FINE BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS.

A LARGE AND EXCELLENT LIST OF HOLIDAY PUBLICATIONS.

EDITIONS OF NEW AND OLD WORKS WHICH ARE BEAUTIFUL SPECIMENS OF THE ARTS OF WRITING, ILLUSTRATING AND BINDING—INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE VOLUMES.

The time it takes to write a book is seldom so short as two weeks, yet that was all it took Tudor Jenks to write "The Century World's Fair Book for Boys and Girls," published by the Century Company. When Mr. Jenks and Mr. Ellsworth, the secretary of the Century Company, started for Chicago last summer they both thought that such a book would take well, and the result was that Mr. Jenks was commissioned to write it, and two weeks later, when he arrived in Jersey City from Chicago he had finished the last line to his book, and in two weeks more his work was published. This book, while intended primarily for children, is nevertheless being read by older people also. It is a delightful souvenir of the big Fair. It is a capital story for boys and girls, telling how two boys went to the Exposition with their tutor. Those who did not go to the Fair will find in this book one of the best accounts of it printed, with hundreds of interesting engravings, reproductions of photographs and drawings. The author, Tudor Jenks, is well known to all readers of children's stories, and they will enjoy his usual delightful vein of humor which runs through "The Century World's Fair Book for Boys and Girls." The Century Company have published this year a portfolio of illustrations from "The Century Magazine" and "St. Nicholas." The collection includes sixty-four of the choicest engravings published in the two magazines in the last ten years. The pictures have not only been selected on account of their beauty as works of art, but also because of their pictorial interest. Some of the artists represented in the collection are Rousseau, Rembrandt, Watts, Parsons, Daubigny, Gérome, Raphael, Edwards, Botticelli, Burns, Lippi, Fortuny, Millet, Reynolds and Velasquez.

The Century Company's publications for the holiday season include many new books and many old ones, all in magnificent coverings, and all are the best specimens of the bookmaker's art. In the list of new publications, "Poems Here at Home," by James Whitcomb Riley, stands first. This volume includes more than one hundred poems, many of them being old favorites, such as "Nothin' to Say," "The Old Man and Jim," "Our Hired Girl" and "Old John Henry." They are just the kind of poems we often want, and the author says in his preface:

—As I sense it, in the line
O' poetry is somepin' Yours and Mine—
Somepin' with live-stock in it, and outdoors,
And old crick-bottoms, snags, and sycamores:
. . . . . .
No "Ladies' Amaranth," ner "Treasury" book—
Ner "Night Thoughts," nuther—ner no "Lally Rook"!
We want some poetry 'at 's to Our taste,

Other new books published by the Century Company are "Balcony Stories," by Grace King, a collection of charming character sketches of life in Louisiana; "The White Islander," by Mary Hartwell Catherwood; "In a Cornish Township with Old Vogue Folk," by Percy R. Craft; "Thumb-Nail Sketches," by George Wharton Edwards; "Jeannie O'Biggersdale and Other Yorkshire Stories," by Katherine Simpson; "Handbook of English Cathedrals," by Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer. This book was issued a year ago, and is now republished in convenient form for the tourist or for those at home who are interested in the great monuments of English architecture; "An Embassy to Provence," by Thomas A. Janvier; "The Doge's Farm," by Margaret Symonds; "Old-World Scotland," by F. P. Henderson; "The Autobiography of Tommaso Salvini," "The Public School System of the United States," by Dr. J. M. Rice; "The Cosmopolis City Club," by the Rev. Washington Gladden; "The English Peasant," by Richard Heath; "Walter Camp's Book of College Sports," "The Brownies at Home," by Palmer Cox; "Topsys and Turveys," by P. S. Newell; "The White Cave," by William O. Stoddard, and bound volumes of "St. Nicholas" for 1893.

The Christmas number of "The Century Magazine" is in a bright new cover, appropriate to the holiday season. The good things in this number include Rembrandt's masterpiece, engraved by Timothy Cole, seven complete stories, studio sketches by famous artists and the opening chapter of Mark Twain's new novel, "Pudd'nhead Wilson."

Thomas Nelson & Son are the sole agents in the United States for the "Oxford" Bibles. They now have ready the new editions of the "Oxford Teachers' Bible, with new helps and a magnificent new series of maps specially prepared to illustrate the geography of Palestine and the adjacent countries from the earliest times to the destruction of Jerusalem, and embodying the most recent discoveries down to March, 1893. It is no doubt the most complete teachers' Bible in existence. There are eleven editions of the work, six on fine white paper and five on the Oxford India paper. Appropriate Christmas presents are the "Oxford" Teachers' Bible and the "Oxford" Prayer-book and Hymnal. Among the other new holiday editions of this firm are "Doing and Daring," a book for boys, by Eleanor Stredder; "The Lost Treasure of Trevlyn," a story of the days of the Gunpowder Plot, by Evelyn Everett Green, author of "Wars of the Roses"; "The 'Oxford' Miniature Shakespeare"; "Torch Bearers of History," by Amelia Hutchinson Sterling; "Portugal and Its People," by W. A. Salisbury (this is a new history of Portugal); "Periods of English History," edited by W. S. Dalgleish, and "Maud Melville's Marriage," a tale of the seventeenth century, by Evelyn Everett Green.

Roberts Brothers have made a specialty this year of Renaissance bindings, and a large number of their works have been put into the artistic dress of full crushed turkey morocco of dainty colors, decorated in a style that is a revival of English artistic bindings of seventy or eighty years ago. In this binding can be had "Poems by Helen Hunt Jackson," "Poems by Emily Dickinson," "Poems by Susan Coolidge," Bulwer-Lytton's "Dramas and Poems," George Eliot's "Wit and Wisdom," "The Day's Message," chosen by Susan Coolidge; "Daily Strength for Daily Needs," "Quiet Hours," "Sunshine in the Soul" and "Tender and True," four volumes of selections by Mary W. Tileston. A set of books called The Columbian Knowledge Series, edited by Professor Todd, of Amherst College, is intended to furnish information by experts on many important subjects. Every volume is complete in itself, and sixteen are almost ready. Among them the most important are: "Stars and Telescopes," a handy book of astronomy, by David P. Todd, being the seventh London edition of "Celestial Motions," by William Thynne Lynn, with extensive additions; "Total Eclipses of the Sun," by Mabel Loomis Tood; "Public Libraries in America," by W. I. Fletcher, of Amherst College Library. In choosing additions to library shelves "Balzac's Novels," translated by Miss Wormeley, and "Jane Austen's Novels" must not be overlooked. Roberts Brothers always have volumes of poetry to tempt Christmas shoppers, and this year the new attractions include "Married Life" and "Child Life," "The Lover's Year-Book of Poetry," by Horace Parker Chanler; "Countess Kathleen," a dramatic poem, by W. B. Yeats, with frontispiece by J.T.Nettleship; "Retrospect, and Other Poems," by A. Mary F. Robinson; "Allegretto," a volume of poems, by Gertrude Hall, illustrated by Oliver Herford; "For Fifty Years," a collection of the poems of Edward Everett Hale; "Such as They Are," poems by Thomas Wentworth Higginson and Mary Thacher Higginson; and "Emily Dickinson's Poems" and "Helen Jackson's Poems," each in one volume.

T. Y. Crowell & Co. have published for the Christmas season some fine books in special bindings, beautifully illustrated, to sell at remarkably low prices. The firm is strong in standard fiction, and they have put into a cheap and beautiful form many of the world-famed novels of this and other days. The new illustrated edition of "George Eliot's Complete Works," including novels, poems, essays, and her "Life and Letters," edited by her husband, is printed from new electrotype plates made from large type and illustrated by Frank T. Merrill and H. W. Pierce. In Crowell's new illustrated library will be found all the old and well-tried books that every one loves. In their standard library the new books this season are: "Adam Bede," "Felix Holt," "Middemarch," "Silas Marner," "Scenes of Clerical Life," Cross's "Life of George Eliot," "Boswell's "Life of Johnson," "Irving's Conquest of Granada," "Tales of a Traveller" and "Knickerbocker's New-York," "David Copperfield," "Ivanhoe," "Lorna Doone," "Vanity Fair" and "Tom Brown at Oxford," "Shelley's Poems," Dowden's text, has been added to the "Mistletoe Edition of Popular Poets," and "The Astor Library of Standard Literature" has been increased by "Notre-Dame," "Ninety-Three," "Toilers of the Sea," George Eliot's "Essays," "Scenes of Clerical Life," "Ivan Ilvitch," "My Religion" and "Sketches by Boz." The publishers have a new edition of the "Imitation," with fifteen drawings by Hofmann, got up in every imaginable style of binding; "Personal Recollections of John G. Whittier," by Mary B. Claflin, is a charming little volume. The book contains two portraits, both of them spirited and faithful likenesses of Mr. Whittier, and a poem by Miss Edna Dean Proctor. Almost every poet's works can also be found in the volumes of the "Mistletoe" edition of Popular Poets.

Few books written for young people possess greater merit or have had a wider popularity than the volumes in the series, "Children's Favorite Classics," published by T. Y. Crowell & Co. Some of them are "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," "Through the Looking-Glass," "Jackanapes and Daddy Darwin," "The Story of a Short Life," "The Little Lame Prince," "The Adventures of a Brownie" and "The Peep of Day."

D. Lothrop Company have an appropriate present for the year which has seen the World's Fair in their library edition of Frederick A. Ober's work, "In the Wake of Columbus," in which this fine volume of 500 pages appears with uncut edges, gilt top, Spanish and American seals and Seal of Commission on cover, and maps and 200 illustrations, pen-and-inks and photographs taken on the spot. The volume is dedicated to President Higinbotham and to William Eleroy Curtis, chief of the department that sent Mr. Ober on the commission. There is also an edition de luxe, limited to 250 numbered copies all signed by the author, printed on hand-made English paper and bound in half calf of the Spanish colors, red and yellow. In 1877 the writer first saw the land discovered by Columbus. In 1880 he visited the Lesser Antilles for ornithological exploration and became interested in studies about Columbus. Mr. Ober follows the discoverer from the beginning of the enterprise in Spain through all his voyages. A fine collection of extracts from Chaucer to Ruskin and Longfellow has been prepared, under the title "Masterpieces of Prose," and also an edition de luxe of "Helps by the Way," intended as a special memorial of Phillips Brooks, whose writings are largely quoted in its pages. This little book is printed on parchment paper, antique style, and bound in full parchment, with antique decorations in gold, and also in heavy black or white corded silk, with decorations in silver or gold, and makes a very pretty souvenir gift. Among other attractive publications attention should be given to "Seaward," an elegy on Thomas William Parsons, by Richard Hovey; the Tennyson and the Longfellow "Remembrance Books," compiled by E. S. Brooks; "Immortelles from the Writings of Tennyson," compiled by Rose Porter, and a new edition of "The Artist's Gallery" in full leather.

D. Appleton & Co. have many beautiful books on their shelves this year, both in regard to the subjects and their artistic manufacture. "Poems of Nature," by William Cullen Bryant, is one of their leading holiday books. This volume contains over forty poems, beginning with the classic "To a Waterfowl," and closing with "Our Fellow-Worshippers." The book is profusely illustrated by Paul de Longpré. The Yankee who loves to read of the good old school days in New-England fifty years ago should read "The Country School in New-England," by Clifton Johnson, published by D. Appleton & Co. It is a volume replete with quaint and picturesque situations, and aptly illustrates every phase of childhood life in rural New-England in the days gone by and also of the present time. "In the Track of the Sun," the readings from the diary of a globe-trotter, by Frederick Diodati Thompson, is another excellent book published by this firm. The author describes in an entertaining way a tour of the world. It is illustrated by Harry Fenn. Among the other new books published by D. Appleton & Co. are: "The Story of Washington," by Elizabeth Eggleston Seelye. This volume is an accurate history of Washington's life. It is intensely interesting, and contains over 100 illustrations; "Picciola," by X. B. Saintine; "The Brontës in Ireland," by Dr. William Wright, and "The Story of the Sun," by Sir Robert S. Ball.

The Christmas numbers of the weekly and monthly magazines are more artistic than ever this year, and they form an interesting and valuable addition to the holiday literature of 1893. The International News Company, of this city, handles all the foreign and domestic periodicals. This year this company announces that it has on sale, besides other papers, the Christmas double numbers of the following publications, which are issued simultaneously in Europe and America: "The London Graphic," "Pears's Pictorial," "Holly Leaves," "Gale Tide," "Chatterbox Christmas Box," "Lady's Pictorial," "Black and White," "Art Annual" and "Le Figaro Illustré."

MAHOMETANISM AND WOMAN.

MR. NABOKOFF CHALLENGED TO DEBATE.

AN UNEXPECTED INCIDENT AT HIS UNION SQUARE MEETING.

Emin L. Nabokoff conducted the second Islam service yesterday at No. 8 Union Square, and again his call to prayer attracted much attention. "God is great, God is merciful, God is almighty! There is no God but one God! Come, ye faithful—come to prayer!" he chanted. In his prayer with which the service was begun he thanked God for the liberty which allows the faith of Mahomet to be preached as well as that of Abraham, Moses and Jesus of Nazareth. Anton Haddad read from the Koran, and then Mr. Nabokoff began his discourse.

During the last week a woman had accused the people of his faith of believing a woman "void of soul," and in proof read to him this stanza from Thomas Hood's "Song of the Shirt."

"Oh! for a home with the barbarous Turk,
Where woman has never a soul to save."

"The author knew not the value we place on women when he wrote that," said the speaker. "We know that men make war, battle against each other, while woman nurses, prays for and comforts man. That is the light we see woman in." In proof of what he said he read from the Koran: "Verily, the Moslems of either sex and the true believers of either sex and the devout men and the devout women—for them hath God prepared forgiveness and a great reward."

"True, there are slave women still as there are slave men," he said, "and just as you had them here, but it is the prayer of all Mussulmans that slavery, as well as polygamy, be wiped out. Islam is not a heathenish faith; it is simply a belief in one God, and nowhere in its teachings can be found anything which is not in keeping with common-sense. Even the scientist, who traces everything to the atom and the protoplasm, can be a believer in Islam, because he must confess that a God has created these."

A new and unexpected feature of the meeting was the rising of G. K. Davidyan, and his challenging Mr. Nabokoff to debate, he asserting that the Mussulmans deny a woman any right to salvation. Mr. Davidyan is an Armenian Christian, born at Cesarea, in Asiatic Turkey, and he denounces the followers of Islam as "bad people."

Mr. Nabokoff said he could not permit a debate in his meeting any more than Bishop Potter, Archbishop Corrigan or Dr. Abbott would in their churches, but in order that all might have light on the subject he would make it the subject of his next discourse.

MANIACS ON A PACIFIC MAIL STEAMER.

THE RIO DE JANEIRO BRINGS THE BODY OF CONSUL-GENERAL JONES TO SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Dec. 17 (Special).—The Pacific Mail steamer Rio de Janeiro, which arrived to-day from China, was a sort of floating lunatic asylum during the voyage. It brought the corpse of the American Consul-General, Alfred D. Jones, of Shanghai, who died seven days after leaving port a raving maniac, and it also brought Purser J. H. Maher, late of the steamer Peru, who was also violently insane. Consul Jones was in the care of the captain to be transferred to his home in this country. He seemed suffering from melancholia when taken on board at Shanghai, but he soon became violent, smashed articles in his cabin and tried to run amuck on deck. He was manacled and a watch put over him, but he steadily grew worse and died on December 9.

Purser Maher became insane at Hong Kong and was sent back here for treatment. He smashed windows in the steamer's saloon and had to be put in irons. The Masons will take care of him.

On the voyage to China one of the Rio's Chinese passengers developed insanity and ran amuck with a big carving knife. He was knocked down before he hurt any one.

Consul-General Jones was forty-eight years old, and for several weeks before his death had brooded over his failure in a love affair at Raleigh, N. C., his old home. He grew morose and finally lost his mind. His body was embalmed and will be shipped to Raleigh.

DEDICATION OF A METHODIST CHURCH.

Ballston Spa, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The new Methodist Church at Ballston was dedicated to-day. Bishop John P. Newman preached the dedicatory sermon this morning. This evening the Rev. Dr. John H. Coleman, of Saratoga, preached. The church cost about $30,000. Half of the cost was borne by ex-Congressman George West.

CHINESE MUST REGISTER SOON.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Collector of Internal Revenue Welborn has received word from Washington that instructions concerning the registration of Chinese laborers have been mailed to him and that registration will begin December 20. It is believed here that nearly all the Chinese laborers will avail themselves of the privilege of remaining in the United States by registering. The Chinese Six Companies will issue a circular instructing all Chinese laborers to comply with the law.

A SUIT OVER VALUABLE PROPERTY.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—The Minneapolis Trust Company yesterday afternoon filed with the clerk of the District Court a suit against J. Frank Calhoun, Lorenzo B. Morey, John S. Thompson, James P. Thompson and Charles A. Mitchell to force them to turn over to the Northwestern Guaranty Loan Company estate the Guaranty Loan Building, valued at $1,500,000, and other property in Minnesota, Florida, Iowa and South Dakota. It is charged that it was arranged with the men named to withhold this property named from the estate. It is further charged that this property was transferred to these men in consideration of a $100,000 bond on the Chicago Dock and Investment Company. In connection with the bond of the Chicago Dock and Investment Company it is stated that all of the assets of the corporation are covered by a first mortgage of $1,500,000 and that the bonds are comparatively worthless.

GRAND ARMY BUGLE NOTES.

MANY POSTS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

THE VETERANS WHO ARE TO BE AT THE HEAD OF SOME OF THE LOCAL COMMANDERIES.

The following officers of posts have been elected for the year 1894, in addition to those already reported:

Reno Post, No. 44—Commander, James K. Fuller; senior vice-commander, Joseph A. Hart; junior vice-commander, George A. Drew; quartermaster, John E. Kenyon; surgeon, Dr. O. B. Douglas; chaplain, Frederick H. Pontin; officer of the day, Edward S. Lord; officer of the guard, Peter C. Kreiwich; delegates to Department Encampment, Philip S. Biglin, Charles Brickwedel, Frank M. Ball; alternates, Lewis A. Owens, Paul Gautert, John J. O'Brien.

James C. Rice Post, No. 29—Commander, A. H. Bradley; senior vice-commander, Thomas McKeon; junior vice-commander, William H. Burroughs; quartermaster, William Ford; surgeon, Dr. J. C. Morton; chaplain, Walter B. Oakes; officer of the day, R. M. Westlake; officer of the guard, David Crouter; council of administration, L. G. McKown, N. D. H. Clark, A. M. Smith, Joseph Hyde and L. K. Van Horsen; delegates to Department Encampment, N. H. Babcock and James Ross.

Abel Smith Post, No. 435, Brooklyn—Commander, Colonel John W. Jones; senior vice-commander, Frank W. Rhodes; junior vice-commander, James L. Wilsey; quartermaster, Charles D. Richmond; surgeon, Stephen L. Dade; chaplain, Alfred T. Murden; officer of the day, Charles Waage; officer of the guard, William H. Price; trustees of the post, E. H. Squires, W. H. Catherwood, Luke Dunne; relief committee, Charles D. Richmond, Henry B. Simmons, John W. Chapman, Theodore Miller, James M. Saries; delegates to State Encampment, James D. Bell, Daniel Simmons; alternates, Edwin A. Kennedy, Luke Dunne; delegates to memorial and executive committee, James D. Bell, Edwin A. Kennedy, John W. Chapman, Charles J. McCarthy; delegate to Commanders and Quartermasters' Association, James D. Bell.

J. L. RIKER POST ANNUAL BALL.

J. L. Riker Post, No. 62—Commander, John Schmidling; senior vice-commander, David H. Hamilton; junior vice-commander, Frank N. Falter; officer of the day, Peter Mastaglio (his seventeenth term); officer of the guard, Nicholas Reifenberg; chaplain, John P. Hay; surgeon, Jacob Cullman; quartermaster, William Wolf; delegate to Department Encampment, Charles M. Colvin; alternate, Lucas Hansler; delegates to County Memorial Committee, George H. Mooser, George Seeman and Nicholas Reifenberg; alternates, Simon Greenstone, August Leopold and Charles Gambitz; trustee, Lucas Hansler; council of administration, John Thiele, Gerhard Heine, Henry Shoentag, Joseph Nobles, Nicholas Kuhn and John Werner; chairman, Post Memorial Committee, William Robling; chairman of the Committee of Arangements for the annual masquerade civic and military ball at Tammany Hall on February 10, Past Commander Lucas Hansler.

Horace B. Claflin Post, No. 578—Commander William H. Pailes; senior vice-commander, George Waterman; junior vice-commander, George Bainton; quartermaster, Milton S. Surre; surgeon, Dr. George E. Morgan; chaplain, the Rev. Henry Cramer; officer of the day, Thomas Harrison; officer of the guard, William Habeck; delegates to Encampment, James Owens and Joseph Murphy; to Memorial Committee, Edward J. Atkinson, Walter Dull and Thomas McGrann; Board of Trustees, John P. O'Neil, Ralph Thomaz, S. Sherlock, J. H. Crooks and J. St. Clair MacLean.

Charles Lawrence Post, No. 378, Port Chester—Commander, Henry T. Bronson; senior vice-commander, George E. Jardine; junior vice-commander, Matthew Douglass; quartermaster, William H. Huyler; surgeon, Dr. N. J. Sands; chaplain, Nicholas Fox; officer of the day, George W. Bulkley; officer of the guard, Thomas McGovern; delegate to Department Encampment, Bernard Baruch; alternate, William H. Huyler; delegate of Westchester County Association, John A. Billington; alternate, George W. Bulkley. The post will be inspected December 26 by Assistant Department Inspector Ferguson, of New-Rochelle.

Anderson and Williams Post, No. 394: Commander, Robert Stackpole; senior vice-commander, David G. Boyle; junior vice-commander, Luther E. Shaw; chaplain, James A. Fall; surgeon, William E. Lockwood; officer of the day, Charles C. Morse; officer of the guard, Patrick McCue; quartermaster, William H. Pritchard; delegate to department encampment, Joseph B. Lord; alternate, William R. Munroe; delegates to Memorial Committee, John W. Jack and Anton Muller; alternates, Joseph Stiler and Frank Becker; trustees, M. P. Ross, J. B. Lord and G. R. Hendrickson.

E. D. Morgan Post, No. 207—Commander, Abraham G. Denarest (second term); senior vice-commander, Garrett Ferden; junior vice-commander, George A. Phillips; quartermaster, George J. Wenck; surgeon, Dr. William B. Oakden; chaplain, the Rev. Job Woodruff; officer of the day, Joseph L. Wood; officer of the guard, George F. Hollis; delegates to encampment, Addison Ware and John A. Meek; alternates, C. H. Marticse and Thomas McLeod; to Memorial Committee, Past Commanders Newberger, Hatch and Freeland.

Gilsa Post, No. 264—Commander, H. Charles Lorch; senion vice-commander, John Ritter; junior vice-commander, George Schaefler; quartermaster, Theodor Wagner; chaplain, Otto Ch. Assenheimer; surgeon, Dr. Hermann Reinhard; officer of the day, George Kline; officer of the guard, Jacob Feist; delegate to the Department Encampment, John P. Heintz; alternate, George Degenhard; council of administration, Charles Gunther, A. E. Seifert, Arthur Haubold, Henry Gunther, John P. Heintz, O. Ch. Assenheimer, Jacob Feist, Jacob Rossmann, Gustav Alting and George Kline.

John A. Dix Post, No. 125—Commander, George E. Shafford; senior vice-commander, William M. Abbott; junior vice-commander, Horatio Holden; quartermaster, E. A. Landers; surgeon, George W. Blauvelt; chaplain, H. Wood; officer of the day, W. S. Benjamin; officer of the guard, Matthew S. Gregory; delegate to encampment, Cornelius Ten Eick; alternate, A. W. Colwell; to Memorial Committee, Nicholas W. Day, George Roberts and Archibald Stewart.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S STAFF.

Commander-in-Chief Adams has announced Comrade Joseph W. Kay, of Brooklyn, as chairman of the National Committee on Legislation, of which Comrades Amos J. Cummings and John Raines are members. Comrades John Brown, of Albany, and George Edward Allen, of Providence, are among the Assistant Inspector-Generals, and the following comrades are appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief for this State: John J. Bailey, Thomas J. Bell, William E. Bowen, Joseph C. Cary, F. Cossum, O. H. Cook, Lee Johnson, Adelbert Perry, William A. Pennoyer, Thomas P. Rockett, Dana A. Rose, Adam Schell, E. J. Tuckerman, Joseph C. Woolff, William J. Barry, A. S. Blake, Isaac S. Catlin, Frank M. Clark, James Coleman, Almeran Garrison, Joseph F. Ludlam, E. W. Merrill, DeWitt M. Perine, John Quevelio, E. A. Ryer, C. H. Schermerhorn, F. E. Vincent, G. M. Barry, Charles G. Davis, of Boston, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant-General at the National headquarters, at Lynn, Mass.

Rear-Admiral Osbon, commanding the National Association of Naval Veterans, as after consultation with prominent members of the association, ordered that the distinguishing flags of National officers shall be as follows: Rear-Admiral Commanding—A square blue flag, containing two white stars, placed one in the upper left hand corner of the flag and one in the lower right hand corner. Rear-Admirals (retired)—A square white flag with two blue stars placed in the same relative positions. Commodore—A square blue flag with one white star in the upper left hand corner of the flag. Commodore (retired)—A square white flag with one blue star in upper left hand corner. The Official Association Jack is a blue ground with thirteen white stars surrounding a yellow foul anchor, the same to be used in decorating the capstan head during regular meetings.

The talk of the last few days in Grand Army circles has been about the brilliant reception given by Kitching Post, No. 70, last Wednesday evening to Department Commander Cleary and staff. Commander Shott presided, and made every veteran present feel that he was at home. The spacious hall was handsomely and suitably decorated. Speeches were made by the Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief John Palmer, the Secretary of State-elect; Senior Vice-Department Commander E. J. Atkinson, Junior Vice-Commander Owens, Colonel Robinson, Chaplain Helms and others.

The Veteran Association of the 5th New-York Heavy Artillery, known as the "Dandy Fifth," is making arrangements for a fine concert and reception to take place January 18 at the large ballroom in the new Johnston Building, Nevins-st. and Flatbush-ave., Brooklyn. Tickets are $1.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—The Lucy furnaces, owned by the Carnegie Steel Company, will be put in blast to-morrow. Three hundred men will be employed at the start, and an additional 150 will get work when the metal is ready to run.

Lambertville, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Beginning with to-morrow, the men at the Pennsylvania Railroad shops here will work only eight hours a day and five days a week.

Huntingdon, Penn., Dec. 17.—An amicable arrangement has been reached between the Rockhill Iron and Coal Company and their men. The men have agreed to accept a 10 per cent cut in wages, on condition that the company furnish them coal, give them house rent, and do their blacksmithing 10 per cent cheaper than heretofore.

A NON-UNION MAN FIRES IN SELF-DEFENCE.

Apollo, Penn., Dec. 17.—William Kelly was shot last night by George Mason in a fight between strikers and a non-union employe of the Apollo Iron Company. The bullet penetrated the region of the heart. Mason was lodged in jail. According to his story, he shot in self-defence. He says that on his way home from the mill a crowd of strikers set upon and were beating him, when he drew his revolver and fired promiscuously. His body shows marks of assault. This was his second adventure since going to work in the mill. Last week he received a load of shot in his leg from some one in ambush.

CHURCH AND ORDER AT ODDS.

A PRIEST OF ORANGE, N. J., REPLIES TO ATTACKS.

ANTAGONISM OF THE ORDER OF UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS AND THE CATHOLICS—TRADESMEN AND A NEWSPAPER BOYCOTTED.

There is considerable feeling and excitement in Orange, N. J., over the antagonism between the Roman Caholics and the Order of United American Mechanics. The recent outspoken condemnation of the Roman Catholics by the Rev. John L. Scudder, of Jersey City, and Mr. Millington has aroused the indignation of the Rev. Hugh P. Fleming, rector of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, of Orange, and one of the most influential priests in the Diocese of Newark. About a week ago he wrote a long letter over his own signature to "The Newark Evening News," in which he denounced Messrs. Scudder, Millington and other men who had been associated with them in the criticisms of the Roman Catholic Church, calling them "ignorant blatherskites." He also criticised "The News" freely for printing the utterances of these men and reporting the doings of the societies.

An immediate boycott of the paper in Orange followed, and it lost heavily in circulation. The next thing was a boycott established against Charles P. Carson, a baker of Curtin-st., Orange, and R. P. Laidlow, a grocer of West Orange, both prominent men in the society of American Mechanics. Many of their customers were Roman Catholics, and these nearly all deserted them. Saturday morning "The Orange Herald" printed an alleged list of the membership of the local council of American Mechanics, and also the oath required of candidates in the American Protective Association. The effort was made by insinuation to convey the impression that the two orders were nearly the same, and had the same objects. It is the first time this oath has appeared in print. It is as follows:

I do most solemnly promise and swear that I will not allow any one a member of the Roman Catholic Church to become a member of this order, I knowing him to be such; that I will use my influence to promote the interests of all Protestants everywhere in the world; that I will not employ a Roman Catholic in any capacity if I can procure the service of a Protestant; that I will not aid in building or maintaining, by my resources, any Roman Catholic church or institution of their sect or creed whatsoever, but will do all in my power to retard and break down the power of the Pope; that I will not enter into any controversy with a Roman Catholic upon the subject of this order, nor will I enter into any agreement with a Roman Catholic to strike or create a disturbance, whereby the Roman Catholic employes may undermine and substitute the Protestants; that in all grievances I will seek only Protestants, and will counsel with them to the exclusion of all Roman Catholics, and will not make known to them any thing of any nature matured at such conferences; that I will not countenance the nomination in any caucus or convention of a Roman Catholic for any office in the gift of the American people, and that I will not vote for, nor counsel others to vote for, any Roman Catholic, but will vote only for a Protestant; that I will endeavor at all times to place political positions of this Government in the hands of Protestants. (Repeat.) To all of which I do most solemnly promise and swear, so help me God. Amen.

Simultaneously with this appeared a card from Mr. Carson, in which he protested against the boycott against him on the ground of his membership in the American Protective Association, and saying that he was not only not a member, but not in sympathy with it. He asserted that the sole objects of the American Mechanics were the support of the public school system and a beneficiary one. He asserted that there were many Roman Catholics in the order.

Copies of "The Orange Herald" containing the list of names of the members of the American Mechanics were distributed widely in Orange Saturday and yesterday, and the boycotting was the principal topic of discussion.

To a Tribune reporter Father Fleming said that he and his people were peaceable, and desired no quarrel with any one, but that the utterances and attacks of Mr. Scudder, Mr. Millington and others had been so unjust that he felt called on to resent them. He repeated his characterization of these men as "ignorant blatherskites," and said that the existence of the societies referred to was only an attempt to revive the old pernicious doctrines of the "Know-nothing" party. He spoke strongly of the burning and sacking of Roman Catholic churches in Philadelphia and in Newark by a mob under the guidance of the old "Knownothing" party, and said that this was what these American Mechanics and Protective Association men were seeking to revive now.

FATHER O'CONNOR ON SATOLLI'S POLICY.

Father James A. O'Connor spoke last night at Christ's Mission, in West Twenty-first-st., upon the subject of Monsignor Satolli's recent challenge, made in Washington on Thanksgiving Day. Father O'Connor said: "Monsignor Satolli's challenge was couched in the following words: 'The more public opinion and the Government favor Catholic schools the more will the welfare of the Commonwealth be advanced. Catholic education is the surest safeguard of the permanence throughout the centuries of the Constitution, and the best guide of the Republic in civil progress.'

"The logic of this is," said Father O'Connor, "that if the American people and the American Government will not sustain and uphold the Roman Catholic schools the surest safeguard of the Constitution and of our Republic will be withdrawn. Thus, if Rome cannot rule the Republic according to her ideas she will oppose and as far as she can ruin the Republic. The agitation on the school question on the part of the Roman Catholic Church is based on the fact that the people cannot be held to the Roman Catholic faith unless the distinctive teachings of that church are inculcated in early youth.

"Roman Catholics who love the Republic and the institutions of our country will inevitably free themselves from the bondage of Rome. Such freedom is in the air we breathe."

THE REV. JOHN KRANTZ ON THE QUARREL.

The Rev. John Krantz, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Jersey City, last night preached to the United American Mechanics. Mr. Krantz alluded to a sermon recently delivered to the same order (it was by the Rev. John L. Scudder, at the Congregational Tabernacle) as a tirade. He also objected to Father Fleming's letter in reply as being as deficient in the true Christian spirit as the sermon that evoked it. Mr. Krantz also said that he would be glad if the Official Board of his church would provide another parsonage for him, as he was tired of looking out of his window every Sunday morning to see more people going to St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church than attended all the Protestant churches in Jersey City together.

IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

DREW HEAVILY ON THE BROTHERHOODS.

Terre Haute Ind., Dec. 17.—The checks in payment of the striking firemen on the Lehigh system are now being sent from the headquarters of the Brotherhood here. Secretary Arnold estimates the cost of the strike to the Brotherhood at $35,000. The strikers received an allowance at the rate of $40 a month. The strike lasted from November 18 to December 6, but the men who did not get work at once when the strike was declared off were continued on the Brotherhood's payroll, and this includes the men who, while not members of the organization, went out on the strike. Mr. Arnold estimates the cost of the strike to the several brotherhoods as follows: Engineers, $40,000; Trainmen, $35,000; Conductors, $20,000, and Telegraphers, $10,000. The total makes the next largest outlay by organized railway labor to that of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy strike, which cost the engineers $1,050,000 and the firemen $500,000 in cash. Hundreds of men not members of either were carried on the rolls for more than a year, but they lost their places by reason of the strike. In that strike, too, a large amount of money was spent inadvisedly in buying off non-union men, some of whom received $100 three or four times by applying at different points for work.

IRONWORKERS DENOUNCE THE BILL.

Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 17 (Special).—A mass meeting of ironworkers of the Mahoning Valley was held here last night and resolutions adopted denouncing the Wilson Tariff bill as inimical to the iron industries and to those who earned their livelihood in the mills. It was decided to circulate petitions addressed to Congressman Ikirt requesting him to use all his influence to defeat that portion of the Wilson bill relating to the iron and steel schedules.

NON-UNION WORKMEN DESERT.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 17.—The South Side striking flint glassworkers were jubilant over a wholesale desertion that took place from two factories of the United States Glass Company. Twenty-eight Rochester glassworkers left the plants in a body. The desertion was a surprise to the United States Company's officials. For a week past the flint-workers have had missionaries working among the non-union men with the above result.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE H. BABCOCK.

George H. Babcock, the inventor, well known in New-York as the head of the Babcock & Wilcox Boiler Company, died at his Plainfield, N. J., home Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock. He had been seriously ill with kidney disease since he returned from a Western trip last summer, and his condition gradually became worse until, on Friday afternoon, Dr. McCosh, of New-York, and Drs. Hedges, Murray and Tomlinson, of Plainfield, met in consultation and performed an operation that they deemed absolutely necessary. Mr. Babcock rallied after the operation, but his condition later grew alarming, and death resulted about thirty hours after the operation was performed.

Mr. Babcock was born at Otsego, N. Y., June 17, 1832. His parents were poor, but their son had an inherited skill in mechanical invention that resulted in making him a successful business man. When comparatively a youth he started in Westerly, R. I., the first printing office in that part of the East, and founded "The Literary Echo," which is still a successful publication under the name of "The Narragansett." Later Mr. Babcock met Charles Potter, now president of the Potter printing-press works, of New-York and Plainfield, who was then treasurer of a Westerly iron company. A partnership was formed for the manufacture of printing presses. Later this connection was dissolved, Mr. Potter taking the plant and continuing the business.

Mr. Babcock came to New-York and entered the employ of J. D. Stetson, a patent lawyer. During the three years that he was there he taught mechanical drawing in Cooper Union. During the following years he was connected with the Mystic Iron Works, at Mystic, Conn., and the Hope Iron Works, at Providence, R. I. He then met Stephen Wilcox, of Westerly, and with him invented the stationary engine that utilized the tubular boiler invention of Mr. Babcock. This invention was successfully applied to manufacturing purposes. The partnership formed by the two men continued uninterruptedly until Mr. Wilcox died, about two weeks ago. Both men were independently wealthy.

Mr. Babcock was president of the Plainfield Board of Education, and largely interested in that city's affairs. He was one of the leading men in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, and contributed largely to its welfare. His fourth wife and a son survive him.

AUGUST SHIMMEL.

Captain August Shimmel, who died after a brief illness yesterday, was well known in G. A. R. circles in this city. During the war he was an assistant-quartermaster of United States Volunteers. He was sixty-five years old. Up to the time of his death Captain Shimmel was engaged in the insurance business at No. 149 Broadway and No. 21 Centre-st. He was a member of George Washington Post, No. 103, Department of New-York, G. A. R.; Society of War Veterans, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the United Service Club, and was also secretary of the Veteran Association of the 7th Regiment. The funeral services will take place this evening at 8 o'clock in Scottish Rite Hall, Madison-ave. and Twenty-ninth-st., and will be attended by delegations from the associations named.

ABEL V. SHOTWELL.

Abel V. Shotwell, the oldest and for many years one of the most prominent and wealthy residents of Rahway, N. J., died suddenly yesterday morning at his home in Elm-ave. He was born in Milton, a suburb of Rahway, on October 18, 1814, and had lived there all his life. He was a Quaker, and descended from the oldest settlers of this country, tracing his ancestry back to the Pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower. He received a common school education, and in 1830