PENNINGTON DAY AT OCEAN GROVE.

GENERAL RUSLING'S ADDRESS ON THE PROGRESS OF METHODISM.

Ocean Grove, N. J., Aug. 17 (Special).—This has been Pennington Seminary Day at Ocean Grove, and many of the alumni and students of this popular educational institution have been enjoying a day here beside the sea. A musicale was given at the Auditorium this evening in honor of the students and alumni, under the direction of Professor J. R. Sweney. The Ocean Grove Choir sang "Victory Through Grace," the Park Sisters rendered the cornet trio, "Caprice" and Miss Anna Park a cornet solo.

Following the musical the Pennington exercises took place, for which an interesting programme had been prepared. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Hanlon, president of the seminary, presided, and made some appropriate remarks in his characteristic, happy style. The Rev. Charles Yatman offered prayer. The Rev. Dr. E. H. Stokes delivered a cordial address of welcome. One of the most pleasing features of the occasion was the singing of an ode written by W. F. Johnson. The leading address was delivered by General James F. Rusling, LL. D., of Trenton, N. J., a graduate of the class of '52. He said in part:

Why were they Methodists? Why had they enlisted beneath her flag and joined in her forward march? First, because she was a good, sound orthodox Christian church, and they didn't believe in any other kind of a church. They stood by the Bible, in spite of Dr. Briggs and Colonel Ingersoll, and held fast to the ancient and glorious Christian creeds. Next, they believed in the Methodist Church because she was a pious and godly church, and on the whole produced pious and godly men and women. Her three great means to this end were a live pulpit, an open Bible and the power and authority of Christian prayer and testimony and song. Next, they stood by her because she was a humane and progressive Church and had always kept herself well abreast of all the great questions of the age, if not in advance of them. She was for the Indian and against slavery, and against polygamy and for woman, and against the saloon and for education. Here he referred to Pennington Seminary, and spoke of Dr. Hanlon as her great president for nearly a quarter of a century. He said in her fifty-five years of seminary life she had sent forth over 10,000 students, over 1,000 of whom had become ministers of the Gospel or missionaries in foreign lands, until Penningtonians to-day dotted the globe. He spoke of her young women as worthy of her young men, and claimed Penningtonians had no superiors elsewhere. He spoke of Penningtonians in art and science and literature and theology—in America, in Europe, in Africa, in Asia and the islands of the sea—and invoked upon old Pennington and all like institutions of learning "the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God."

Next, he said, they stood by the Methodist Episcopal Church because she was a gallant and patriotic Church, and would not belong to any other kind of a Church. She was so in 1812 and in Mexico. And in 1861 over two hundred and fifty thousand of her ministers and members rallied around the Union. Hence, President Lincoln's great panegyric: "The Methodist Church sends more soldiers to the front, more nurses to the hospitals, and more prayers to Heaven than any other Church in the land." So also, General Grant, the greatest commander by far on either side during our great Civil War, was born of Methodist parents, bred in a Methodist Sunday-school, trained in the Methodist Church, and married to a Methodist wife, and so rightfully became the first Methodist President of the United States. Next, he said, they stood by her, because she was a man-loving, man-helping and soul-saving Church, and had already become somebody and done something in the world, worthy of the age and land in which we live. Her great motto was, "Holiness to the Lord," and right after this her next motto was:

"Look up and not down;
Look out and not in;
Look forward and not back;
And lend a hand!"

She believed in helping others on the way. She saw in every son and daughter of Adam a brother and a sister—however poor, however humble, or however black. And thus she had built up her own communion, not so much by proselyting from others as by going out and gathering in the unchurched and neglected masses. She was her own Salvation Army—always had been and always would be. And by her great precepts of intelligence, sobriety, economy and thrift she built up her converts and made noble and useful citizens of them. And not only this, but she had also inspired and uplifted her sister churches in America, until they also (Presbyterians, Baptists, Episcopalians, and Roman Catholics, even), were all better and braver and truer for the Methodist Church having lived. And this was not all. She had also gone abroad into other lands, as the good Samaritan, everywhere preaching the glorious Gospel of justification by faith and salvation by good works, until her mission fields to-day belted the globe.

And, because of all this, he said, God had signally blessed her both at home and abroad. A century ago she had only about 200 ministers and 60,000 members, and no churches or parsonages worth mentioning. But to-day, including North and South, she had over 30,000 ministers and over 5,000,000 members, which meant about twice that number of adherents, or 15,000,000 in all; or, in other words, every fourth or fifth person you meet in America was now either a Methodist member or adherent. And her churches and parsonages in even these times would sell on the auction block for the imperial sum of $5,000,000. And we are still building churches at the rate of four a day, every day in the week, Sundays included. So, we had no missionary collection until 1820, and then it was only $823 04 per year. But now it is $1,250,000 per year, and first and last we have contributed to missions over $25,000,000, and soon will make it $2,000,000 per year.

Her past at least is secure, and her future will be worthy of that past if she only continues true to herself and to the great opportunities the Almighty has given her. He has given us America, with all her great opportunities and possibilities, and we must get ready for the twentieth century soon to be here. We should make and enforce laws, and build schools and colleges, universities and churches, and grow institutions and citizens somewhat worthy of the greatness of our land and the grandeur of our opportunities. The future of this world belongs to the English-speaking races, and America is their great chief and leader. Let her lead wisely and well, and first or last—sooner or later—we would capture this Republic for Jesus, and give law and literature, civilization and religion, to the whole world, and write the name of America and American Methodism down in history imperishable as the stars.

Immediately following the exercises in the Auditorium, a reception was held at the Arlington, in honor of Dr. Hanlon, which was attended by a large number of his admirers, as well as the students and alumni of Pennington.

A QUIET DAY AT CHAUTAUQUA.

Chautauqua, N. Y., Aug. 17 (Special).—So much excitement prevailed yesterday with the presence of the Governor of the State and so many other farmers, and the termination of the day with an illuminated fleet and a fireworks display, that it would be quite natural that this, the day following, should be quiet. However, several addresses of interest have been delivered, among these being one by Charles E. Fitch, who held the position of Internal Revenue Collector for the XXVIIIth New-York District under President Harrison, whose subject to-day was "Samuel Adams"; another by John DeWitt Miller, who gave his lecture, "The Uses of Ugliness," and one in the evening by Courtney DeKalb, of Irvington, on the Hudson, who spoke of "The Political and Social Development of the South American People." Mr. Fitch, who is an authority on subjects of Revolutionary and Colonial history, gave a detailed account of the important part played by Samuel Adams in the War of Independence. Massachusetts, he said, led the Colonies, Boston led Massachusetts, and Samuel Adams led Boston. He was the pen, the voice, the heart, the hand of the people of Boston.

The College of Liberal Arts is closed. The total number of students enrolled was 405, represented in the various departments as follows: Latin, 83; English, 75; German, 66; French, 50; mathematics, 39; history, 31; Greek, 27; social science, 15; physics, 11; chemistry, 11; biology, 8; Hebrew, 13; geology, 5.

DR. MEYER'S FAREWELL WEEK IN AMERICA

Northfield, Mass., Aug. 17 (Special).—Dr. Meyer will finish his visit to Northfield next week. On Sunday, August 19, he will speak in the church at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., and D. L. Moody will speak at Round Top at 5 p. m. Each morning during the week Dr. Meyer will conduct a Bible reading at 11 o'clock in the church, from the Epistles to the Colossians. Wednesday will be Christian Endeavorers' Day, and trains will run so that guests can reach the church by 11 o'clock and leave conveniently after the 3 o'clock service. Friday will be devoted in like manner to Sunday-school workers, and similar arrangements will be made for the accommodation of guests. On Wednesday, as also on Friday, D. L. Moody will preside and Dr. Meyer and others will speak at 11 and at 3 o'clock. Mr. Moody extends a special and hearty invitation to Christian Endeavorers to be present on Wednesday, and to Sunday-school workers to attend on Friday.

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 8 o'clock, Dr. Meyer will conduct services in the church. Sunday, August 26, will end Dr. Meyer's stay, and he will speak at 10:45 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m.

The meetings during the present week have been freely attended and of great interest and profit to all, and even more is anticipated for the closing week of Dr. Meyer's stay.

TO WRITE ABOUT THE ORIENTAL WAR

Julian Ralph is on his way to the Orient for "Harper's Weekly" and "Harper's Magazine." Upon his arrival in Japan he will quickly forward accounts of whatever he may witness of the war between that country and China, of the gathering of the naval representatives of all Christendom, and of the peculiar scenes attendant upon the war. He will be met at Yokohama by C. D. Weldon, the artist, who has long been familiar with Oriental life, and who will co-operate with Mr. Ralph in his work.

GUESSES AS TO THE NEW TAX RATE.

The Board of Aldermen will on Tuesday receive the report of its Finance Committee on the tax rate for this year. Guesses fix the figure at from 1.79 to 1.82, the latter being the present figure. The board will lay the report over for one week and then act on it.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

SOUTH AFRICA. By George M. Theal. Crown 8vo, pp. 397. (G. P. Putnam's Sons' "Story of the Nations.")

DISCOURSES: BIOLOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL. Essays. By Thomas H. Huxley. 12mo, pp. 388. (D. Appleton & Co.)

MR. LIMBER'S RAFFLE; OR, A CHURCH FAIR AND ITS VICTIMS. By W. A. Butler. 16mo. (D. Appleton & Co.)

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THE AZTECS. By Walter Warren. Small quarto. Pp. 126. (Arena Publishing Co.)

ROSE-LISE. Par André Theuriet. Illustrations de Myrbach, gravées par Romagnol. 32mo, pp. 150. (Paris: Alphonse Lemerre; New-York: Meyer Frères & Cie.)

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