



Christmas Bells

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DR. DUFFIELD'S DECENNIAL.

FIRST SERVICE IN ITS CELEBRATION HELD AT OLD FIRST CHURCH.

The decennial of the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Howard Duffield at the Old First Presbyterian Church, Fifth-avenue and Twelfth-st., was celebrated yesterday afternoon with a service in the church.

The Old First Church was founded in 1717. In the minutes of the City Council, August 7, of that year, is the statement: "The house known as Venno's house, situated at the eastern part of the city, is to be the site of a meeting house for the dissenting Protestants called Presbyterians." The first building owned by the church stood at the northwest corner of Wall and Nassau sts., moving to the present situation on January 11, 1846.

Dr. Duffield became pastor of the "Old First" in December, 1881, succeeding the Rev. Richard D. Harlan, the son of the present Chief Justice. The service began at 4 p. m. with the reading of several letters of regret. One was from Bishop Potter, another from Dr. Burrell, who regretted that he had to preach in New-England, and others were from Dr. Lyman Abbott, the Rev. Dr. Edward Judson, William E. Dodge and the Rev. Dr. Bradford, of Montclair, N. J.

The first address was delivered by the Rev. George H. Bottom, vicar of Grace Chapel, who represented the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Grace Church, who could not attend on account of a slight illness. Mr. Bottom spoke of the opportunities of the downtown church. He said that when he went to Grace "thirty years ago the population of the city was largely German, but gradually the Germans had moved uptown, mostly into the Bronx, and their places had been taken by Hebrews and Italians, or, at any rate, people of an alien race and an alien tongue.

"But this should make no difference to the church," he said. "Whether Germans, Italians or any other race, when they come into the district they should find one stable institution—the church." "The cause of good government was long before Election Day," he said, in speaking of the election. "Victory started in the work of the church settlements and the necessity of the church settlement has been simply shown in recent years. There are two opportunities for the downtown church, it seems to me—the opportunity of neighborhood and the opportunity of social service." The next speaker was the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in Union Square. He spoke of the problems of the downtown church.

"I am glad that a modern man has come into the district to modernize it," he said. "Most of the pastors of downtown churches are no longer young; Dr. Duffield is a man of strong personality and high ideals, and the Old First Church is fortunate in having such a pastor."

The Rev. Percy E. Grant, rector of the Ascension Episcopal Church, said that the future of the church was largely one of means, and that it seemed to him that the only way to provide the means was by way of endowment.

The last speaker was Morris K. Jesup, who believed that changes in the character of the population in the eastern part of downtown were largely to the fact that many of the churches which used to exist on the East Side had been moved uptown. In his opinion much of the trouble with the East Side was due to the removal of these churches.

"The downtown church has its mission, and it is to preach the Gospel in its simplicity and to keep in touch with the needs of the people," he declared.

He gave statistics which showed that in the last thirty years fifty-one churches had moved uptown from below Fourteenth-st., and that the population had increased from 50,000 to 650,000.

After the service Dr. Duffield held an informal reception in the church.

The celebration will be continued to-morrow, when a musical festival will be held in the church. On Wednesday a service of remembrance and anticipation will be held in the chapel, at which informal addresses will be delivered on behalf of the session, on behalf of the board of trustees and on behalf of the congregation. On Thursday there will be a reception by Dr. and Mrs. Duffield at the

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STILL SEARCHING FOR MISS CROPSEY.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 8.—The opinion still prevails here that "Neill" Cropsey was either abducted or murdered. The Pasquotank River was dragged to-day more systematically than ever, but without securing a trace of the missing girl. The search for Miss Cropsey will continue without any abatement of energy. Chief Dawson returned here to-day from Norfolk, whither he went to investigate a report that the girl had been seen in Norfolk, and had taken a steamer there for Baltimore. He says a young woman answering somewhat the description of Miss Cropsey did leave Norfolk for Baltimore, but in his opinion she was not "Neill" Cropsey.

A report reached here to-day from Wilmington, N. C., that the girl had been located there, but the report is not credited here.

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The principal object of this advertisement is to induce intending purchasers who are not familiar with our establishment, to pay us at least one visit for inspection only.

Holiday Shopping News!

Jewelry Dept. Special Sale To-day of Men's Solid Gold Link Buttons, good weight, beautiful designs, worth 1.75 to 2.00. 1.25 Pair.

Holiday Shopping News!

O'Neill's TO-DAY 1.25 Imported Prunella Coths at 59c. yard

We place on sale this morning a large purchase of this popular fabric, which has sold everywhere up to-day at 1.25, at the extraordinary price of 59c. yard. It is 46 inches wide and comes in sixteen of the most desirable shades and black. We will also offer in conjunction with this sale many thousands of yards of Imported Black and Colored Dress Goods at about half the usual prices. This is positively the greatest opportunity we have ever offered to those seeking Useful Holiday Gifts—one that will long be remembered both by our patrons and competitors.

You can also buy Dress Patterns here of Popular Dress Goods in the most desirable shades, weaves and fabrics, made up expressly for Holiday Gifts, for less money, quality considered, than in any other retail house in America.

Special Holiday Sale of HANDKERCHIEFS!



We place on sale to-day a special purchase of Handkerchiefs at prices that give you a chance to be more generous perhaps than you expected—read, Pure Linen Hem-

stitched Handkerchiefs for men or women, with or without initials, 1/2 and 1 inch hems; also Swiss Embroidered and Lace Trimmed, new designs, worth 18c. and 35c.

12 1/2c. and 25c. each, or 70c. and 1.43 per half dozen.

CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS—Three in fancy box.

15c. box.

Children's all Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, plain white and with colored borders, three in fancy box.

25c. box.

Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs for men or women, Hemstitched, with or without embroidered initials, worth 35c. to 45c.

25c. and 35c. each.

SILK MUFFLERS

In black, white, cream and colors, plain and brocaded, worth 1.25.

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Sale of Photo Frames!

THREE THOUSAND!

Gold Plated Photo Frames, over fifty different designs to choose from—card size, cabinet and carnetto, square, round and oval, positively worth from 50c. to 1.25.

35c. each.

5,000 EBONY FINISHED BRUSHES,

mounted with sterling silver brush, worth from 40c. to 50c. each.

25c. each.

The assortment comprises hair brushes, also in military style, cloth brushes, hat brushes, bonnet brushes, complexion brushes and infants' brushes.

Also Mirrors and Nail Polishers at the same attractive price.

Stylish Furs at Popular Prices.

Although the demand for Furs is greater this season than ever before, our prices were never so moderate as at the present time. Our stock is one of the most complete in New York and embraces all the new styles in Coats, Jackets, Scarfs, Muffs, Fancy Neckwear, etc., in all the popular furs. We are making a specialty this season of

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The Fur and Lining in this garment are warranted for One Year.

Should either the Fur or Lining Wear, same will be Repaired Free of Charge.

Axsala Seal Jackets

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A Few Holiday Hints:

Alaska Sable Neck Scarfs..... 3.98

Alaska Sable Neck Scarfs, 20th Century Cluster..... 9.98

Stone Marten Neck Scarfs..... 15.00

Stone Marten Cluster Scarfs..... 18.00

French Coney Muffs..... 4.98

Axsala Seal Muffs..... 9.8c

Alaska Sable Muffs..... 6.50

A large assortment of Trimmings in all the popular Furs at very attractive prices.

Special Sale of Women's Raglans and Velour Blouses!

A recent lucky purchase enables us to offer you to-day a special lot of Raglans made of the newest fabrics and representing values up to 20.00 each, at..... 9.98

VELOUR BLOUSES, worth 20.00..... 14.98

They are very desirable, have the Medici collar and stitched satin revers, satin lined.

Great Sale of LAMPS!

The three greatest values ever offered by any house in the retail trade.

We place on sale to-day a special purchase of

500 Beautifully Decorated Lamps

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Lot No. 1 comprises 300 lamps in three decorations, 2 1/2 inches high, 10 inch globes..... 3.50

Lot No. 2 comprises 100 squat shape lamps like the above cut, 2 1/2 inches high, 11 inch globes..... 5.50

Lot No. 3 comprises 100 lamps in three decorations, 3 inches high, 11 inch globes..... 6.50

Worth 10.75.

All cash purchases delivered free of charge to any railroad station within 100 miles of New York City.

Framed Pictures For Holiday Gifts!

Special Sale To-day!

A choice lot of colored pictures, all splendid subjects, framed in fancy gilt frames, size 22x26 inches.

Regular price 5.00.

Special 2.08 each.

5,000 Artotype Engravings

framed in gilt with brass corners, size 12x15 inches.

Regular price 50c.

29c. each.

Pictures framed to order at lowest prices.

Holiday Gifts in FURNITURE!

Our Holiday stock of Furniture is the largest and best we have ever presented and embraces all the newest designs. All our Furniture is of reliable quality—a fact well worth considering in making your purchases. A few hints as to prices:

PARLOR TABLES—In solid quartered oak and mahogany, dainty designs. 4.98, 6.98 and 8.98.

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Complete line of Verne Martin and Mission Furniture at lowest prices.

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Nothing more acceptable for a Holiday Gift than a choice piece of Cut Glass. We have an exceptionally fine collection, priced very attractively.

Bowls, 8-inch..... 3.98

Handled Olive Oil Cruets..... 1.98

Vinegar or Oil Cruets..... .98

Sugars and Creamers..... 5.25

Butter Tubs..... 1.50

Salts and Peppers, Sterling tops..... 1.8c

Colony Trays..... 1.50

Syrup Jugs..... 75c

Water Bottles..... 1.35

Violet Holders..... 2.75

Chrysanthemum Vases, 14 inches high..... 28.00

Prism Vases, Rose top..... 23.00

Mayonnaise Bowl and Plate..... 8.25

Tobacco Jars..... 5.48

Ice Tubs..... 1.98

Cologne Bottles..... 3.75

H. O'NEILL & CO., 6th Avenue, 20th to 21st Street.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

EARLINGTON—General Austin Lathrop, of Corning, N. Y. FIFTH AVENUE—J. A. Drake, of Corning, N. Y. HOFFMAN—Judge William J. Wallace, of Albany. HOLLAND—H. T. Scott, of San Francisco; Henry Ives Cobb, of Washington, and Justice D. Cady Herlick, of the New York State Supreme Court. MURRAY HILL—Major J. M. Banister, U. S. A. NORMANDE—Dr. John T. Howell, of Newburg. PLAZA—William Ross Proctor, of Pittsburgh.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Six day bicycle race, Madison Square Garden. East River tunnel hearing, 2 p. m. New York Presbytery, First Church, 2 p. m. Society of Medical Jurisprudence, No. 17 West Forty-third-st., 8 p. m. Sunday school meeting, Madison Avenue Reformed Church, 8 p. m. Delaware Club ball, Lexington Opera House, evening. Inspection of 12th Regiment, evening.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The letter carriers and clerks of the General Postoffice have arranged for a benefit performance and reception for Louis Bliss at the Manhattan Lyceum, No. 68 East Fourth-st., this evening. Mr. Bliss was recently the victim of a peculiar accident, which resulted in the loss of an arm. A highly charged siphon exploded, which cut Mr. Bliss's hand. Blood poisoning set in, and to save his life amputation was necessary. Mr. Bliss has many friends, who are determined to make the affair a success, which will be an appreciation of Mr. Bliss's generosity in the past.

MAY BE A STRIKE ON THE SUBWAY.

SOME OF THE WORKMEN DISSATISFIED WITH A CONTRACTOR'S METHODS.

More labor trouble has arisen in the rapid transit tunnel which threatens to lead to a general strike to-day unless a settlement is made this forenoon at a proposed conference with the general contractor, John H. McDonald. The complainants this time are the pavers and bluestone cutters whose unions are affiliated with the Central Federated Union. Their delegates declared at yesterday's meeting of the Central Federated Union that they would not work in the parts for which the Degnon-McLean Company holds the contracts unless the contract for paving and stonecutting which the firm has subcontracted to Contractor Patrick Costello is taken from him. The delegate of Progressive Pavers' Union No. 1, to which these pavers belong, said that Mr. Costello had union men, but paid non-union wages. Besides, he said, Costello paid the men irregularly. The delegates had tried to make him pay up, but it was no use, he said. "We then went to the office of the Degnon-McLean Company," he added, "but we got no satisfaction. We can't work for Mr. Costello."

A JEWISH FESTIVAL CELEBRATED.

JUSTICE-ELECT SAMUEL GREENBAUM MAKES AN ADDRESS.

The Jewish festival of Chanuka was celebrated yesterday by the Jewish Sewing School, in New

Columbia Hall, No. 120 Columbia-st., with a special service.

Justice-elect Samuel Greenbaum, of the Supreme Court, presided and delivered an address. He was followed by A. S. Solomons, general agent of the Baron de Hirsch fund and chairman of the school. Superintendent Adolph Benjamin said that he had written to the Rev. Robert L. Paddock, of the Cathedral regarding the fact that one of his sewing classes was held on Saturdays, which made it necessary that Jewish girls should do sewing on their Sabbath. He read Mr. Paddock's reply, in which it was said that the children of that class would be asked to get the permission of their parents to attend that class in future. In consequence, Mr. Benjamin said, the attendance of that class had fallen from fifty to four. A musical programme, a recitation and the presentation of a box of candy to each child present completed the service.

HUNGARIANS HONOR KOSSUTH.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ARRIVAL HERE CELEBRATED IN SPEECH AND SONG.

Exercises in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, in America were held by the Hungarian societies of this city last evening at the Lenox Lyceum. Addresses were delivered by Morris Cukor, the Rev. Alexis Cautors, General Daniel E. Sickles and the Rev. Colman Kovats. General Sickles recited a poem in which he spoke of the close of his address, he said that many of those present would see Hungary a free and independent country. A life-size portrait of Kossuth was unveiled, and several of the veterans of the revolution of 1848 stood around it on the stage. Before the veil was lifted Major Charles Semsey, one of the veterans, made a short speech, in which he spoke of the kind treatment Kossuth received in this country. Several selections were sung by the Hungarian Singing Society and the Hungarian Circle. Joseph Birnbaum sang a tenor solo, "Kossuth's Message to His People." After the entertainment supper was served, and dancing followed. Kapossy's Hungarian Gypsy Band furnished the music.

It is said that the profit from last night's exercises will go toward the placing of a tablet in Bowling Green in commemoration of Kossuth's arrival in this country.

General Daniel E. Sickles said in part: "When the great Hungarian patriot arrived in New-York, fifty years ago, I was prominent in politics. Tammany Hall—different then to what it is to-day—had a committee to receive him. I was designated to make the address of welcome, which was on behalf of the Democratic party. I met Kossuth afterward in Washington, and his reception there was as enthusiastic as it was in New-York. Daniel Webster received him as a hero. I am surprised to hear from the committee in charge of this affair that the Washington people are somewhat timid in regard to this celebration to-night. Webster was Secretary of State. He had no hesitation in writing his opinion, so old Henry Clay, William H. Seward, Robert Winthrop, Governor Hunt of New-York, a great many of the leading men of the country, in the Cabinet, Governors of States, Senators—all took part in the reception to the man whom you have met to honor to-night."

"We were not afraid of Austria then, and I don't know why we should be to-day. Our bringing of Kossuth to New-York was a protest against the protests of Austria and Russia showed that. Now, at this celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of that event, why there should be any hesitation in acknowledging it I do not understand. We must have grown much more so fastidious than what we were then—more so than were the great men of the day."

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrise 7:13; Sunset 4:33; Moon rise 5:41; Moon's age 28

HIGH WATER. A.M.—Sandy Hook 8:12; Gov. Island 6:42; Hell Gate 8:23

P.M.—Sandy Hook 6:40; Gov. Island 7:50; Hell Gate 8:52

THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

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St. Louis, New-Orleans, December 18..... Morgan

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