BROOKLYN SOCIAL WORLD.

A dance was given by Mrs. Erastus H. Barnes, of No. 44 Montgomery Place, in honor of her daughter, Miss Beatrice Barnes, on Wednesday evening in the Pierrepont Assembly Rooms. The electric lights of the ballrooms were covered with a deep rose crêpe paper, softening and enriching the effect of the light. The walls were decorated with smilax, and in the corners were banks of ferns and palms. Large hemlocks were placed in the supper room. The music was furnished by the Von Baar Orchestra.

Mrs. Emil Henry Weber, of Carlton-ave., gave a tea on Wednesday afternoon, from 4 until 10 o'clock, in honor of her daughter, Miss Marie Beaumont Weber. In the receiving party were Mrs. A. L. Smith, Mrs. H. W. Floyd, Mrs. Victor Baillard, Miss Marion Wiggin, Miss Susanne Anderton, Miss Clyde McCarroll and Miss Marguerite Walbridge.

The next Bensonhurst subscription dance will be given on Friday at the Dyker Heights Club house, Eighty-sixth-st. and Thirteenth-ave.

The Alumnæ Association of Miss Whitcomb's Seminary is to give a valentine luncheon in the large red dining room of the Union League Club house on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Victor Baillard and Miss Anita Gibson will sing. Miss Marion Wiggin will play the violin and Miss Alice Post will recite.

The last of the Cinderella Dances was given on Friday night at the Pierrepont Assembly Rooms. The committee in charge consisted of Arthur Corlies, H. Evelyn Pierrepont, jr., and David Stuart. The patronesses were Mrs. Jonathan Buckley, Mrs. G. T. Lanman, Mrs. James W. MacBride, Mrs. W. Sterling Peters, Mrs. Joseph F. Stillman and Mrs. William A. Taylor. The favors were shepherds' crooks, scarfs and tambourines.

"The Governor's Vrouw" will be presented by the Columbia Musical Society at the Academy of Music on Monday evening, February 26, for the benefit of the Brooklyn Home for Aged Men.

The Eastern District will be largely represented at a pre-Lenten dance which will be given at the Pouch Gallery on Friday evening. Among the patronesses are Mrs. Augustus P. Day, Mrs. William Cullen Bryant, Mrs. Jacob Southard Van Wyck, Mrs. James A. Sparrow, Mrs. Frank Russell Baker and Mrs. Charles Frazier Leggett.

A recent engagement is that of Miss Grace Estelle Butler, second daughter of Mrs. Frances I. Butler, of No. 29 Monroe Place, to Luther Lawrence Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frazier, of No. 67 Cambridge Place.

Another pre-Lenten dance will be given on Friday evening, Feb. ıary 23, in the Pierrepont Assembly Rooms. The committee consists of Frederick T. Ackermann, Redmond Keresey, jr., Louis H. May and George A. Street. The patronesses are Mrs. Frank R. Benedict, Mrs. G. W. Street, Mrs. C. F. Ackermann, Mrs. Edward Goodwin, Mrs. J. B. Francis Hereshoff, Mrs. Kenneth Torrance, Mrs. Albert Lincoln Mason, Mrs. G. Morgan Muren, Mrs. Ernest Greene and Mrs. Albert D. Blashfield.

The engagement is announced of Miss Anna Pinkerton, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allan Pinkerton, of No. 71 Eighth-ave., to Lewis Mills Gibb, son of John Gibb, of No. 218 Gates-ave. Miss Pinkerton is a graduate of Packer Institute and a member of the Civitas and Asacog clubs. Mr. Gibb is a brother of Mrs. Herbert Lee Pratt.

Mrs. James Black Hodgskin has issued invitations for a luncheon on St. Valentine's Day in honor of two prospective brides—Miss Lang, who is engaged to T. E. Hodgskin, and Miss Abbot, who is to marry Julien Miner Hodgskin.

An engagement recently announced is that of Miss Lucy Dalrymple Rogers to Frank Dominick Mead. Miss Rogers is a niece of Mrs. George Lee, of No. 122 Amity-st., and a cousin of the Rev. Arthur B. Kinsolving, rector of Christ Church. Mr. Mead, who has lived for several years on the Heights, is a member of the Crescent Athletic Club and was one of the leaders in the Tuesday evening dances.

Miss Bessie Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey Cook, of No. 1,097 Dean-st., and Thomas Pendreigh, whose engagement was announced recently, will be married in the Memorial Presbyterian Church Tuesday, February 27. Mrs. George Wood Wingate and Miss Wingate gave a luncheon last Friday in honor of Miss Cook.

The next social tea of the Woman's Republican Union League will be held on Wednesday, February 21, from 3 to 5 o'clock p. m., at the home of Mrs. F. Haslam, No. 470 Willoughby-ave. An attractive programme has been prepared by Mrs. Annie Mixseli, chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Tea will be served by Mrs. Richard Nugent and Miss Jennie E. Radell. Arrangements are being made for a progressive euchre and musical, which is to be held after Lent. Five new members were received at the regular meeting last Tuesday.

Miss Lillian V. Leash entertained the Prospect Social Club at her home, No. 683 Sterling Place, Tuesday evening. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Jones, No. 13 Marion-st.

The annual reception of the Fenelon will be given at the Pouch Gallery on Tuesday evening. Andrew McLean will lecture on "The Poetry of Emerson."

Mrs. A. C. Twine and Miss Maud Williams, of No. 889 Union-st., will give a progressive euchre to-morrow evening.

Thirty students from Hampton Institute will present Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart's "Golden Wedding" on Thursday evening in Memorial Hall, Young Women's Christian Association Building, in Schermerhorn-st. The story has been dramatized by Miss Alice Bacon. The proceeds are to be devoted to defraying the expenses of the institute. The Hampton Male Quartet and a chorus will sing plantation songs. Mrs. Stuart will also read from some of her own writings.

The Criterion Theatre was filled on Thursday evening, when the Unity Club gave a minstrel show.

A "heart party" was given on Thursday evening by Miss Dalton and Miss Duryea, of No. 3 Montague Terrace.

The third of the Packer Alumni teas is to be given on Wednesday afternoon at No. 84 Remsen-st.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knight Dyer, of No. 86 Lefferts Place, have sent out invitations for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, to be held on Monday, February 26, at 8:30 p. m.

Mrs. William C. Pate gave a luncheon on Friday in honor of Mrs. C. P. Rees, wife of Lieutenant Commander Rees.

An evening of negro songs and songs by Mrs. Dora C. Howard, of Washington, D. C., for the benefit of the Home for Destitute Children, will be given on Monday, February 26, at the home of Mrs. H. B. Claflin, No. 55 Pierrepont-st.

The Easter Charity Ball will be held in the Pouch Gallery on Wednesday, April 18. Mrs. Calvin E. Hull is arranging the dance.

Colonel William Hester and Mr. and Mrs. William V. Hester expect to start the latter part of this month for Palm Beach. In May Colonel Hester will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Marshall on a trip to Europe.

The Civitas Club will discuss at the meeting on Wednesday "Some Phases of the New Religion." Mrs. Frank Day Tuttle will preside, and among the speakers will be Mrs. James A. Radcliffe, Miss Rosalie Kelsey, Miss Alice Lowell, Mrs. Henry S. Lampher, Miss M. Clyde McCarroll and Mrs. Darwin J. Meserole.

Mrs. Walter St. John Benedict will hold the second of two "at homes" on Thursday afternoon at her home, No. 75 Columbia Heights.

Mrs. Charles Hiram Hyde and Miss Frances Tremaine Hyde, of No. 874 Park Place, have issued cards for the afternoon of St. Valentine's Day. A euchre will follow in the evening.

Mrs. Frank Prentice Abbot and Miss Abbot, of No. 5 First Place, will receive at their home on Friday afternoon. The receiving party will be entertained at dinner, and there will be a dance in the evening.

Mrs. George Birch Abott, of No. 96 Joralemon-st., has issued cards for Thursday and Friday afternoons of this week. Mrs. William G. Longmire, Mrs. Rufus George Shirley and Miss Longmire, of No. 216 St. John's Place, will receive Friday and Saturday afternoons.

A musical will be given by a number of the young women of the East End, assisted by William F. Leggett. It is expected to be held at the home of Miss Mabel E. Jacobs, No. 150 Keap-st., on Tuesday night, February 20.

Miss Lillian Felton Balcom, daughter of Mrs. Emma J. Balcom, of No. 422 Classon-ave., will be married to Henry Beeman Du Mont, of Jersey City Heights, on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride. Mrs. C. Augustus Peck, sister of the bride, will be matron of honor, Miss Alma Jackson flower girl, Miss Dorothy Williamson, cousin of the bride, and Miss Ethel Du Mont, niece of the bridegroom, ribbon bearers; Lester Mather, of Jersey City Heights, best man, and Frank Older and William Axford, of Jersey City, ushers.

The Eastern District was well represented at the fifth annual promenade concert and ball given Wednesday evening at the Pouch Gallery in aid of the Brooklyn Eastern District Dispensary and Hospital, No. 106 to 112 South Third-st. The grand march, in which there were more than three hundred couples, was led by President and Mrs. J. F. Bendernagel.

Miss Emmeline Louise Yerbury, daughter of Mrs. Eliza Yerbury, was married on Wednesday evening at the home of her mother, at No. 318 Greene-ave., to William H. C. Sparling, of Brooklyn.

Mrs. Walter Gibb, of No. 12 Monroe Place, gave receptions on Friday and yesterday. In the receiving party Friday were Mrs. Gibb's mother, Mrs. A. S. Swan; Mrs. Herbert Pratt, Mrs. Bryan Alley, Miss Alice Gibb, Mrs. Eugene Lamb Richards, of Manhattan; Mrs. Spencer A. Jennings and Miss Anna Pinkerton. Yesterday the members of the receiving party were Mrs. Swan, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. William L. Hester, Mrs. John Gibb, Mrs. James L. Morgan, jr., Mrs. Horatio Adams and Mrs. John Henry Dick.

Miss Winifred Staples, a pupil of Charles Stuart Phillips, gave a concert at the Pouch Gallery Thursday evening.

COAL BOAT SINKS IN WALLABOUT BASIN.

CAPTAIN MARTIN NARROWLY ESCAPES BEING DROWNED.

Captain Martin, seventy years old, the captain of two coal boats, had an exciting time yesterday morning in the Wallabout Channel. His boats, the Patty and the Acorn, were being towed from the Navy Yard down the East River by a tug of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company a little after 1 o'clock yesterday morning. The line broke and the coal boats drifted about. The Acorn drifted into the Navy Yard, by the Patty, with Captain Martin aboard, was carried into the Wallabout Basin, where she sank. Captain Martin tried to swim ashore, but the cakes of ice prevented him. He was struggling in the water near the battleship Indiana when his cries attracted the attention of the crew of the Nina, one of the Navy Yard tugs, and he was taken on board and attended by the surgeon of the Indiana. Later he was removed to the Homœopathic Hospital, suffering from exposure. Captain Martin told the physicians that his experience was one of the most thrilling he ever had.

A CHILD SANG IN SALOONS.

THE CUSTODY OF THE LITTLE GIRL TURNED OVER TO THE CARE OF HER AUNT.

Magistrate Lemon in the Manhattan-ave. police court yesterday gave the custody of Mary Smith, eight years old, to the child's aunt, Mrs. Mary Smith, who lives in Huntington-st., Maspeth. The story told to the Magistrate by the child, who is a pretty little girl, was that she had been singing in saloons and low resorts, collecting money and turning it over to her father. The girl's mother is dead, and the child has been living for some months past with the family of Charles Ohewall, who keeps a saloon at No. 205 Scholes-st. Mrs. Ohewall, who was in court, said that Mary was not made to sing, and that she provided good clothes for the girl.

Magistrate Lemon, in turning the child over to Mrs. Smith, said that if Mary's father tried to take the child away from her she should have him arrested.

ALLEGED BAD MAN SHOT.

SALOONKEEPER PROTECTS HIMSELF FROM THE "RAINMAKERS'" GANG.

Francis Enright, said to be the chief of the "Rainmakers'" gang, which has long terrorized people in Williamsburg, was shot and severely wounded in the head yesterday afternoon by Samuel Goldstein, a saloonkeeper at No. 37 Metropolitan-ave. When Goldstein fired the shot, Enright, it is alleged, was trying to wreck the saloon. The headquarters of the gang is under the new North Second-st. pier. Nearly all the members have served time in the Kings County Penitentiary.

Friday night five of the gang entered Goldstein's saloon and demanded drinks. Goldstein refused and they began to wreck the place. Yesterday morning Goldstein obtained warrants against them. Enright learned of the warrants and when Goldstein returned to the saloon Enright proceeded to turn the place inside out. Goldstein used a club with such effect that Enright went to the hospital. Yesterday afternoon, despite his injuries, Enright undertook to make a second assault on the place. Goldstein drew a revolver and fired.

A MEDAL FOR COLONEL BRITTON.

Colonel Edward E. Britton, of Brooklyn, who is an honorary member of the Royal United Service Institution of Great Britain, and who holds the record for rapidity in organizing, arming and equipping in sixty days the 114th Regiment at the breaking out of the Spanish war, has won a gold medal, $100 and a life membership in the Military Service Institution of the United States by his essay on the subject, "In What Way Can the National Guard Be Modified so as to Make It an Effective Reserve to the Regular Army in Both War and Peace?" The award of the prize to Colonel Britton was announced yesterday by the secretary of the institution. The Board which passed upon the essays consisted of Governor Roosevelt, Major-General Thomas H. Ruger, U. S. A., and Major-General Joseph W. Plume, of New-Jersey.

THE TISSOT FUND INCREASING.

Announcement was made at the February meeting of the trustees of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, held yesterday at the institute, that up to date $20,032 had been subscribed for the fund of $60,000 necessary to purchase the Tissot collection of paintings.

The fact that certain prominent citizens of Boston are trying to secure the collection for that city, added to the statement that a prominent museum had offered $100,000 for the paintings, has spurred the directors of the institute to greater activity in raising the money to purchase the paintings. Many clergymen of Brooklyn are interested in the movement to bring the pictures to this borough, and have promised to aid in securing the money.

ROBBED A SHOW WINDOW.

While William Tracy, who is deaf, was sleeping in a room off his auction room at No. 152 Franklin-st., Greenpoint, early yesterday morning, thieves broke a large show window and carried off musical instruments, clothing, revolvers and jewelry valued at more than $200.

The police of the Greenpoint-ave. station arrested William Judge, twenty years old, of No. 1,040 Manhattan-ave., on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery. The prisoner denied all knowledge of it.

A MINISTER ASKED TO RESIGN.

Douglaston, Long Island, Feb. 10.—The Rev. J. B. Blanchett, pastor of Zion Episcopal Church, has, it is alleged, been requested to resign by the vestry. The rector has refused to resign, and Bishop Littlejohn has been appealed to to settle the difficulty. Mr. Blanchett has stated from the pulpit, it is said, that he believed the church funds had not only been misapplied, but that they were not always used honestly. The vestry considered these charges yesterday.

Mr. Blanchett, when he assumed the rectorship about a year ago, immediately started an investigation into the finances of the church.

Mr. Blanchett said yesterday:

I told the vestrymen that if the money derived from two endowments was not spent as the donors stipulated the heirs could claim the money. I will not resign, for I have five months' back salary coming to me.

The vestrymen say that they will settle accounts with the minister only when he presents his resignation.

FLUSHING HOSPITAL MAY CLOSE.

The Flushing Hospital and Dispensary, at Flushing, is short of funds, and according to Dr. William A. Allen, secretary of the Board of Trustees, the institution will have to close soon if no money is obtained. Dr. Allen says that since the first of the year the hospital has been conducted under a new law, which operates to its disadvantage. "The law," added Dr. Allen, "is very unfair, and discriminates against us. As a result we have only received $200 from the city for the month of January, while our expenses are about $1,000. It appears very much as though a studied attempt is being made to deprive the Flushing Hospital of its means of existence."

THE INJUNCTION NOT VACATED.

Justice Jenks, at a special term of the Supreme Court, yesterday denied the application of James C. Cropsey, a lawyer, for an order vacating the injunction restraining the Controller from paying to Magistrate Henry Bristow his salary for January. Justice Jenks said that the application was premature. The injunction had been obtained by Simeon M. Jones, who held a judgment against Henry Bristow, and the examination of the latter had not been completed.

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A SUBWAY TO THE BRIDGE.

EX-MAYOR SCHIEREN'S PLAN TO RELIEVE THE CONGESTION IN FULTON-ST.

Ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren has proposed the construction of a subway from Flatbush-ave. and Fulton-st. to the Bridge, in order to relieve the congestion of Fulton-st., in the heart of the business section of Brooklyn. His plan has received the indorsement of several prominent citizens of this borough who were associated with Mr. Schieren when he was Mayor and to whom he broached the subject at the recent annual dinner of the members of his administration at the Hamilton Club.

The conditions which prevail in Fulton-st. are similar to those that existed in Tremont-st., Boston, prior to the opening of the Boston subway, and Mr. Schieren believes that the most feasible relief can be found in constructing a subway, as was done in Boston. Through such a subway the various lines of trolley cars could be run from Flatbush-ave. to the Bridge, leaving the street free for the ordinary business of that thoroughfare. The running of the cars in the subway would also insure quick transit, which would not be the least desirable of the benefits to be gained from a subway. For several years the congestion has been growing greater and greater, until now it takes about twenty minutes to traverse this half mile in the cars. In the rush hours one can walk more rapidly than the cars are able to run.

It has been proposed that Livingston-st. be widened, and others have suggested continuing Flatbush-ave., in order to relieve the traffic in Fulton-st.; but it is declared that either of these plans would be more expensive and less satisfactory than the subway.

Frank Squier, Park Commissioner under Mayor Schieren, expressed himself as emphatically in favor of the subway project. He said:

The politicians in power are behind this widening of Livingston-st. They have purchased property there and intend to realize on it when this chance arises. But much better than this use of Livingston-st. to relieve the congestion of cars on Fulton-st. would be the tunnel from the Bridge to Flatbush-ave., as proposed in ex-Mayor Schieren's plan. Such a plan would in no way cause Fulton-st. to be rendered useless, as traffic could go on as it does now overhead. The scheme provides for a double track structure. This would accommodate the cars, which could be run as expresses from Flatbush-ave. to the Bridge.

The cost of building such a tunnel as is proposed would be less than to widen Livingston-st. Furthermore, its benefits would be more lasting. If Livingston-st. should be widened, with the ever-increasing population it would not be long before the same conditions as exist in Fulton-st. would develop along the new route.

I think it an outrage, the time it now takes to ride between the Bridge and Flatbush-ave. While it at one time took only thirty-five minutes from the Park Slope to the Bridge, it now takes an hour, sometimes.

Ex-Corporation Counsel Albert G. McDonald and ex-City Works Commissioner Alfred T. White have also expressed their approval of the subway plan. Mr. White said yesterday:

No matter how many bridges may be built across the river, I have reached the conclusion that the entry to that great section between Flatbush-ave. and the Shore Road will be the old Brooklyn Bridge for many years to come. And that being so, a subway, as suggested by Mr. Schieren will be almost a necessity to expedite the continually growing traffic to that portion of the city which in the next few years will, to my mind, be building up very rapidly.

Mr. White did not think that the construction of the proposed tunnel would present any serious obstacles that could not be overcome.

CHARGED WITH SHOOTING HER SISTER.

Rose Belskey, sixteen years old, who was arraigned in the Gates-ave. court yesterday morning, charged with homicide, was paroled pending the inquest of the Coroner. Rose and her thirteen-year-old sister Rachel, who live with their parents at No. 4 Blake-ave., had found a revolver in the room of Michael H. Gornson, who boards with them. The two girls were playing with the revolver on Friday night, when Rose happened to pull the trigger and a bullet pierced the abdomen of Rachel, who was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, where she died three hours later.

REORGANIZING COMPANY I.

Colonel Austen of the 13th Regiment has practically undertaken the reorganization of Company I, which has been in a bad condition for some time past. Nearly all of the old members have been transferred to Company E, and their places are being filled by recruits secured from the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn, some twenty young men from this church having already enlisted. Captain T. R. Fleming, regimental adjutant, has been detailed to command the company. Lieutenant Lynch, of Company I, has been ordered to duty with Company E.

The Non-Commissioned Officers' Association will hold its annual ball at the armory on Thursday evening, February 22.

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

A petition to have Regina Weisman, who carries on a drygoods business at No. 1,746 Fulton-st., declared an involuntary bankrupt, was filed yesterday with the clerk of the United States District Court. Her creditors, among whom are Calhoun, Roberts & Co., Voss & Stern and Charles Rosenberg, allege that she committed an act of insolvency on February 2 last in transferring some of her property.

A similar petition was filed against George W. Graeber, who keeps a butcher shop at No. 428 Seventh-ave. The petitioner was the firm of Armour & Co., who allege that Graeber committed an act of bankruptcy on January 26 in having, for a consideration of $638, sold to Christ A. Roth his stock and fixtures.

William H. Leech filed a petition as a voluntary bankrupt. His schedules show three creditors, with claims amounting to $13,566 22, one being the Metropolitan National Bank, of Manhattan, in $13,438 22 on a judgment. Leech places his assets at $95.

Harry Hart also filed a petition in bankruptcy. He names twenty-six creditors in $12,231 53 and values his assets at $60.

GEN. LOGAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

The birthday of General John A. Logan was celebrated last night by the members of the Logan Club, who gave a dinner at their clubhouse, in Sixth-ave., near Garfield Place. The Rev. Mark B. Taylor, pastor of the Park Congregational Church, who was a member of General Logan's staff in the Civil War, was the principal speaker of the evening. Addresses were also made by Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff, ex-District Attorney Hiram R. Steele, Walter B. Atterbury, chairman of the Kings County Republican Club; Police Commissioner Abell and Police Magistrate Jacob Brenner.

IN MEMORY OF DR. JOSEPH B. ELLIOTT.

A mosaic glass window in memory of Dr. Joseph B. Elliott, for nineteen years a vestryman and for eight years junior warden of the Church of the Messiah, in Clermont and Greene-aves., will be unveiled at the morning service to-day. Dr. Elliott was well known in Brooklyn for many years. The window has been erected by the vestry of the church and Dr. Elliott's children.

GAVE HER BABY CREOSOTE.

Mrs. Mary Cahill, of No. 254 Newell-st., Brooklyn, gave a teaspoonful of creosote to her two-year-old son, Freddie, last night. She had mistaken it for glycerine. The little one had whooping cough. Dr. Halpin, of St. Catherine's Hospital, administered an antidote, but it was reported last night that the child would probably die.

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NEWS OF BROOKLYN SCHOOLS.

ADELPHI ACADEMY.

An address was delivered on Friday evening by Marcus White, principal of the State Normal Training School, of New-Britain, Conn., on "The Kindergarten and the Public School." The lecture was given under the auspices of the Brooklyn Kindergarten Union.

Professor Howe is recovering, and hopes to return to his work in a short time.

The Adelphi junior team defeated the team of the Jamaica High School at basketball by a score of 24 to 3.

POLYTECHNIC PREPARATORY.

In accordance with the new scheme that went into effect at the close of the first semester, honors are granted to two groups of boys. First, for scholarship; second, for attendance and deportment. All who secured an average of 90 per cent or more in the work of the half year are in the list of honors for scholarship. The honor roll for attendance and deportment includes, first, all boys against whose names no absences or tardinesses have been marked throughout the first half year, and, second, those who have received no misconduct marks throughout the half year.

The increased number of students and the greater number of classes have made it necessary to add two teachers to the corps, F. L. Haeberle, from the State Normal School at Millersville, Penn., and Miss Bertha Bass. Mr. Haeberle will have classes in German and also in stenography and penmanship. Miss Bass, who is a graduate of Wesleyan University, will teach languages and history. She studied history at Brown University and at the Harvard Summer School, and has been for eight years in charge of the history department at the Rhode Island Normal School, in Providence.

President Snow spoke to the students on Monday morning on the generally satisfactory nature of the school work during the half year just closed, and congratulated the boys upon the spirit displayed.

The mock trial and the successful issue of the Poly Prep-Adelphi debate have reawakened interest in the Debating Society. A long and animated meeting was held Tuesday afternoon, February 6. The election of officers resulted in the choice of Oscar R. Houston, president; George W. Cummings, jr., vice-president; Laurence C. Hull, jr., secretary and treasurer, and Andrew J. Steel, Le Roy W. Ross, Algernon Isaacs, the Executive Committee. The Committee on Membership now consists of Earle T. Shaw, Percy D. Bogue and Lawrence Opper.

The trial for parts in the play to be given in April took place recently, and the committee selected the following: Oscar R. Houston, William H. Snyder, Russell E. Shanahan, Albert Rowden King, Robert W. Scott, Clifford C. Reeve, Louis T. Hunt and Stanley H. Horn. It is understood that unless the scholarship of the boys continues in every way satisfactory they will be dropped from the cast and others will take their places.

PRATT INSTITUTE.

The third series of art lectures began on Wednesday afternoon with a lecture on "Italian Art."

A collection of paintings by Theodore E. Butler has been placed on exhibition in the art gallery of the library building.

The Neighborship Association gave a dance in the music room on Thursday evening. The guests came dressed as children, and added much to the entertainment of the evening by their costumes. Some of the students dressed as children's nurses.

The kindergarten juniors entertained the kindergarten seniors on Friday evening with a clever valentine party.

While the kindergartners were enjoying themselves in their own department, the class in steam and machine design was giving a dance in the music room of the high school building.

ONE CHURCH TO PAY ANOTHER'S DEBT.

CENTRAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL SOCIETY WILL LIFT A MORTGAGE FOR THE SOUTH SECOND STREET CONGREGATION.

The ninety-fourth anniversary of the South Second Street Methodist Episcopal Church will be celebrated on Sunday, February 18. On that occasion the members expect to be able to say that the church is free from debt; that a $9,000 mortgage has been wiped out, and all through the generosity of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, whose church building in South Fifth-st., near Driggs-ave., is to be torn down to make way for the New East River Bridge.

Of the sixty-six pastors who have been in charge of the South Second Street Church only seven are alive. As many of these as can will attend the celebration. At the morning service Bishop E. G. Andrews will preach, and in the evening the Rev. Dr. Jesse Hulbert will make an address. Special vesper services will be conducted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. R. S. Pardington. On the following Wednesday night will be a union service, at which the members of the Central church will be the guests of the mother church.

The legal name of the South Second Street Methodist Episcopal Church is the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Williamsburg. It was in the early part of 1803 or 1805 that Methodist people attended a class service in a private house in Williamsburg one night a week. In 1806 the church society was formed. Two years later a small frame building was erected in the old Williamsburg and Jamaica Turnpike.

AWARDED $1,000 FOR HER BROTHER'S LIFE.

Mrs. Mary Coughlin obtained a verdict for $1,000 yesterday in Part I of the Supreme Court in her action for $25,000 damages against the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company. The plaintiff's brother, John J. Coughlin, twenty-nine years old, of No. 1,507 Bergen-st., on September 25 last was a conductor on an open car of the Liberty-ave. line. The car lurched forward and Coughlin was pitched out on his head and was killed.

ESCAPES FROM A SANITARIUM.

John Russell Wilde, thirty-six years old, formerly a missionary to China, escaped from the River Crest Sanitarium, in Astoria, three days ago. Wilde returned from China three months ago and was taken from the steamer to Astoria. He imagines that he is Captain Dreyfus, and that he is serving a sentence on Devil's Island. The police to-day were asked to look for the missing man.

THE QUEEN'S RAILWAY TRAVEL.

RULES THAT ARE OBSERVED ON THE ENGLISH ROADS.

From The London Leader.

All Londoners and many of their provincial cousins know Paddington station, the terminus of the Great Western Railway, but how many of those who "know it inside out," as one man phrased it yesterday, have ever seen the royal waiting rooms?

Probably but few, as the casual observer would scarcely notice the entrances unless those unpretentious portals were pointed out.

In the corridor leading to the royal room are portraits of Her Majesty and the late Prince Consort, otherwise there are no decorations to distinguish it from the public passages of the station.

The royal waiting room itself is furnished with excellent taste in red morocco and gold, and a beautiful hand painted border of flowers around the wall has a charming and striking effect.

The train by which Her Majesty travels consits of six saloon carriages, the largest being reserved for the Queen and her immediate attendants, our correspondent learned from Mr. Allen, the courteous superintendent of the line, and the furniture, consisting of lounges and settees, is upholstered in dark blue silk with gold embroidery. On the carpet and cushions are the royal coat of arms, and a border design of the rose, shamrock and thistle.

Although electricity is employed for bell connections between the carriages, Her Majesty still prefers to have her saloon lighted by oil lamps.

The engine driver and guards are not, as is often supposed, special officials, but they have to adhere strictly to special rules and regulations set down in printed form and circulated on the morning of the journey.

A pilot engine starts a quarter of an hour before the royal train to see that the line is clear and everything in readiness for the special, which travels at the rate of forty miles an hour.

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In case of emergency or accident competent telegraphic officials journey with the train, carrying with them instruments which can, at a moment's notice, be attached so as to open communication with headquarters.

PROJECTILES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW.

From The London Standard.

Apropos of General Joubert's alleged protest to Sir George White against the use of lyddite shells, a note on the international law as to projectiles may be of interest. The St. Petersburg Declaration of 1868, entered into between Great Britain, Austria, Bavaria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Persia, Portugal, Prussia, the North German Confederation, Russia, Sweden and Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and Würtemburg, prohibited the use of explosive bullets under the weight of four hundred grammes during war. The declaration stated that the only legitimate object which States should endeavor to accomplish during war is to weaken the military force of the enemy; that this object would be exceeded by the employment of arms which usually aggravate the sufferings of disabled men or render their death inevitable, and that the employment of such arms was therefore "contrary to the laws of humanity." The contracting parties accordingly engaged mutually to renounce in case of war among themselves the employment by their military or naval troops of any projectile of a weight below four hundred grammes, which was either explosive or charged with fulminating or inflammable substance. They were to invite all the States which had not taken part in the deliberations of the International Military Commission assembled in St. Petersburg by sending delegates to it to accede to the declaration.

The engagement was obligatory only upon the contracting or subsequently acceding parties to it in case of war between two or more of themselves, and it was not to be applicable with regard to non-contracting parties or parties who should not have acceded to it. It was also to cease to be obligatory from the moment when in a war between contracting or acceding parties a non-contracting or non-acceding party joined one of the belligerents. Finally, the contracting or acceding parties reserved to themselves the right to come to understandings with reference to fresh projectiles that might be devised as military science advanced.

ADMIRAL COCHRANE'S FINE.

From The London Telegraph.

A city correspondent writes: "A curious souvenir is preserved in the Bank of England in the shape of a note for £1,000 with which Admiral Lord Cochrane, the grandfather of the plucky present Earl of Dundonald, paid his fine when he was falsely accused of spreading, with an interested object, a rumor that Bonaparte was dead, in 1814, so as to cause a rise in the price of stocks. The sum mentioned was raised in subscriptions of a penny by his Westminster constituents. The note is indorsed with the name of the intrepid, but ill-used salt, and has inscribed on it a sentence in which he expresses the hope that one day he will prove his innocence and triumph over his accusers. That consummation was not effected until eighteen years later, when he was reinstated by William IV.

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