# ASSEMBLY IN CONFUSION.

## LIVELY DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PRESBYTERIAN BUILDING.

MR. ALLEN NOT ALLOWED TO FINISH HIS STATEMENT—THE QUESTION OF SELLING THE PILE STILL UNDER DEBATE—ECONOMY IN MISSION WORK RECOMMENDED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Eagle Lake, Ind., May 24.—The General Assembly has been considering to-day, among other things, the Board of Home Missions. In fact, little else has been before the Assembly since the new Moderator took the chair last Thursday. For a year there has been a general desire throughout the Church that this should be a Home Mission Assembly, and the prayer seems likely to be answered in about the same way that the petitions of the children of Israel were when they were dissatisfied with the manna; quails were sent, and the record says that the Lord answered their request, but sent leanness into their souls.

On Friday and Saturday the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions were under severe fire because of the expensive building which they had erected in New-York. On Saturday one of the secretaries of the Home Board was charged with receiving as many salaries as are usually paid to two men, but he has denied the charge, admitting that what he gets from the Board is salary and what he gets from John S. Kennedy is what the charitable societies would call "adequate relief," as he finds it impossible to live in New-York on a paltry $5,000.

To-day the Assembly has been asked by a special committee, appointed last year to confer with the Home Board regarding its method of general administration and suggest what changes, if any, are advisable, to direct the Board to reorganize its methods of administration so that the executive work shall be placed in charge of one secretary, with whatever assistants may be necessary, and that he be accountable to the Board for its faithful and efficient management. Other changes are suggested of minor importance, one of them being that the policy of the Board should be to avoid debt, that the Board should outline its work each year upon the probable rather than the possible income, and that methods of promoting harmony and co-operation between the Board and presbyteries and synods desiring to support and control their own work should be devised by the committee which has been considering the subject for a year.

### AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE.

The committee's report has been printed and is now being read by the commissioners, who will discuss the subject to-morrow afternoon.

The scene in the Assembly this afternoon will long be remembered. Mr. Wanamaker, the vice-president, presided for an hour and a half, during which time the Board of Education submitted its report, and addresses were made in regard to the important subject of educating ministers for the Presbyterian Church. On motion of Mr. Wanamaker, a telegram of congratulation was sent to Queen Victoria and her people.

At 4 o'clock Dr. Jackson resumed his chair, and the Assembly was led in prayer by Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, of Philadelphia. A hush came over the great gathering which filled the auditorium as he prayed especially for the Moderator, for it has been said off the platform, and admitted by Dr. Chapman in his sermon last evening on the Holy Spirit, that Mr. Wanamaker's pastor insulted Dr. Jackson in his address nominating Dr. Minton for the place which Dr. Jackson secured.

In emphasizing Dr. Minton's qualifications Dr. Chapman said that while he (the speaker) stood for certain principles, such as a whole Bible, unswerving loyalty to the Church, certain views regarding the Holy Spirit, etc., there was one other man who held the same views, and that man was Dr. Minton. From this remark it was inferred by some that Dr. Chapman meant that there was no other equally orthodox man in the Assembly who could be named for the place of Moderator. No one who knows Dr. Chapman or his charitable spirit could hold such a view for an instant. After his reference to the matter in the sermon and his prayer for the Moderator to-day, it is not probable that the question will ever be raised again. But, judging from the debate which followed the invocation, the words of the prayer were not kept in mind all the time this afternoon.

### DISCUSSING THE NEW-YORK BUILDING.

The first address in regard to the new building in New-York was made by the Rev. Duncan Brown, of Tarkio, Mo., who offered a series of resolutions, the reading of which occupied a minute and a half, and prefaced them with a speech lasting half an hour. He was called to order by Killian Van Rensselaer, of New-York, who said there were others who wished to speak, and that the delegate from Missouri had spoken for fifty minutes on Saturday and to-day; but the Moderator decided that Mr. Brown could talk on. The burden of his remarks was that the Assembly should express its conviction that it is not in the interest of the Church for its boards to own and operate a building at Twentieth-st. and Fifth-ave., New-York, and that it should advise that as soon as possible, without serious loss, the building should be sold. He told of a woman deeply interested in home missions who knew the destitution prevalent in the families of home missionaries, who cried when she saw that splendid edifice. A foreign missionary who went there to see the secretaries of his Board said that he felt that he needed to go home and put on better clothes so as not to be out of harmony with the surroundings.

Dr. Brown had made this remark when Mr. Van Rensselaer called him to order. "We are urged," he continued, "not to hurt the feelings of the members of the Mission Board. The suggestion is made that if we do they may feel so deeply grieved that they will resign. I do not believe for one moment that this result would follow. They are loyal members of the Presbyterian Church, who have promised subjection to their brethren, but if the time ever comes that the members of the Board of the Church or agents of the Church say that they will resign before they will take dictation from the General Assembly, then with all kindness, but in all frankness, I would say: 'You may go. God be with you.'"

### DR. PHRANER MAKES SOME DENIALS.

Dr. Phraner, the third oldest man on the Home Board, spoke next, and denied explicitly many of the statements which had been made regarding the construction of the building. He contended that in its inception it had not been a mistake, and that the boards were showing greater wisdom in remaining where they were than they would show if they returned to the Lenox homestead. This no proved by the statement that the two floors occupied by the Board of Home and Foreign Missions were only one-sixth of a property which had cost less than $2,000,000, while the value of the Lenox property was from $400,000 to $450,000, at least $100,000 more than the portion of the new building occupied by them.

"Isn't that plain?" said the venerable speaker.

About a quarter of the audience said "No"; about a quarter said "Yes," while the majority of the commissioners laughed heartily at the diverse opinions of their associates.

Dr. Phraner said that the views of the men on the committee who approved the retention of the property were backed by all of the business men of the two boards in New-York. "It is not a question of ten to one, nor of sixteen to one, but of thirty to one." The allusion to the political slogan of last fall was applauded. Dr. Phraner said that he thought that Mr. McDougall had ended his fight and he complimented the lawyer upon agreeing with his brethren finally. This remark was followed by a call for order, as Mr. McDougall was absent and could not reply. Then came a very touching tribute to John S. Kennedy from Dr. Phraner.

### MR. ALLEN CUT SHORT.

The next speaker was also a member of the Board, the Rev. Lyman Whitney Allen, pastor of the South Park Presbyterian Church, Newark. He said that the members of the Board were anxious simply to know what the Assembly desired to have done, and would do loyally whatever the church desired. In speaking of the building, he said that he was in possession of facts which were confidential, but which, if the Assembly knew them, would certainly modify any action it might be disposed to take.

The five-minute rule was in force, and Mr. Allen was not allowed to finish his statement. He begged for an extension of time, not for himself, but as a member of the Board, but his request was not granted. In a few minutes a man entitled to five minutes used only one and asked that Mr. Allen be allowed to occupy the other four. This permission was given by the Moderator, but from all parts of the hall came expressions of disapproval. Instantly the house was in confusion. Cries of "Go on!" were met by others of "He has spoken once; give us fair play!" "He has had a chance!" etc., in the midst of which Mr. Allen said that he should return to New-York and tell the Board that he was unable to present the simple statement which he considered necessary for the guidance of the Assembly in forming a proper decision upon this great question.

Dr. Spinning, the third member of the Board, followed Mr. Allen, but his eloquence fell under the Moderator's gavel. Mr. Carson, of Clinton, Iowa, was the last speaker before the extended time expired, and the new building is still in the air.

The action of the Assembly in cutting off Mr. Allen's remarks is variously commented on. What he wanted to say was in substance this: While there remain in this new building thirty offices to rent, it does not seem to the boards necessary to rent portions of their floors; but when all the offices are rented, the boards will minimize their floors to the best possible extent. The cost of the new building in round numbers was $1,800,000. The two boards occupy one-sixth of the space. This space has therefore a value of $300,000, as an investment, which at 4 per cent would yield $12,000. This gives the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions two floors, worth $25,000, at a rental of $12,000. The lowest value to the old building at Fifth-ave. and Twelfth-st. is estimated at $40,000. It would probably cost $200,000 to erect a new building on the old site, suitable for the purposes of the boards. The total value of land and structure would therefore be $600,000. The interest on this at 4 per cent would equal a rental of $24,000 per annum. To this must be added service, light, heat, repairs; in fact, all running expenses, which would cost between $5,000 and $6,000. To these amounts must be added taxes, $3,000. If the boards return to the old building the total expenses will be $32,000, as against $12,000 in the new building.

### THE REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The report of the committee on the Board of Home Missions closed with these resolutions:

First—That the Board of Home Missions be directed to so reorganize its methods of administration that the executive work shall be placed in charge of one secretary, with whatever assistants may be necessary, and that he be accountable to the Board for its faithful and efficient management.

Second—That the Board be directed to make at the beginning of each fiscal year an estimate of the probable income for the ensuing year, by taking the average amount received from legacies, church

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offerings and all other sources for a period of preceding years, and that the sum thus obtained shall be considered the available amount for the work of the Board during the ensuing year.

Third—That the policy of the Board shall be to avoid debt. Where debt has been unavoidably incurred, then allowance shall be made for the payment of the debt, as far as possible, during the ensuing year out of the estimated receipts.

Fourth—That the proposed consolidation of the treasurerships in the cities of New-York and Philadelphia is inexpedient.

Fifth—That this committee be enlarged by the addition of four new members, and continued, with instructions to consider the best methods of promoting harmony and co-operation between the Board of Home Missions and presbyteries and synods desiring to support and control their own work, and to report upon the subject to the next General Assembly.

## THE BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES.

### A LIVELY DISCUSSION ON RETRENCHMENT IN MISSIONARY EXPENDITURES.

Pittsburg, May 24.—After devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Emory W. Hunt, of Ohio, the eighty-third anniversary of the American Baptist Missionary Union began in the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church at 10 o'clock this morning. The Union, organized May 18, 1814, has charge of all the foreign mission work, and also has a number of institutions for higher education established under its control in foreign lands, as follows: The Baptist Theological Seminary, Insein, near Rangoon, Burmah; Rangoon Baptist College, Burmah; the Brownson Teluga Theological Seminary, Ramapatam, India; the American Baptist Mission College, Ongole, India; the Biblical School, Shaching, China; the Baptist Theological Seminary, Yokohama, Japan; Bethel Theological Seminary, Stockholm, Sweden, and the Baptist Theological School, Hamburg, Germany.

The convention was called to order by the Rev. Henry F. Colby, of Ohio, the president, after which the report of the Executive Committee was presented. The report gave an interesting account of the work done during the last year. The treasurer's report showed that he received $467,101 89. The expenditures were $759,823, leaving the debt April 1, 1897, $292,721.

"The foreign work," the report says, "has been faithfully prosecuted, though at a great disadvantage, resulting from reduced appropriations and the failure to provide reinforcements at points where additions to the staff of workers were sorely needed. The most prominent feature in the year's work is the awakening in China, where a marvellous change has occurred in the disposition and attitude of the stolid and conservative Chinese. The most important question has been the financial problem. Last year the committee said that in case the debt was increased during the year, there would be no alternative but to close some of our missions. Now, should every dollar of the present debt be raised, to attempt to continue work on the present scale would simply result in incurring another unless the offerings were greatly increased. It is the conviction of the Executive Committee that the appropriations for the coming year be made on a scale $60,000 below the present year, and in the years to come the average receipts from all sources from the five preceding years should be adopted as the basis of missionary appropriations for any single year. To effect this will, in heathen lands, compel the actual abandonment of stations upon some of the mission fields, with the recall of missionary families, and a serious reduction in the force of native workers upon others, besides such curtailment in the furnishing of missionary equipment as cannot fail to prove a serious embarrassment to workers in the field, and, for a time at least, restrict progress. From several of our European missions it will involve the withholding of nearly one-half the present appropriation, and a considerable reduction of the work in France, with the possible withdrawal altogether from Spain. Any line of action less drastic will fail to secure the relief demanded."

After the reading of the report the Rev. W. H. Cossum, a missionary from China, arose and said he was opposed to retrenchment. "You sent me to China to work," said he, "and you can't retrench me. You can't retard the work by retrenchment. I say to John D. Rockefeller or to any man who offers us money: 'First consecrate yourself to God; make your gift clean, and we will accept it. Otherwise we should not touch it.' I don't say this about John D. Rockefeller particularly or alone, but to all who make such offers." This statement caused a sensation, and for a moment there was a painful silence, followed by scattering applause.

A number of delegates followed Mr. Cossum in opposition to his remarks, but the chairman finally dismissed the matter by saying: "When our brother has been longer in this country and becomes better acquainted, he will modify his views."

The meeting then adjourned without taking action on the report under consideration.

## LAMB'S COPY OF CHAUCER SOLD.

At an auction sale of books at Bangs's, No. 93 Fifth-ave., yesterday afternoon, Lamb's copy of Chaucer was sold for $340. It was bought by Charles Scribner's Sons.

## MR. EVARTS BETTER.

William M. Evarts, who has been suffering from the grip at his home, No. 231 Second-ave., for several days, was reported much improved last night.

## OSCAR GARRETSON'S BODY FOUND.

The body of Oscar Garretson, a wealthy resident of Grasmere, was found yesterday in the bay, near Brooklyn, and cleared up the mystery of his disappearance, which occurred on April 14. Mr. Garretson was a member of the New-York Mercantile Exchange, and was in the commission business. He was forty-five years old, and had lived with his aged father and mother.

His disappearance was sudden, and every effort was made to find him. He started for business the day he disappeared, but never reached his office.

Mr. Garretson was to have married next month Miss Selina Dodd, a young woman who lives near the home of his parents. Neither she nor his relatives believe that he committed suicide, but declare he must have met foul play.

## COFFINS SCATTERED BY A CABLE-CAR.

Coffins fell with a crash in upper Third-ave. yesterday morning. It was caused by a collision between a northbound cable-car and a truck belonging to the New-York and Brooklyn Casket Company, carrying a load of the articles, and driven by Thomas Gorman, of No. 209 East Sixty-fifth-st. Gorman was thrown to the ground and sustained a bad scalp wound. He was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital. Anthony Winkler, of No. 442 East Houston-st., the gripman of the cable-car, was arrested, but the injured man sent word from the hospital that he would not prosecute, and Winkler was discharged in Yorkville Police Court.

## NEW ROUTE FOR THE FIREMEN'S PARADE.

The Fire Board yesterday decided to change the route of the firemen's parade which is to take place on Wednesday afternoon. The new route decided on is as follows: Assembling at Eighteenth-st. and Fourth-ave., parade to Broadway, thence to Union Square, where the review will take place, thence to Fourth-ave., to Fourteenth-st., to Sixth-ave., to Twenty-third-st., to Fifth-ave., to Twenty-sixth-st., to Madison-ave. and to Thirty-eighth-st., where the dismissal will take place.

## NEPHEWS SUE THE COLT ESTATE.

### THEY ALLEGE THAT MRS. SAMUEL COLT USED UNDUE INFLUENCE TO GET HER LATE HUSBAND TO REVOKE CODICILS IN THEIR FAVOR

Hartford, Conn., May 24.—A complaint has been filed in the United States Court in this city in an action brought against the estate of the late Colonel Samuel Colt, the millionaire inventor and manufacturer of firearms, by which his two nephews seek to recover $1,000,000. The nephews are James B. Colt, of Washington, D. C., and Norman Colt, of Seattle, sons of the late James B. Colt. Their attorney in the suit is James A. Blanchard, of New-York, and the lawyers for the estate are Gross, Hyde & Shipman, of this city.

Samuel Colt died in 1862, and an inventory placed his estate at about $3,250,000. His original will contained a bequest of 500 shares of the stock of the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company to his brother, James B. Colt, and additional bequests to the children of James B. Colt; but a later codicil revoked those bequests. James B. Colt brought suit after his brother's death, and the court awarded to him 574 shares of the stock of the firearms company. He died in 1878. Caldwell H. Colt, the son of Samuel Colt, died three years ago, and since then the burden of caring for the large estate of Samuel Colt has fallen upon his widow, seventy years old. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Colt has the affection and esteem of many people in Connecticut on account of her numerous charities and high character.

The complaint in the action brought against Mrs. Colt by the two nephews of her husband alleges that she used undue influence to get her husband to make the codicil revoking the bequests to them and their father in the original will of Samuel Colt. It is declared also that documents left by the late James B. Colt have been discovered recently, and they establish a claim to a share of the estate of his brother. Gross, Hyde & Shipman decline to talk further than to say that the case will be contested by the estate.

James A. Blanchard said to a Tribune reporter last evening: "It would be highly improper for me to give any information about the suit in which I have been retained. I have declined to give any information on the subject to the newspapers. The papers have been placed on file in the United States Court in Hartford, and information might have been obtained from them; but I cannot talk about the suit."

## THE MUSIC HALLS.

The audience at Koster & Bial's last night was thrilled by the dangerous performance of Emile Gautier and his horse, who capered about on a narrow pedestal and conducted themselves quite as if they had been in a good, comfortable circus ring. The exhibition of "high school" riding which M. Gautier gives would be good, even if it were on safe and level ground, but when it is lifted up in the air it is positively terrifying to those who realize how the safety of the man and the horse depend absolutely on the rider's perfect management, and how fatal any little mistake of the man or the animal would be to both of them. The performance at Koster & Bial's this week is one of simple variety, unincumbered by any attempt at burlesque or extravaganza, and it is the better for the change. The leading features of the bill, in addition to M. Gautier's horse, are Madeline Marshall and Kitty Nelson, in songs and dances; Kaoly, acrobatic contortionist; the sisters Hawthorne; the De Filippes, in international dances; Leola Mitchell, "the living doll"; the Nichols sisters, Miss Merri Osborn, and Mathews and Bulger.

The new St. Nicholas Music Hall, at Columbus-ave. and Sixty-sixth-st., seems to be making its way with the amusement-seekers of that part of the city. The entertainment there last night was provided by Miss May Howard, the three sisters Lane, the three Gardners, Moe and Goodrick, Rexo and Ascot, Miss Truly Shattuck, John J. Tierney, Edward and Rolla White, in an exhibition of hag punching; Robinson, Wizard; Genaro and Biley, Miss Elly Coghlan, Hodges and Launchmere, colored singers and dancers; Mlle. Florine and William de Bos, head balancer.

The customary crowds attended the continuous performance at Tony Pastor's Theatre yesterday and were entertained by Miss Maud Nugent, the four Angela sisters, Watson and Dupre, W. T. Bryant and Miss Mabel Darville, in "The Saving Woman"; Jerome and Bell, Walton and Mayon, Hiatt and Pearl, M. S. Whallen, the La Verde sisters, in character changes, introducing wing and clog dancing; Terry and Elmer, Gallagher and Lamro, Edwards and Kernell, and the three Renos.

The Eden Musée was attractive last evening. The wax figures have on their summer clothes, and there have been many changes in arrangement. The orchestra gave a pleasing programme. Among the numbers were selections from "Faust," "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Lohengrin" and "Carmen," besides two of gypsy music. The cinematograph displayed new moving pictures.

At Olympia the prayer is still for hot weather, to drive people out of the theatres and into the roof garden. The roof garden is comfortable enough, but the trouble about it is that the theatres are so, too. The programme of last night included Miss Josie De Witt, the violinist; Josephine Sabel, the Manhattan Comedy Four, Bonnie Lottie, Arras and Alice, Lizzie B. Raymond, Galetti's monkeys, Papinta, Newell and Shivett, horizontal bar performers, and Oceana, contortionist.

The Black Patti and her troubadours remain at the Pleasure Palace, where a considerable stay is now planned for them. Their two performances yesterday were enjoyed by large audiences. In the list of entertainers were John W. Ransone, the Alabama Trio, H. Guy Woodward, Bessie Warren and Mack Charles, Charles J. Stine and Ollie Evans, Charles Sweet, the Washburn sisters, "Billy" Van and Viva Nobriga, Pacy and Hanley, Kathleen Warren, dancer; Coakley and Husted, Gracey and Reynolds, the Mahr sisters, in acrobatic songs and dances; "Tom" Nolan, vocalist, and Bartelmus, equilibrist.

## THE REV. DR. PARKHURST ILL.

The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst is confined to his home, at No. 133 East Thirty-fifth-st., with an attack of the grip. At the house last night it was said that the doctor's illness was not serious, and that Dr. Parkhurst's physicians say he will be able to go about his work as usual in a day or so.

## MR. HAVEMEYER GOES TO WASHINGTON.

Henry O. Havemeyer, the president, and John E. Searles, the secretary and treasurer, of the American Sugar Company (Sugar Trust), went to Washington yesterday to be present to-day when their trial is called for contempt of the United States Senate in refusing to answer questions in the Sugar investigation. They were accompanied by their counsel, John E. Parsons.

## A POSTAL OFFICIAL INVITED TO CHINA.

Chicago, May 24.—Frederick F. Stoll, formerly general superintendent of city delivery in the Chicago Postoffice, has been asked, through a representative of Li Hung Chang, to take charge of the free-delivery postal system which it is proposed to establish in Hong Kong. The offer carries a salary of $6,000 a year for five years.

## CONGRESSMAN STEVENS INDICTED.

St. Paul, Minn., May 24.—The Grand Jury this afternoon returned another sensational indictment, Congressman F. C. Stevens being charged with an overdraft of $2,200 in his account with the Minnesota Savings Bank at the time when he was a trustee and acting president of the bank. According to the receivers of the bank, the books show that Mr. Stevens, at the time of the overdraft, was a creditor of the bank for $2,350 for attorney's fees, and there are also two cash credits of $1,000 each for 1892 and 1893. The receivers also explain that the technical overdraft was repaid within one month after being called to Mr. Stevens's attention. Mr. Stevens will demand an immediate trial.

## CANDIDATES FOR SENATOR EARLE'S SEAT

Columbia, S. C., May 24 (Special).—Friends of Dr. Carlisle, president of Wofford College; General Wade Hampton, United States Railroad Commissioner; W. D. Evans, ex-Governor John Gary Evans, Congressman McLaurin and Solicitor G. Duncan Bellinger are pressing their claims for appointment to the United States Senate before Governor Ellerbe. The appointment will probably be made in a few days. The supposition that Ellerbe would appoint a weak man, contemplating making the race himself before the Legislature, is erroneous. He will not be a candidate.

## FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES SUMMONED.

Madison, Wis., May 24.—Insurance Commissioner Fricke to-day ordered the Colonial Fire Insurance Company, of New-York; the New-York Fire Insurance Company and the Schuylkill Fire Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, to show cause on May 31 why their Wisconsin licenses should not be revoked. It is charged that the companies have violated the Wisconsin resident agent law in writing policies through Charles D. Cox, a Chicago insurance agent.

### OLD-FASHIONED GERMAN BEER.

Popular taste, like fashion, shows a pronounced tendency nowadays to return to the good old customs and enjoyments of our forefathers. This is particularly noticeable among consumers of lager beer, who, as a class, are showing a preference, akin to an affection, for the old-fashioned German brewing. To gratify this growing demand Beadleston & Woerz, of New-York, one of the largest breweries in the United States, have just introduced a new brand, called Imperial German Brew, in which, by their strict adherence to Malt and Hops, exclusively, for the ingredients, the purity, flavor, color, and body of the old-fashioned lager beer is reproduced to a degree of perfection that makes it identical with the product of fifty years ago. For the purpose of giving an immediate opportunity to persons desiring to try it, Beadleston & Woerz will deliver it direct from the brewery, 231 West 10th st., N. Y. adv.

## A RECEPTION FOR BISHOP ANDREWS.

### CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION.

Twenty-five years ago yesterday eight bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church were ordained in Brooklyn. Four of them have since died; the remaining four celebrated the anniversary of their ordination last evening—the Rev. Dr. Randolph S. Foster, in Boston; the Rev. Drs. Stephen M. Merrill and Thomas Bowman, in Chicago, and the Rev. Dr. Edward G. Andrews, in this city, at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, No. 131 West One-hundred-and-fourth-st. There the Methodist Social Union, of which J. A. Punderford is president, extended to Bishop Andrews cordial greetings and congratulations. Practical testimonials to the high esteem in which he is held took the form of a silver service, presented to him by the Rev. Dr. William V. Kelly, of Brooklyn, Editor of "The Methodist Review," on behalf of the preachers' meeting,

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and of $25 contributed by a number of friends and presented by Bowles Colgate. After the formal presentation of these gifts, which took place in the auditorium of the church, which was handsomely decorated, supper was served in the Sunday-school room. About four hundred guests sat down at the table. Among them were the Rev. Drs. P. H. Waters, of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church; the Rev. Dr. Andrew Longacre, of the Madison Avenue Church; Dr. Henry A. Buttz, president of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.; Dr. J. O. Wilson, of St. Andrew's Church; the Rev. George P. Eckman, of St. Paul's Church; the Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur, of Calvary Baptist Church, and Presiding Elder G. W. Smith.

The Reception Committee in charge of the affair consisted of S. Williams, W. J. Stitt, I. H. Tifft, E. M. Millet, Muton See and John D. Crouch.

## MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

It was Tammany night at the Irish Fair, in the Grand Central Palace, last night, and the coffers of the committee and the many booths were materially strengthened. John C. Sheehan, accompanied by Mrs. Sheehan, was among the guests, and Mr. Sheehan made a short speech. Among others present were Augustus W. Peters, Register Sohmer, Coroner Fitzpatrick and Justices Conlan and McCarthy.

A meeting in the interest of the Catholic Summer School of America was held last night in the theatre of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club. Archbishop Corrigan presided and delivered a brief address in opening the meeting, expressing a hope that the coming sixth session of the Catholic Summer School might be a complete success. Other speakers were the Rev. Dr. Denis M. Mahon, of St. Thomas's Church, West Farms; Judge James Fitzgerald, T. S. O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools; Thomas J. Gargan, of Boston; Justice Joseph F. Daly and General John B. Frisbie. A large number of Catholic clergymen and laymen accompanied Archbishop Corrigan on the platform.

The tenth anniversary of the organization of the Sunday-school of the West End Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam-ave. and One-hundred-and-fifth-st., was celebrated last evening in the church building. The Rev. Dr. John Balcom Shaw, pastor of the church, presided, and the building was crowded with old and new teachers and friends of the Sunday-school. The Rev. Dr. James H. Hoadley and J. Finley Smith, the committee of the Presbytery which organized the school, and George W. Beale, the first superintendent, spoke of the early work of the school. The Rev. Dr. H. P. Atterbury, of the Park Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam-ave. and Eighty-sixth-st.; the Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Kerr, of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, West End-ave. and Ninety-third-st.; the Rev. Dr. Ketcham, of Yonkers, and the Rev. Dr. Marling, who took part in the dedicatory services, also made short addresses.

A dinner for President Hunter of the Normal College will be given by his old pupils of school No. 35, o. which he was the principal from 1855 to 1868. It will take place in September or October. Controller Ashbel P. Fitch, Corporation Counsel Francis M. Scott and Charles Putzel, a school inspector, comprise the committee having the dinner in charge.

Thirteen members of the senior class of the De La Salle Institute last night competed in a prize elocutionary contest in the lecture-room of the Institute, at No. 107 West Fifty-eighth-st., before a large audience. The contest was for the Travers gold medal, which was won by Joseph L. Hunt, whose subject was "Toussaint l'Overture." Honorable mention was also made of John J. Murphy, H. D. Brennan and Joseph M. Murphy. The judges were the Rev. M. C. O'Farrell, Professor J. J. Wilford, James F. Mackey, Father Virgil, Brother Paphylinus, Professor John Haaren and James J. Grady.

## M'GILL GRADUATES TO CELEBRATE.

The society of New-York graduates of McGill University held its second annual dinner at the Hotel Savoy last night. There was a large attendance. The speeches were interspersed with songs by Dr. Mackay and Dr. Becket. The Rev. E. H. Krans acted as toastmaster, and the toasts were as follows: "Alma Mater," responded to by Dr. H. Aster; "Benefactors," Dr. Wolfred Nelson; "Sister Universities," Professor Charles G. D. Roberts, Dr. Brock Carter and Clement R. Gale; "The World's Interest in the Coming Jubilee," the Rev. Dr. Maynard; "Our Guests," S. Greenbaum and Dr. A. N. Bell; "The Canadian Society," Dr. J. A. Meek, president; "The Debt We Owe McGill," Dr. H. N. Vineberg, and "The Ladies," Dr. W. Ferguson.

## THE WEATHER REPORT.

### YESTERDAY'S RECORD AND TO-DAY'S FORECAST.

Washington, May 24.—The pressure is relatively high over the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and it is low in the St. Lawrence Valley and on the Atlantic coast. An area of high pressure covers the lake regions and the Mississippi Valley. The pressure is low in the Rocky Mountain districts, with a storm centre to the north of Montana. The barometer has risen throughout the lake regions, the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri valleys; it has fallen on the Northern Rocky Mountain plateau. The temperature is lower in the lake regions, the Ohio and Middle Mississippi valleys, also in the North Pacific States; it is higher in the Upper Missouri Valley. Showers and thunderstorms have occurred throughout New-England, the Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley and lower lake region, also on the Middle Rocky Mountain plateau. Threatening weather, with showers, is indicated for New-England Tuesday morning. The weather will probably clear in the lake regions early Tuesday, and will be generally fair during the day. The weather will be fair in the Gulf States, the Mississippi and Missouri valleys, and occasional showers are indicated for the Rocky Mountain slope. The temperature will fall in New-England, in the Mississippi Valley and lake region.

### DETAILED FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For Maine, New-Hampshire and Vermont, continued threatening weather and showers; cooler; variable winds, becoming northerly.

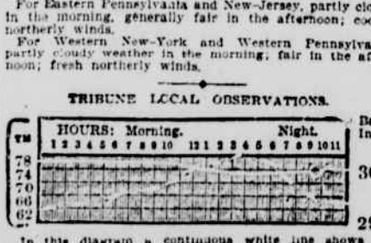
For Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, unsettled weather, with showers in the morning, probably clearing weather by Tuesday night; cooler; variable winds, becoming northerly.

For Eastern New-York, threatening weather, with occasional showers in the morning, probably clearing in the afternoon; cooler; northerly winds.

For Eastern Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, partly cloudy in the morning, generally fair in the afternoon; cooler; northerly winds.

For Western New-York and Western Pennsylvania, partly cloudy weather in the morning, fair in the afternoon; fresh northerly winds.

### TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.




In this diagram a continuous white line shows the changes in pressure as indicated by The Tribune's self-recording barometer. The dotted line represents the temperature as recorded at Perry's Pharmacy.

Tribune Office, May 25, 1 a. m.—The weather yesterday was showery. The temperature ranged between 62 and 78 degrees, the average (68¼ degrees) being 4¾ degrees higher than that of Sunday and 8⅝ degrees higher than that of the corresponding day of last year.

The weather in the vicinity to-day will be showery in the morning, and fair and cooler in the afternoon.

## OBITUARY.

### PERCY WEST.

Percy West, business manager of the Carnegie Lyceum, died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at his home, No. 1,023 Sixth-ave., after a three weeks' illness, from typhoid fever. Mr. West was thirty-six years old, and was born in Philadelphia. His real name was Percy West Dieterichs. His father, Emil Dieterichs, is a wealthy citizen of Cleveland, Ohio, and the proprietor of the Dieterichs Oil Company, of that place. When Percy West was graduated from the Cleveland High School he was received into partnership with his father. Sixteen years ago he married Miss Gertrude Robinson, of Cleveland, and she, with a daughter, Percita, thirteen years old, survives him. Mrs. West was ambitious to enter the dramatic profession, and in 1889 she prevailed upon her husband to come to New-York. They both entered the American Academy of Dramatic Art, and remained there two years, playing meanwhile in the Lyceum stock company. Mr. West took the part of Matthew Culver in "The Wife." He then organized the "Old, Old Story" company, and made a tour of the country. He returned to New-York in 1892 and became the manager of Madame Delfart, a reader and elocutionist, and also business manager for Franklin H. Sargent. He remained with the latter in this capacity until 1896, when he was made business manager of the Carnegie Lyceum by Mr. Sargent. He was a Mason, Odd Fellows, and member of the Players and the Manhattan Athletic Club.

The funeral will be held to-morrow at 3 p. m. at the Carnegie Lyceum, and the body will be then taken to Fresh Pond, Long Island, and cremated.

### MRS. CHARLES CUTTER.

Mrs. Olive Lovejoy Noyes, widow of Dr. Charles Cutter, of the Harvard Medical School, died yesterday at her home in Princeville, Peoria County, Ill., in her eighty-first year. She was born in Windham, N. H., and was the oldest of eight children, among whom were Moses Noyes, who accomplished the most difficult work of the Fourth-ave. tunnel, New-York, and J. L. Noyes, who has just retired from the superintendency of the Minnesota Institution for Deaf and Dumb. In early life she was a teacher in Abbott Academy, Andover, Mass.

Dr. and Mrs. Cutter were closely associated with William Lloyd Garrison in anti-slavery work in Boston, and in 1843 went West, where in the fierce struggle over slavery Dr. Cutter and others of his family were mobbed, shot and otherwise injured. On several occasions Mrs. Cutter rescued her home, her husband and numerous refugees from mobs. Dr. and Mrs. Cutter had two children, Olivia, during the Civil War in charge of some army hospital work, and Charles Forrest Cutter, the only surviving member of the family, who has of late years been in the publishing business in this city.

### OBITUARY NOTES.

Rome, N. Y., May 24.—William Gilbert Cornwell, treasurer of the Rome State Custodial Asylum, died to-day. He was sixty-six years old.

Newburg, N. Y., May 24.—Robert Wilson, well known in the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, died here this morning at the age of fifty-four years. In 1888 he was elected junior department commander of the State, after having served as aide-de-camp on the department commander's staff, and also on that of the commander-in-chief. He enlisted in the Union Army at the age of eighteen, and served through the Civil War.

## THE TRIAL OF VON TAUSCH BEGUN.

### SEQUEL TO THE IMPRISONMENT OF BARON VON LUETZOW AND HERR LECKERS.

Berlin, May 24.—The trial of Herr von Tausch, the former Commissioner of the Secret Political Police, who was arrested on December 8 last, at the close of the sensational Luetzow-Leckers trial, at which the Imperial Chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe; the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, and the German Ambassador to Austria, Count Philip von Eulenberg, were among the witnesses, began to-day, and will probably last a week. Among the witnesses summoned are Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, Count Philip von Eulenberg, ex-Ministers Von Koeller and General Bronsart von Schellendorf, Police President Windheim, Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, and about fifty newspaper men; besides a number of officials belonging to the different Ministries.

At the opening of the trial the president of the court cautioned Baron von Luetzow, who, with Herr Leckers, was sentenced to sixteen months' imprisonment, on the charge of libelling Baron Marschall von Bieberstein and Count von Eulenberg, in asserting that the wording of the Czar's toast to Emperor William at Breslau last year was altered at their instance, not to depart from the actual truth in the testimony which he might be called upon to give against Von Tausch.

The former chief of the Secret Political Police was then examined. He made a statement relative to the employment of Von Luetzow and a newspaper man named Schumann by the Secret Political Police, and assured the court that he, Von Tausch, had never caused political interests to be served by his agents.

Schumann, or Normann-Schumann, is said to have been much more guilty than Baron von Luetzow, whose accomplice he is charged with being. Schumann escaped from Berlin just in time to avoid arrest. He was charged, in conjunction with Baron von Luetzow, with having signed fictitious names to receipts for money given them to bribe newspaper writers or editors or subordinate employes of the Government to furnish secret information of every kind wanted in the alleged campaign to discredit the existing Cabinet.

Von Luetzow, in the course of his examination, testified that he received definite instructions to publish reports about the ear troubles of the Emperor.

The witness was asked if Von Tausch assigned these troubles to an alleged malady. He replied:

"Certainly. Von Tausch said the malady had a cancerous basis, was inherited from his father and that the disease considerably affected His Majesty's general health."

## LOCAL BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.

John Hoyer has been appointed receiver in supplementary proceedings for Thomas J. McArthur, promoter and inventor, of No. 258 West Fifty-fourth-st., on the application of Groot & Chapman. The debtor is ordered to deliver to the receiver all his stock in the American Street Sweeper Association and in the Corn Exchange and Register Company. He is a brother of John McArthur, formerly employed by the H. B. Claflin Company, who died a month ago in Texas, leaving an estate of $24,000 cash and 520 shares of common stock of the H. B. Claflin Company. Thomas J. McArthur is one of the heirs, but he transferred his interest in the estate three weeks ago to Miss Laura Shaw.

Daniel J. Early has been appointed receiver in supplementary proceedings for Charles H. Bliss, builder, of No. 115 Broadway, on the application of Henry R. Bradbury. Mr. Bliss has been in business for twenty years, and has erected many large apartment