker conducted a prayer and testimony meeting, and addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. G. E. Strobridge and Mrs. George Needham.

The Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, at Twenty-second-st., was fairly well filled last evening by an audience of Hebrews and Christians, who came to listen to the address of the Rev. Dr. Isaac Haldeman on the conversion of Jews to the Christian faith. The speaker made a most eloquent address. Dr. Haldeman was followed by the Rev. James Morrow, secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, and the Rev. Dr. Albert Erdman. Four Hebrew converts to Christianity will be baptized on Sunday next at the Hebrew-Christian Church.

ON THE TREATMENT OF THE INSANE.

The October meeting of the Medico-Legal Society was held last evening at the Hotel Buckingham. Clark Bell presided. The paper of the evening was by Dr. Theodore Diller, of Pittsburg, and was on "Mechanical Restraint of the Insane." Letters on that subject from eminent authorities, both of this country and England, were read. Dr. H. Maudsley, of England, sent a letter strongly in favor of non-restraint.

Nominations of officers for the next year were then made as follows: For President, ex-Judge H. M. Somerville; for first vice-presidents, Dr. Brice, William L. Orange, of London, and Professor Doremus; for second vice-president, Dr. Back; for treasurer, Matthew D. Field; for secretary, Clark Bell; for assistant secretary, L. C. Mile; for corresponding secretary, Moritz Ellinger; for chemist, Professor Henry A. Mott; for trustees, E. W. Chamberlain and H. W. Mitchell; for librarian, Thomas Cleland; for assistant librarian, Dr. G. Rettig Moise; for members of the permanent commission, John F. Dillon, Professor V. O. Vaughn, of Michigan, and Dr. Gedding, of Washington.

UNITARIANS IN CONFERENCE.

REPORTS OF A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

PAPERS READ AND DISCUSSED AND OFFICERS ELECTED.

The seventh annual meeting of the Unitarian Conference of the Middle States and Canada was held in the new Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church, at Lenox-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st., yesterday. The conference opened with a devotional meeting conducted by the Rev. W. I. Nichols, assisted by the Rev. S. H. Camp, of Brooklyn, and the Rev. Edward Hale, of Orange. The acting president, the Rev. Joseph May, of Philadelphia, who presided in the absence of the president of the conference, John Haisen Rhoades, welcomed the delegates in a short address. The report of the secretary of the conference, the Rev. D. W. Morehouse, showed that the Unitarian Church had grown much larger and stronger in the last year. A number of new churches had been built. The report recommended the establishment of the circuit system in the church, as it had been found difficult to find a sufficient number of capable men to take exclusive charge of each church, and further difficulty had been found in raising money to carry on all the churches separately. The report showed that considerable progress had been made during the year in raising the fund of $150,000 for increasing the endowment fund of the Meadville Theological Seminary.

The report of the treasurer of the Conference, Howland Davis, showed that the funds of the Conference amounted to $3,623 55 on October 1, 1890, and that this sum had been increased to $7,154 49 by contributions from churches, societies and individuals. The disbursements in the year amounted to $3,313 42, leaving a balance now in the treasury of $3,841 07. The report of the Philadelphia Unitarian Club was read by its secretary, H. L. Childs. He also delivered the report of the Philadelphia Sunday-school Union, which, he said, was in a most flourishing condition, and he recommended the establishment of a similar organization in this city and elsewhere. Other reports read at the morning session were those of the Unitarian Club, of New-York; of the Woman's League of New-York; of the Woman's Associate Alliance of Philadelphia and of the Woman's League of Rochester.

The Rev. John W. Chadwick, of Brooklyn, read a learned and eloquent paper on "Constructive Achievements of the Higher Criticism." He briefly sketched Israel's religious evolution, and showed that one of the greatest achievements of the higher criticism was the bridging over the gulf of 400 years between the Old Testament and the New. Mr. Chadwick's paper was received with great applause. The subject of the essay was discussed by the Rev. James T. Bixby, of Yonkers, and the Rev. S. R. Calthrop, of Syracuse.

In the afternoon officers were elected as follows: President, John Haisen Rhoades, of this city; vice-presidents, Fisher A. Baker, of Yonkers; Robert Collyer, of New-York; Henry B. Wells, of Plainfield; Thomas R. Sheer, of Buffalo; Joseph May, of Philadelphia, and E. B. Judson, of Syracuse; directors of the Conference for three years: Fisher A. Baker, of Yonkers; Dr. Borden Wilmot, of New-York; the Rev. Stephen H. Camp, of Brooklyn; Henry L. Child, of Philadelphia; William C. Gardner, of Brooklyn, and Henry B. Wells, of Plainfield.

After the election of officers there was a half-hour's informal discussion of the subject, "How to Help Our Sunday-schools," after which the Rev. T. C. Williams, of this city, read a paper on "Christ in Modern Thought." It was followed by the reading of a paper on "The Modern Imitation of Christ," by the Rev. Edward Hale, of Orange.

"Our Young People: How We Can Best Promote Their Moral and Spiritual Life, and Attach Them to the Church," was discussed by the Rev. H. H. Woude, of Newburg; the Rev. S. H. Camp, of Brooklyn; the Rev. J. H. Long, of Camden, and the Rev. C. E. St. John, of Pittsburg. The subject of "Form and Organization: How Far Are These Necessary and Helpful to a Liberal Church," was discussed by the Rev. Edward Hale, the Rev. James T. Bixby, the Rev. Hobart Clark, of Plainfield, and the Rev. W. I. Nichols, of Philadelphia.

Before the evening session met the directors met and elected the Rev. D. W. Morehouse, of New-York, the secretary, and Howland Davis, of New-York, treasurer of the conference for the coming year.

The following programme was presented at the evening and closing session: "Biblical Religion at Its Best; or the Permanent Contribution of the Old and New Testaments to Religion," by the Rev. S. R. Calthrop; "The Scientific Inspiration of Religion," by the Rev. T. R. Slicer, of Buffalo; "The Claims of the Modern Church," by the Rev. Charles R. Weld, of Baltimore, Md.; "Man's Claims Upon the Modern Church," by John A. Taylor; "A Last Word," by the Rev. Robert Collyer.

Among other clergymen and delegates present at the conference were the Rev. M. St. C. Wright, the Rev. Dr. E. C. Bolles, the Rev. S. H. Camp, the Rev. H. H. Woude, the Rev. J. H. Long, the Rev. Hobart Clark, the Rev. D. W. Morehouse, the Rev. Henry B. Wells and the Rev. Joseph May.

Bright, crisp, little advertisements, describing in a direct way the varied requirements of a host of people, fill many columns on the ninth page of The Tribune to-day.

A NOTORIOUS "FAKE" WRITER IN TROUBLE.

Pittsburg, Nov. 11.—Joseph Mulhattan, well-known throughout the country as "Orange Blossom," the writer of some of the most startling and marvellously untrue stories ever published by the newspapers, was arrested here to-day charged with stealing money from Patrick O'Toole, a roommate. O'Toole alleges that he met Mulhattan last night, and having missed his train, accepted an invitation to share Mulhattan's room for the night. When he arose this morning Mulhattan was missing and so was O'Toole's money. He reported the matter to the authorities and Mulhattan was arrested this afternoon. He denied taking the money, but the amount said to have been taken was found in his possession. He was locked up for a hearing to-morrow.

Mulhattan is known in every city in the United States, and has probably caused more trouble in newspaper offices than any other man in the country. His wild fakes, written in the most plausible style, have more than once caused the special correspondents of the progressive journals of the United States to hurry from coast to coast to investigate some wonderful occurrence which only existed in Mulhattan's imagination. Recently he has been in the Washington Inebriate Asylum at Chicago, but was released about two months ago. He came to this city last week and has been here ever since.

ST. JOHN HAD SENT HIM THERE, HE SAID.

A crash of glass early yesterday morning awakened the occupants of the private house No. 4 West One-hundred-and-twenty-eighth-st. One of the men hurried down stairs and into the front parlor, where he found a poorly clad Irishman seated near the broken window praying. When asked what he was doing there he answered: "I was sent here on the Gospel of St. John." He was told that he was in the wrong house, but he persisted in remaining, saying: "I am going to stay here until St. John orders me to go."

Policeman Nicolas was summoned, and he arrested the man, who gave his name as Thomas Sullivan, aged forty years. He had $90 in his possession. At the Harlem Police Court, Sullivan told Justice Meade that he was a laborer and sometimes preached the Gospel. He had entered the house by smashing the big parlor window. Justice Meade committed him to be examined as to his mental condition.

A TALLY-HO PARTY FROM LENOX.

Poughkeepsie, Nov. 11 (Special).—A tallyho party arrived here this evening composed of Miss Helen Stokes, Anson Phelps Stokes, the Misses Stokes, Colonel William M. Grosvenor and Miss Grosvenor. They left Lenox Tuesday morning, stopping only at Hudson and are to-night at the Nelson House. They will leave here to-morrow morning for New-York.

FLAMES IN THE SOUTHERN SOCIETY'S HOME.

An overheated furnace in the basement of the Southern Society clubhouse, at No. 18 West Twenty-fifth-st., set fire to the floor beams yesterday and the firemen were called to extinguish the blaze. The damage did not exceed $100. On the way to the fire the tender of Engine No. 1 ran into a University Place car and broke the rear platform, but hurt nobody.

A MISSIONARY TO WESTERN TURKEY.

The Congregation of Cavalry Presbyterian Church, One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st. and Lenox-ave., gave a reception last evening to the Rev. Robert Chambers, who sails on the steamer Umbria on Saturday as a missionary to Western Turkey. Mr. Chambers is a brother of the Rev. James Chambers, pastor of Calvary Church. Among those present were the Rev. William Chambers, another brother and also a missionary to Western Turkey; the Rev. Charles Edwards, the Rev. J. E. Pierce, and the Rev. George Taylor. Robert Chambers made an address, explaining the nature of the work in which he was to engage. Colonel A. P. Ketchum, on behalf of the people, expressed the high esteem in which they held him, and their best wishes for his safety and prosperity, to which Mr. Chambers responded. Music was furnished and refreshments served. Mr. Chambers is sent by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to Bagchejuk, and will have charge of the evangelical and educational work there. The station was founded by his predecessor, the Rev. J. E. Pierce, who established a school now employing five teachers. He has previously been working nine years at Erzourn several miles east of his new field.

HAS THE RAIN DONE ANY GOOD?

MR. DUNN SAYS IT HAS CHIEF ENGINEER BIRDSALL SAYS IT HASN'T.

When people woke up yesterday morning and saw the rain still falling, and everything generally moist and uncomfortable, their fears of a water famine vanished. At noon, however, the clouds began to break away, and the afternoon was warm and clear. A great rain storm was sweeping over the lake region yesterday. A cold wave was reported moving eastward from the Northwest. It was snowing in northern Minnesota. Observer Dunn regarded the danger of a water famine as over. He said that it had been raining hard for more than twenty-four hours over the Croton watershed.

According, however, to the officers in the Department of Public Works who were seen by a Tribune reporter yesterday, the rain had little perceptible effect upon the present water supply. Commissioner Gilroy said the only thing to do was still to economize and hope for the best. Chief Engineer Birdsall said that the "drizzle" had simply been sufficient to moisten the ground, which had been so dry that it quickly soaked up all the rain that had fallen.

Mr. Birdsall acknowledged that the water in the Central Park Reservoir had gained two inches over the day before, but this, he said, was at the expense of the reserve supply in the Middle Branch and Boyd's Corners reservoirs. Mr. Birdsall gave out the following measurements: New reservoir, 30 feet 5 1-2 inches, a gain of 2 inches; old reservoir, 14 feet 2 inches, a loss of 2 feet 2 inches in twenty-four hours; Forty-second-st. reservoir, 14 feet 5 inches, a loss of 11 inches. It was said that it would take some time for a rain to drain through the ground in the Croton watershed.

The Weather Bureau reports last night gave indications that to-day in New-York would be clear and cool. The storm which prevailed in the lake region was reported as moving rapidly down the St. Lawrence Valley.

HEAVY FOG ON THE HUDSON.

Albany, Nov. 11 (Special).—A heavy fog settled over the Hudson Valley this evening. Electric lights cannot be seen more than 100 feet distant, and electric cars have to ring their bells constantly as they run. The People's Line boat Dean Richmond will not leave her berth for New-York until to-morrow morning unless the fog lifts. Everything about the river is laid up because of the thick fog. A heavy rain fell all day.

WINTRY WEATHER IN THE WEST.

Dickinson, N. D., Nov. 11.—A blinding snowstorm prevailed here yesterday. The temperature was nearly stationary at the freezing point. Over four inches of snow have fallen. The wind is strong from the west, and range cattle are drifting with the storm.

Michigan City, N. D., Nov. 11.—It snowed and rained hard yesterday, and threshing will be delayed.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 11.—Two inches of snow fell here this morning. The storm seems to have been general.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 11.—There have never been worse storms in Western Washington than those of Saturday and Sunday, between the Sound and the Cascades. The worst damage was done near Weston, where a cloudburst occurred. While no lives were lost there was much damage to property. The cloudburst swept everything before it. Between Weston and Tacoma, numerous bridges were washed away. The storms extended over across the range. Telegraph wires between Portland and Wallula, on the Union Pacific, were down. A landslide occurred at Orting and the Stuck Valley is flooded. Railroad traffic into this city is at a standstill. Great damage has been done to the roads.

Boone, Iowa, Nov. 11.—A severe snow set in at noon and it is now snowing and blowing.

Pittsburg, Nov. 11.—The new town of Kensington, twenty miles north of this city, was visited by a severe storm last night. A number of buildings in course of erection were wrecked and cellars were badly flooded. The loss has not been estimated, but will be heavy. No person was injured.

Every one who wishes to buy or rent a house in town or country should examine the little advertisements on the ninth page of The Tribune.

ACTION BY S. V. WHITE & CO.'S RECEIVER.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—The Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, receiver of the Chicago branch of S. V. White & Co., of New-York, filed a petition in the United States Circuit Court this morning to compel the garnishees in attachment suits begun against firms indebted to S. V. White & Co. to come into the United States Court and present their several accounts, and pay over to the receiver what is due from them. At the time of the failure nearly a dozen firms secured attachments against firms indebted to S. V. White & Co., and these accounts have been effectually tied up ever since.

GENERAL COCHRANE'S ILLNESS.

The statement published in an afternoon paper yesterday in regard to the serious illness of General John Cochrane was said last night to be an exaggeration. A Tribune reporter was told at his home, No. 7 East Sixty-second-st., that the General was not alarmingly ill, that he had been indisposed since last Saturday, but was able to sit up, and that his physician, Dr. Howard, had told him he would be able to be out of doors again by Saturday or Sunday. There has been no consultation of physicians in regard to his case.

THE CHRISTIANS AT WORK ADJOURN.

Washington, Nov. 11.—The final sessions of the Convention of Christians at Work were held to-day. L. L. Gilson, of Hurley, Wis., described a typical lumber camp and the work done in missions among them. Miss M. E. Remington, the missionary of the Welcome Hall Mission, New-Haven, Conn., spoke of her personal work in home visitation among the foreign population. Several other addresses were made. Invitations were received from delegates from Cleveland, Boston and Atlanta, asking the convention to hold its next session in their respective cities. The matter must be decided by the Governing Committee, but a tentative vote of the delegates was taken, which showed a strong majority in favor of going to Atlanta. The convention then adjourned.

EX-PRESIDENT HAYES IN NEW-ORLEANS.

New-Orleans, Nov. 11.—Ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes, his son, R. P. Hayes, and Dr. J. M. Curry, of Richmond, arrived in this city this morning and will remain here until to-morrow morning, when they expect to leave for Mississippi. Mr. Hayes is a trustee of the Slater Educational Fund, and of the Peabody Fund, and Dr. Curry is the chief executive of both funds. The object of their trip is to visit the institutions in the South which are beneficiaries of these funds and note what progress has been made.

GOVERNORS OF THE NAVAL RESERVE CHOSEN.

A well-attended meeting of the Naval Reserve Association was held last night at its rooms, in the Old Recquet Club Building, Twenty-sixth-st. and Sixth-ave., with the president, Herbert L. Satterlee, in the chair. Reports were read by the treasurer and the chairmen of the various standing committees, which showed that the association was in a most prosperous condition. Its ranks are nearly full, there being now only about twenty vacancies, 320 men being the maximum allowed by law.

At the election of governors, to serve for three years, Aaron Vanderbilt, Henry Stanton, Alfred W. Hoyt and Nicholas S. Roosevelt, formerly lieutenant U. S. N., were chosen; for two years, Robert S. Sloan, formerly ensign U. S. N., W. A. Haines, J. Arden Harriman and Frederick W. Meaker; for one year, Edwin C. Weeks, Theodore C. Zerega, S. Dana Greene, formerly ensign U. S. N., and Herbert L. Satterlee. Jacob W. Miller, lieutenant-commander of the 1st Battalion, is a member of the Board of Governors, ex-officio.

It is the purpose of the association to give a series of lectures on navigation, naval gunnery, practical seamanship, torpedoes, etc., illustrated by practical experiments and magic-lantern slides, for the instruction of the members of the battalion and a limited number of others who are interested in such subjects. Lieutenant H. G. O. Colby, U. S. N., in charge of Naval Reserve affairs, addressed the meeting.

A DENIAL FROM MR. MAWSON.

Edward R. Mawson, the actor, who is now in Philadelphia, denies by telegraph that he was married by Justice of the Peace Lockwood in Jersey City on Saturday. He was said to have married Mrs. Jeanne Caldwell. Mr. Mawson asserts that he has not married any one.

ANARCHISTS HAVE AWHILE.

The Anarchists of this city held a meeting last night in memory of their four fellows who were hanged at Chicago on November 11, 1887. The large hall of Cooper Union was filled with people, a large percentage being women, and they cheered to the echo every cry against the Republic that has given them a home. In front of the stage was a picture of Louis Lingg, and under it this epitaph from his own words: "You attack us with gatling guns, we will dynamite you." At the back of the stage were many other gory emblems.

August Delabar opened the meeting and the speakers who followed him were Ira Uhlman, Ira Steiner, Rowan Lewis, Dr. Solotaroff and Miss De Clair. The speeches were in eulogy of the men who had been executed in Chicago, and in blatant rhetoric they prophesied the victory of Anarchism, the abolition of the moneyed classes and the capitalistic press. There was a large number of police present, but no disturbance occurred. George Vaughn, of England, who has recently been preaching in Boston, was down on the programme for a speech. He was not allowed to say anything, however, because, as he charges, the Anarchists did not know when they engaged him that he was not an Atheist. He is only opposed on general grounds to capital punishment.

OBITUARY.

ALBERT BEHRENS.

Albert Behrens, who died suddenly yesterday morning at his home, No. 140 East Fifty-eighth-st., was born in Hamburg, Germany, nearly sixty years ago. When a young man he came to this country and went to the West. There he became a travelling salesman. When the war broke out he joined the 5th Illinois Volunteers, and in a short time became a captain. He was wounded during the war and afterward received a pension. When the war was over he became a travelling salesman for William Demuth & Co., of this city.

After remaining with that firm for some time he married Miss Julia Nebenzahl, and with her brother started the firm of Behrens & Nebenzahl. About five years ago his first wife died, and then he married Mrs. Julia Kunzman, who now survives him. He leaves no children. Mr. Behrens was playing cards at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, when he fell off his chair and died instantly. Heart disease was the cause. He will be buried this afternoon in Cypress Hills Cemetery.

JOHN SPEIR.

John Speir, who died yesterday at his home, No. 464 Halsey-st., Brooklyn, was born in New-York in 1802. When twenty-three years of age he began business as a boss cooper, and when he retired, about seven years ago, was one of the oldest coopers in New-York. Many years ago he joined the old South Baptist Church, at that time in Gold-st. near Fulton, of which church he was shortly made a deacon, which office he filled until he moved to Brooklyn, fifty-five years ago, when he immediately engaged in religious work, and was one of the organizers and first deacons of the Pierrepont Street Baptist Church, in which he retained his membership until his death, and his deaconship until a few years ago. He was also an active member of the Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor, and engaged earnestly in every good work of that humane organization, as well as of others. In his young days he was a member of the New-York Volunteer Fire Department, belonging to old Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and he retained this membership until he was incapacitated by injuries received at a fire in Front-st., this city. He was also a member of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen. His funeral will take place at his home to-morrow afternoon.

PATRICK TRACY JACKSON.

Boston, Nov. 11 (Special).—The death is announced of Patrick Tracy Jackson, a well-known Bostonian. Mr. Jackson was born in Boston on November 5, 1818. He received his education at a private school in Cambridge and at Harvard, where he was graduated in 1838, with James Russell Lowell, General Charles Devens, George B. Loring, the Rev. Rufus Ellis and W. W. Story. In 1839 Mr. Jackson started in to learn the cotton business with J. R. Mills & Co. Later he was in the employ of C. W. Mills and Minot Hooper. In 1866 he was made selling agent for the Hampden Mills, and in 1876 he became interested in the purchase of cotton. Although not actually giving up business, Mr. Jackson was forced into practical retirement by a stroke of paralysis received some five years ago. Mr. Jackson was treasurer of the Sanitary Fair in Boston and also of the French Fair of 1870-'71, and he represented Ward Six in the Common Council in 1864.

WILLARD F. BARDEN.

Willard F. Barden died yesterday after a protracted illness, at his home, No. 521 Madison-st., Brooklyn. He was sixty-three years old and was born at Benton, Yates County, N. Y. For the last third of a century he had been engaged in the lithographing business, especially for the dry-goods trade, and was well-known among the business men of this city. For seventeen years he was established at No. 21 Cliff-st. For twenty-five years Mr. Barden lived in Brooklyn. He left a wife and three daughters. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. R. J. Kent this evening, and the burial will be in Evergreens Cemetery.

JUDGE ALFRED HOLMES.

Lockport, Nov. 11 (Special).—Judge Alfred Holmes, the oldest attorney in the State in active practice of