

NEW DEACONS AND ELDERS

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES HELD BY THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been in session at St. Andrew's Church since Wednesday, devoted yesterday to anniversary exercises for its societies and to the solemn ordination of the members who have been received into deacons' and elders' orders.

BISHOP WARREN PREACHES

Bishop Warren preached at the regular church service at 11 o'clock. Chairs were brought into the aisles, and the adjoining Sunday school rooms were crowded. His text was the power of the Gospel.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS AT ST. PAUL'S.

At 9 o'clock, in St. Paul's Church, eighty-sixth-st. and West End-avenue, the service of ordination of elders was held. The Rev. Dr. J. O. Wilson, of the conference, and the Rev. Dr. J. O. Wilson, of the conference, were the candidates.

THE SERVICES AT NIGHT.

The Rev. R. E. Bell, of Poughkeepsie, preached a missionary sermon at eight in the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, detailing the work of the missions in civilizing the earth.

NEW-YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

The Epworth League of the New-York Conference held its anniversary at Grace Church, One-hundred-and-fourth-st., near Columbus-avenue, in the evening. The Epworth League branches in all the city churches were represented.

BISHOP JOHN F. HURST ORDAINS DEACONS AND ELDERS.

Danbury, Conn., April 8 (Special).—Bishop John F. Hurst preached this morning before the New-York East Methodist Episcopal Conference on "The Impulse of Christianity." At the close of the sermon he formally ordained the following candidates as deacons: Charles E. Benedict, West Hampton Beach, Long Island; Burdette B. Brown, Middlebury, Conn.; Everett A. Barnes, Long Island City; Frank W. Gray, Long Island; Samuel H. Hadley and John R. Henry, New-York; George W. Osmond, Danbury, Conn.; Edwin M. Pickop, Reading, Mass.; Henry S. Scarborough, Bloomfield, Conn.; and Hewlett R. Smith, Port Washington, Long Island.

DELAY OF THE GRAND JURY IN TAKING UP THE MATTOR GIVES RESORT KEEPERS HOPE.

The devotion of the April Grand Jury last week to routine cases has given resort keepers a great deal of hope. The delay in taking up the matter of the Grand Jury's attention fixed on other matters than their misdeeds, and Gardiner is certainly fulfilling their expectations.

BOYS HELD FOR PICKING POCKETS.

Arrested at the Central Park Arsenal—Many pocketbooks missing. Harry Miller, thirteen years old, of No. 215 Madison-st., and Alexander Rostruk, ten years old, of No. 105 East Broadway, both Russians, were arrested in the Broadway house in Central Park by detecting McGinty and Savage yesterday for picking pockets.

HOTEL VICTORIA TO BE REOPENED.

The Hotel Victoria, Fifth-avenue, Twenty-seventh-st. and Broadway, having been thoroughly overhauled and refurbished, will be opened for guests on Saturday. The hotel will be conducted on the European plan, and will be found to possess all the requirements of a modern hostelry.

TRANSATLANTIC TRAVELERS.

Among the passengers who arrived here yesterday morning on the steamer Etruria, from Liverpool and Queenstown, were John A. Cameron, Captain W. G. Long, Samuel H. Hadley, Samuel H. Hadley, and John R. Henry, New-York; George W. Osmond, Danbury, Conn.; Edwin M. Pickop, Reading, Mass.; Henry S. Scarborough, Bloomfield, Conn.; and Hewlett R. Smith, Port Washington, Long Island.

GIVERS TO THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS TO EXPENSES OF GREAT MISSIONARY GATHERING—MORE MONEY NEEDED. The financial committee of the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions makes an urgent appeal for contributions to defray the expenses of the conference. The budget calls for \$40,000, and only \$29,852.32 has been subscribed.

DECEASED AT COTTON MATHER DEAD.

Halfway, N. S., April 8.—Judge Mather Byles Deberry, of Longmeadow, N. S., died yesterday, aged seventy years. He was a descendant of Cotton Mather and Mather Byles and had a provincial reputation as a judge, author and for the possession of a private museum.

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BIG FIRE IN BAYONNE.

DREDGE COMPANY'S PLANT DAMAGED ABOUT \$100,000. IT IS SAID.

Fire of unknown origin yesterday destroyed the crews, buildings and heavy timber forming the Morris & Cummings Dredge Company's plant, at the extreme end of the "Long Dock" at Bayonne, a large stretch of made land extending from the Bayonne and Greenville shores into New-York Bay. The high wind fanned the fire into a fierce fire before the Volunteer Fire Department was able to reach the scene with its apparatus. The fire burned for hours and late in the night the firemen were still at work. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

MR. DAVIS PRAISES THE BOERS.

Former Assistant Secretary of the Interior Speaks at Washington. Washington, April 8.—A large audience gathered at the Grand Opera House to-night to listen to an address on the war in South Africa by Webster Davis, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

OBITUARY.

Miss Mary Henrietta Avery, eldest daughter of Samuel P. Avery, the well known art dealer, died at the home of her parents, No. 4 East Thirty-eighth-st., on Saturday. For some months Miss Avery had been suffering from heart disease, and about three weeks ago the malady took an acute turn, ending in her death.

THE REV. CHARLES BOYNTON.

The Rev. Charles Boynton, who was well known in Wisconsin as an evangelist, died on Saturday at his home in this city, No. 308 West End-avenue. He was born in Watertown, N. Y., in 1817, and was educated in the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass.

ROBERT EWING ANTHONY.

Robert Ewing Anthony, a retired drygoods merchant of New York, died on Saturday at his home in this city, No. 173 Chambers-st. He was born in Baltimore, Md., on November 17, 1825. He was educated in Baltimore, where, after leaving school, he entered the drygoods store of E. S. & W. A. Loney as a clerk.

JOHN WRIGHT DEAN.

Pawtucket, R. I., April 8.—John Wright Dean, of Washington, well known as "the Quaker Evangelist," who came here on February 28 to conduct a series of meetings, died to-day from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza from which he had been suffering since his arrival in this city on April 2, 1899, and had been engaged in evangelistic work since 1875. A widow and two sons survive him.

CLERGYMAN AS A LOCOMOTIVE FIREMAN.

Trenton, N. J., April 8.—In order to secure material for a sermon which he is to preach next Sunday, the Rev. Charles H. Elder, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, of this city, one day last week rode from Trenton to Philadelphia on a locomotive. He was dressed in a jumper and overalls, and shovelled coal into the firebox of the engine, so as to be able to draw a lesson from the conduct of the locomotive upon whom so many lives depend.

WHALEN'S ATTITUDE NOT ENCOURAGING.

When Corporation Counsel Whalen was asked yesterday if he intended to keep in his own hands the proceedings for the condemnation of such real estate as will be required for the completion of the rapid transit underground railroad, or whether he would comply with the wishes of the Board of the Rapid Transit Board, he declared that he had not considered the question yet, and, in fact, was not officially aware that there was any desire on the part of the contractors to have the matter conducted by any one but himself.

FINED FOR KISSING GIRLS.

The young man who visited New-Rochelle on Saturday night and kissed, hugged and pulled the hair of young women told Judge Van Zelm yesterday that he was a clerk in a financial institution in this city, and had been suffering from a grip. He started out from his home, in Harlem, for a trolley ride. When he reached New-Rochelle he said he drank three cocktails, and after that he declared that he had annoyed the young women.

WOMAN LOCKED UP FOR TRYING TO SEE HIS WIFE AT HER EMPLOYER'S HOUSE.

Milton Frye, forty-one years old, a salesman, who says he lives at No. 32 East Sixtieth-st., was locked up in the East Sixty-seventh-st. station last night, charged with disorderly conduct by Dr. Joseph Kucher, of No. 23 East Sixtieth-st. Dr. Kucher employs the prisoner's wife as a housekeeper. When he lives her son, the doctor says, Mrs. Frye was nothing to do with her husband, as he don't support her, but that he frequently comes to the house and creates a disturbance because she won't see him.

MIDNIGHT FIRE IN JERSEY CITY.

Fire started in Jacob Dubois's stone yards, sheds and stable at Oakland and St. Paul avenues, Jersey City, at 12:40 o'clock to-day. The flames spread to the tenement houses across the street, and both were destroyed. The loss is \$20,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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STATEN ISLAND HONORS HERO

MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTEND FUNERAL OF PRIVATE WALL, WHO DIED FROM WOUNDS IN PHILIPPINES.

The body of Thomas R. Wall, who died in the Philippines in November from wounds received in battle, was buried yesterday afternoon in St. Mary's Cemetery, Rosebank, Staten Island, with military honors. The body had lain in state in the Stapleton Village Hall since Friday.

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Services were held in the Village Hall, which was attended by members of the Wall family only. The coffin was then carried out and placed on the hearse. The funeral procession formed at Bay and Canal sts. The following were in line: About two hundred men from the 1st Battalion of the 23d Regiment, commanded by Captain J. G. R. Lillendahl, of Company C; eighty-five men from Company C, 7th Regiment, commanded by Captain A. L. Robertson; Camp No. 1, Spanish-American War Veterans' Association of Staten Island; several companies of the Edgewater and North Shore Fire Companies; and a detachment of men from Batteries B, O and M, 5th United States Artillery, stationed at Fort Wadsworth.

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