READY FOR NEW YEAR.

WATCH PARTIES TO-NIGHT

Chimes and Racket Will Mark Death of 1903.

"Happy New Year!" is the greeting that will ring from many hundred thousand throats just after midnight to-night, as, with the nerve rasping salute of jubilant tin horns and whirling watchmen's rattles, discordant bells and the yells of the ubiquitous small boy, and, over all, the soft chimes from the church towers, strangely incongruous in the baser din, old Father Knickerbocker passes another annual milestone.

All over the city the new year will be welcomed with watch meetings by the serious and watch parties by the festive. To-morrow dinners, calls and cards will contribute their share to giving the new year a good start on its way.

With 1903 goes out the reform administration, and the Tenderloin, Fourteenth-st. and the Bowery will celebrate this in their own peculiar manner.

This year, as usual, a vast multitude will throng the streets about lower Broadway to listen to the chimes of Old Trinity. Varied programmes will be played by the chimes of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Grace, St. Thomas's and St. Andrew's churches. At Grace Church, Miss Bertha Thomas will ring changes from Haydn, Gounod and Mendelssohn, together with several of the old popular melodies. J. Grand Senia, the ringer at St. Andrew's, will play "Abide with Me" at the midnight hour, followed by the doxology as the clock points at twelve. His father rang the chimes of Grace Church, at Broadway and Tenth-st. for fifty years. The Church of the Heavenly Rest has a new peal of bells, which will be rung for the first time at midnight to-night.

In nearly all the churches watch meetings will be held in the evening. The Rev. Drs. Chivers, Wheeler, Lonner and Foster will speak, beginning at 9 o'clock. Prayer service will be held at the Prospect Avenue Church at the same hour. The Scotch Presbyterian Church, at Ninety-sixth-st. and Central Park West, will unite in union watch services with Rutgers Park, Fourth and West End churches. Services will begin at 10:30 o'clock.

At the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church there will be a sermon, followed by a testimonial meeting, and a memorial service for those members and friends of the church who died last year. The Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church will attend the New Year's Eve exercises of the First Union Presbyterian Church. The evening will open with an entertainment, followed at 10 o'clock by the annual church dinner. Devotional exercises will be held from 11:30 till midnight.

The Twenty-fourth Street, Eighteenth Street and Chelsea Methodist Episcopal churches will have a union service in the first named church. The Harlem Presbyterian churches will have a union service in the New-York Presbyterian Church, in which the congregations of the Church of the Puritans, Harlem, Morningside, Lenox and East Harlem Presbyterian churches will unite.

The Rev. Dr. Rainsford will lead the watch night services at St. George's, beginning at 11 o'clock. Half an hour later the doors will be closed, and at midnight Holy Communion will be celebrated. Other watch meetings will be held in the Broadway Tabernacle, Mendelssohn Hall, the Thirty-fourth Street Reformed, St. Paul's (Methodist Episcopal), West End-ave. and Eighty-sixth-st., Holy Communion and St. Mark's.

In Literary Hall, Bayside, a stereopticon lecture on the life of Christ will be given by T. H. Roberts, from 9:15 to 10:15 o'clock. This will be followed by watch services, at which the Rev. C. P. Pumphrey and C. D. Boynton will speak. The Authors' Club will meet and start at about 10 o'clock with a debate on the question: "Resolved, That the historical novel is at its best when its history is rare and its novelty not overdone."

The Actors' National Protective Union will hold a "Happy New Year Social Session" at Actors' Union Hall, No. 8 Union Square. The usual French Students' ball will be held at the Grand Central Palace.

While New Year's morning will probably be utilized by many in resting from the effects of the jollity and watchfulness of the preceding evening, the afternoon will see a renewal of the celebration. In spite of crash of steel and flurry of cotton, the powers of Wall Street and the bankers of the city will follow their usual custom of giving substantial New Year's remembrances to their employes.

The day will be celebrated for the most part in the homes of the city, though there will be some exercises of a public nature. At the West Side Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, No. 316 West Fifty-seventh-st., there will be morning and afternoon sessions for young men only. In the evening will be a short musical programme, followed by an informal social. Clubs will hold open house and hotels and saloons will offer free luncheons to cheer the New Year's caller. Even Warden Johnson of Sing Sing Prison has arranged for a vaudeville entertainment for his charges.

THE PASSING THRONG.

SPORT AT BILTMORE.

Edgar B. Moore, of Narragansett Pier and Biltmore, N. C., is at the Holland House. Mr. Moore has made substantial progress toward the organization of the Kenilworth and Pisgah Forest Shooting and Fishing Association, which will enjoy the hunting and fishing privileges of the game and fish preserve of George W. Vanderbilt's estate, at Biltmore. Replying to inquiry, Mr. Moore said: "The proposition that came to me direct from Mr. Vanderbilt was so generous that I could scarcely believe that he intended the terms should be so liberal. The house and six thousand acres of land surrounding it are exempted, but there remains about one hundred and twenty-five thousand acres, on which there are fully a thousand miles of trout streams. These have been stocked with one hundred thousand to two hundred thousand rainbow and brook trout each year for eight years. There has been no fishing done in the streams or hunting in the forests in the eight years, and a force of twenty-five rangers has kept the preserve free from the invasion of poachers. The highest point on the property is Mount Pisgah, which has an altitude of 5,760 feet, affording a splendid point of vantage from which to view the country. The property has been leased to me by Mr. Vanderbilt for the term of ten years for the nominal sum of $10,000 a year, and the lease will be transferred to the club or association as soon as the membership, which is growing rapidly without solicitation, has been completed. Mr. Vanderbilt agrees to restock the streams each year to the extent of one hundred and fifty thousand trout, and will protect and patrol the property. To cover the $100,000 rental 250 shares of association stock at $400 a share will be distributed among the members. Those who acquire three shares will be entitled to an allotment of two acres on which to build a bungalow, or lodge, or establish a camp, and the holders of single shares will be entitled to privileges in one of the six clubhouses, each of which has from six to fourteen rooms. The full complement of club members will be obtained so that the property will be available to the association by spring, anticipating the summer quest for trout and the fall hunting season."

EXPECTS TREATY TO BE RATIFIED.

T. C. Catchings, of Mississippi, who served his State for seven years as Attorney General, and subsequently occupied a seat in the lower house of Congress for sixteen years, was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel a day or two ago. He testifies that so long a term in the national lawmaking body is usually a personal sacrifice to the public interest. Speaking of the Panama Canal he said: "I was deeply impressed by the arguments of General Henry L. Abbott, who had been chief of engineers, in favor of the Panama route. He fixed my convictions, and I was one of those who contributed to the selection of that route. The building of the canal means much to the South. It will cheapen the cost of carrying cotton products to Oriental markets. For a considerable number of years the greater part of the product of the South has been sold in the Orient, and the advantage of cheaper transportation must strengthen the hold on that trade. The canal will also open a new market for the Southern coal. Much of the Pacific coast is without coal, and the cheap water transportation will make the Southern product an available supply. Besides, the canal itself will make a great market for coal. The vessels that go through the canal from both Eastern and Western ports will carry only the fuel necessary to get them to the canal where they will recoal. The Panama route is the more feasible because it is shorter, and besides it is possible to approximate the cost of its construction, while the expense that would attend the building of a canal by the Nicaragua route would be entirely problematical. I have no doubt the treaty with Panama will be ratified. I have no reason to believe the Mississippi Senators will oppose its ratification, but it is highly probable that the State legislature, which convenes on January 5, will pass a resolution memorializing them to vote for ratification. I regret with Senator Hoar, the manner in which the deal with Panama was effected, but it is a closed chapter, and the less said about that the better. The South certainly wants the canal."

A CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Colonel J. M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, member of the Democratic National Committee, was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Tuesday. Replying to inquiry concerning the campaign of next year, he said: "Politics may be fairly regarded as business in the broadest sense. The business interests of the country must be considered. The Democratic Convention will formulate a conservative platform to fit existing conditions, and will select a candidate to fit the platform. New-York is necessary to the election of a Democratic candidate, and for that reason the party will be disposed to give New-York and the Eastern States a large voice in the choice of the candidate. The South and West will fall in line and second the motion."

OBITUARY.

THE MARQUIS OF SLIGO.

Dublin, Dec. 30.—The Marquis of Sligo died this morning at Westport House, Westport, County Mayo.

John Thomas Browne, fourth Marquis of Sligo, Baron Monteagle, Viscount Westport and Earl of Altamont, was born on September 10, 1824. His mother was a daughter of the thirteenth Earl of Clanricarde, the earldom to which he was heir presumptive. He was a Liberal-Unionist Member of Parliament from County Mayo from 1857 to 1868. His estate in that county embraced 115,000 acres. In 1896 he succeeded to the title of Marquis of Sligo, on the death of his elder brother. His successor is his brother, Lord Henry Ulick Browne. The dead marquis never married.

GERARD M. STEVENS.

Gerard M. Stevens, a veteran of the Brooklyn bar and for many years chief clerk of the Supreme Court of Kings County, died on Tuesday night at his home, Clinton and Greene aves., Brooklyn, from a complication of diseases, in his seventy-fifth year. He had been in public life since 1853, when he was an unsuccessful candidate for the place of chief clerk of the State Legislature. After serving for a short time in the office of District Attorney Alexander McCue, afterward a justice of the Supreme Court, about 1855 he was appointed an assistant clerk of the Supreme Court. Later he became chief clerk, which office he held up to his death.

For many years Mr. Stevens was the favorite Supreme Court referee, and was said to have made as much as $20,000 a year in reference fees. At one time his estate included two blocks of buildings in Bedford-ave., Brooklyn, but he lost them with the greater part of his fortune in the panic of Black Friday. In payment of a feed bill he was obliged to give his horses, coach and stable outfit. He was the only honorary member of the Brooklyn Club, and was a member of the Society of Old Brooklynites, the Royal Arcanum, the Legion of Honor and the Courts of Record Aid Society. He leaves two daughters.

THOMAS J. CARLETON.

Thomas J. Carleton, an oldtime Tammany Hall politician and saloonkeeper, for whom the Carleton House, in Kent-ave., Brooklyn, was named, died at his home, No. 736 Decatur-st., Brooklyn, on Tuesday, at the age of seventy years, from a complication of diseases. He was an intimate friend of Hugh McLaughlin for nearly half a century.

Mr. Carleton forty years ago opened the Liberty Pole Inn, at Columbia and Stanton sts., Manhattan, and conducted it till his retirement from business eight years ago. A Liberty pole is still standing in front of the inn, which years ago was the headquarters of all the prominent politicians of the lower East Side. Several years ago the hotel was razed. Mr. Carleton was a volunteer fireman, one of the original members of Live Oak Company No. 44, and a member of the Columbia Club. He leaves a son and a daughter. The funeral took place at his home last evening. The burial will be in Cypress Hills Cemetery.

MRS. E. M. DEY.

Mrs. Emaline M. Dey, wife of the Rev. John H. Dey, formerly Editor of "The Evangelist," died at her home in Pelham Manor yesterday. Mrs. Dey was seventy-eight years old, and was a native of Geneva, N. Y. She was the daughter of Abraham and Harriet Cowles, and leaves two children.

HARWOOD REDINGTON POOL.

Harwood Redington Pool, a lawyer, son of Magistrate Pool, died last night at his bachelor apartments, No. 414 West One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st., from gastritis, the result of a cold. At his bedside when he died were his father and mother. Mr. Pool was forty-three years old and unmarried. He was graduated from the Ohio State University in 1881 and from Columbia Law School two years later, being admitted to the bar soon afterward and entering the practice of law with his father. The younger Mr. Pool was counsel for a number of corporations.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

An Unsatisfactory Special Performance of a Play by Sydney Grundy Called "Gypsy."

Miss Fay Davis, Guy Standing and several other players yesterday gave a matinee performance of a play by Sydney Grundy, called "Gypsy," at the Garrick Theatre. It was once remarked that a good plan to see if a play would prove popular in Newburyport, Mass., would be to try it on the dogs in New-York; and perhaps that was what was done yesterday. If so, it is doubtful if the play is ever shown in the sleepy, lovely little city by the sea and the river mouth, unless Miss Davis obtains a more adequate supporting company. She herself has already appeared in London as the title character of the drama, which is said to be a compound of two Grundy plays. At that time Miss Julie Opp (Was it not?) was a member of the company, taking the part assumed yesterday by Miss Ray Rockman, whose surname well enough suggests the absolute lifelessness of her playing. W. H. Crompton and Mr. Standing were adequate to their not too taxing parts, but Edgar Selwyn, in a character that bore rather more than the earmarks of the faithful, epigrammatic part, woman-souled bachelor, who moves under different names through Mr. Pinero's problem plays, was without a glimmer of suggestion, either of pathos, humor or vitality. The stage management was languid, the bright lines with which the play abounds went flat and stale, and the cumbersomely obvious machinery of the play stood out in all its bareness. Miss Davis, however, made interesting and even at time emotionally appealing her part in the performance.

Beginning next Monday, Arnold Daly, in "Candida," will be the regular attraction at the Madison Square Theatre.

Charles Frohman signed a contract yesterday to star William Collier for the next five years. The contract will become effective immediately at the end of the present engagement of the comedian in Boston, and Mr. Collier will appear under Mr. Frohman's management this season. Mr. Frohman has selected "The Dictator," by Richard Harding Davis, as the first play, and it will be produced in Boston on February 8. The new comedy is timely in that it treats of a South American revolution. An audacious young college chap from the North becomes the dictator of a small republic. It is part of Mr. Frohman's plans for Mr. Collier that he be seen in a new play every season in New-York, and it is also contemplated that he appear in "On the Quiet" in London next spring.

A new farce comedy by W. Jakoby and A. Lippschitz entitled "Los vom Manne" will be the attraction at the Irving Place Theatre on New Year's Eve, and will be repeated Friday and Saturday. The programme for the special matinees for children has been changed from "Cinderella" to "Der gestiefelte Kater" ("Puss in Boots"). Large audiences of small folk enjoy these performances.

Contracts were signed yesterday between Harrison Grey Fiske, of the Manhattan Theatre, and Miss France Hamilton, a young actress who appeared last winter in one of the Belasco companies. Miss Hamilton will give a matinee performance, under the management of James W. Morrissey, presenting Ibsen's play, "A Doll's House," at the Manhattan Theatre on Tuesday afternoon, February 2. The play will be produced under the personal direction of Miss Emily Leicester, of London, who has acted in a similar capacity at Sir Charles Wyndham's Criterion Theatre.

"PARSIFAL" AGAIN TO-DAY.

The second performance of "Parsifal" will be given at the Metropolitan Opera House this afternoon and evening with the same cast as last week and under the same conditions, save that the doors will be opened at 4:15 o'clock to avoid the crush. No one will be admitted to his seat after 5 o'clock, when the music drama begins. The second act begins at 5:15. Every seat in the house has again been sold out, and the demand for standing room is expected to be almost as heavy as on the opening night. The boy choir will, it is said, again sing. Police protection from the crush at the entrance has been, it is hoped, made more sure.

JEROME SYKES'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Jerome Sykes, late star of "The Billionaire," will take place in the Grand Lodge room of the Masonic Temple, Sixth-ave. and Twenty-third-st., at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The body of Mr. Sykes left Chicago last evening on the 11:30 train of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and will arrive in New-York at 7:15 a. m. Friday morning. The funeral will be conducted by Pacific Lodge No. 223, of which Mr. Sykes was a member, through its acting chaplain, the Rev. Dr. George R. Van De Water, grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge. A quartet composed of personal friends of Mr. Sykes, Eugene Cowles, Hitchie Ling, Arthur Barry and George Tennery will sing. The funeral will be public, and the friends and admirers of Mr. Sykes are cordially invited to attend. Mr. Sykes was a member of Pacific Lodge No. 223, F. and A. M., New-York Consistory, Valet of New-York, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Mecca Temple, New-York Athletic Club, Players Club and Green Room Club.

TRIBUNE ALMANAC, 1904, OUT TO-DAY. SEE SIXTH PAGE.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

[FROM THE TRIBUNE BUREAU.]

Washington, December 30.

TURBINES FOR WARSHIPS.—The special board of naval engineers which for the last six months has been preparing plans for the application of the turbine system of propulsion to one of the United States warships has practically completed its work. A long series of experiments conducted by some of the great private corporations using turbines for electrical purposes, the conditions being prescribed by the naval experts, has resulted in the design of a turbine of reasonable proportions that seems admirably adapted to naval needs. It is only about twelve feet over all in height and about the same in length, and the rapidity of revolution has been brought down to two hundred and fifty a minute, an object toward which all designers for the last few years have been striving. It is intended to place two or three of these turbines, aggregating 10,000 horsepower, on one or perhaps both of the two new scout ships of 1,200 tons displacement which Congress is to be asked to authorize at the present session. It is estimated that the new boats will make at least twenty-three knots an hour, although the naval engineers are hopeful they will reach twenty-five knots.

GENERAL BURTON'S INSPECTION.—Inspector General Burton of the army has made a report on the inspection conducted by himself of the several branches of the national homes for disabled volunteer soldiers. He says that from observation he is convinced nothing is left undone that could minister to the wants of these wards of the nation. He found food in abundance and of good quality; the discipline maintained was very good. It occurred to him at the end of his journey, he says, that it would be largely in the interest of the general good should the governor of each branch be ordered to visit and inspect the other branches. This need not necessarily be accomplished in one year, but might consume several seasons to make the round. From his own experience as an army inspector he believes that great good may be obtained from visiting and observing methods pursued by others. Another observation that struck him with force is that the time has arrived when in his judgment civilian help should be hired for the work in the offices, dining room, kitchens, storehouses and shops. The old soldiers are, as a rule, entirely too old to perform continuous labor. One of the points visited by General Burton was the new mountain home in Washington County, Tenn. He found that the veterans at other places were anxious to be transferred to the new institution, there being an impression among the old soldiers that the Tennessee home is a cure-all for rheumatism and most other aches and pains. A conversation with the surgeon led General Burton to believe that this is a mistake. In fact, the surgeon reports the climatic conditions there are anything but favorable to the amelioration of rheumatism and catarrhal troubles. General Burton found that the principal infractions of discipline among the veterans were drunkenness, bringing intoxicating liquors into the grounds, disorderly conduct in the quarters or on the grounds and absence without leave.

ORDERS ISSUED.—The following army and navy orders have been issued:

ARMY.

Second Lieutenant MANFRED LANZA, assigned 21st Infantry; to join his company January 29.

Captain HENRY C. DAVIS, artillery corps, from Fort Monroe to Philadelphia.

Captain GEORGE D. DESHON, assistant surgeon, from Boston, February 1, to Fort Des Moines.

Captain JOHN S. KULP, assistant surgeon, from Fort McDowell to Philadelphia, relieving Captain Charles F. Kieffer, assistant surgeon, who goes to Fort D. A. Russell.

Lieutenant Colonel FRANK HEATH, ordnance department, from Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, to Fort Wadsworth.

Major GEORGE E. BUSHNELL, surgeon, detailed to represent medical department at tuberculosis exposition, Baltimore, January 25 to 31.

Major PHILIP G. WALES, surgeon, from Fort Assiniboine to the Philippines.

Captain FRANK H. LAWTON, commissary, from Governor's Island to Atlanta, as chief commissary until arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Henry B. Osgood, deputy commissary general.

Brigadier General CARLE A. WOODRUFF, retired, to Raleigh, N. C., duty organized militia for four years.

NAVY.

Commander W. H. NAUMANN, detached Neafie & Levy works, Philadelphia; to navy yard, Puget Sound, charge steam engineering department.

Lieutenant Commander A. P. NIBLACK, additional duty Twelfth Lighthouse District, Hawaii.

Lieutenant W. D. LEAHY, detached the Pensacola; to the Tacoma.

Midshipmen W. T. CONN, Jr., and M. K. METCALF, to the Paul Jones.

Midshipmen W. BROWN, Jr., and S. M. ROBINSON, to the Preble.

Cable from Rear Admiral Evans, Asiatic Station, December 29:

Major C. M. PERKINS, Olongapo; home.

Chaplain J. F. M'GRAIL and Assistant Paymasters D. J. M'RITCHIE and P. J. WILLETT, to Cavité station.

Passed Assistant Surgeon G. F. FREEMAN, to Olongapo station.

Assistant Paymaster S. E. BARBER, to the Albany.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.—The following movements of vessels have been reported to the Navy Department:

ARRIVED.

December 29—The Leonidas, at Baltimore; the Hull, at Norfolk; the Mohican, at Santa Barbara.

SAILED.

December 29—The Peoria, from Norfolk for Currituck; the Whipple and the Worden, from Key West for Tortugas and Tampa; the Kentucky, the Wisconsin and the Oregon, from Honolulu for Guam; the New-Orleans, the Albany, the Cincinnati and the Raleigh, from Honolulu for Guam via Midway; the Detroit, from Port of Spain for Puerto Plata and Port Santiago, San Domingo.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Indiana placed out of commission yesterday at the New-York yard.

The French cruiser Jurien de la Gravière left New-Orleans for Havana.

WAR VESSELS AT JAMAICA.—The United States cruiser Topeka and the torpedo boats Truxton and Stewart arrived at Kingston, Jamaica, yesterday from Key West. The vessels are now coaling and will proceed as soon as possible to Colon.

DU BOIS WILL CASE UP.

Subscribing Witnesses Testify—Estate About $750,000.

Laura A. Gilbert, Rodney F. Lockwood and C. Townsend Young, all of Ossining, N. Y., subscribing witnesses to the will of Alpheus D. Du Bois, appeared before Probate Clerk Washburn yesterday and gave formal testimony as to the execution of the will by which the principal of Public School No. 36 bequeathed from $500,000 to $750,000 to the practical exclusion of Mrs. Du Bois and her daughter, Mrs. McKee. Their testimony was taken subject to the stipulation that in case formal contest of the will was entered the testimony should not be used at the trial.

Du Bois for nearly a quarter of a century had been separated from his wife, and, although they lived sometimes within a few blocks of each other, never knew of her whereabouts. His daughter had married and he was even unaware of her husband's name. In the will Du Bois made no mention of his wife. "To my daughter, Ivy Blanche, married, name unknown," he left $10,000.

An affidavit, signed by Alfred L. Manierre, of counsel for Mrs. Du Bois and her daughter, set forth that the bulk of the estate was bequeathed to the testator's two sisters, Mrs. Mary Du Bois Jones and Mrs. Caroline D. Seaman. Du Bois was separated from his wife for about forty-five years, during that time, despite the fact that there was no legal divorce or separation, neglecting to provide for the support of his wife or daughter, though it was no fault of theirs.

Mr. Manierre said that there were many unusual features connected with the case that would require careful research, and asked for an adjournment for two weeks on account of the funeral of his mother, which was held yesterday.

GILMOUR-COBB WEDDING TO-DAY.

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 30 (Special).—To-morrow at 5 p. m. in the Church of the Heavenly Rest, New-York, Miss Mary Howard Cobb, daughter of John Blackwell Cobb, of this city, vice-president of the American Tobacco Company, will be married to William Pegram Gilmour, of Richmond, Va. A reception will follow at Sherry's.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 30 (Special).—At the home of the bride's parents, in South Sycamore-st., in the presence of many guests, Miss Marion Lane Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Eugene Davis, became the bride of Captain George Chipman Martin, 18th Infantry, U. S. A. Mrs. Robert W. Davis, of Atlanta, Ga., was matron of honor, and Captain Nuttman, of West Point, was best man. The Rev. Dr. O. S. Bunting, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in this city, officiated, assisted by the Rev. S. Guy Snowden, of Cavenaugh, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have gone to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where they will live. Among the guests present were Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Allen, and Carlos Martin, of Vermont.

MUSIC.

The Christmastide "Messiah."

Handel's oratorio "The Messiah" was performed for the sixty-sixth time by the Oratorio Society at Carnegie Hall last night. Ordinarily it suffices for the critical as well as historical record to chronicle three facts: That the annual performance took place, that the audience room contained as many listeners as either safety or comfort would permit it to hold, and that the solos were sung by Thus and So. That the work is always sung well and listened to reverently and even devoutly has become a self-evident proposition. Special incidents only have invited to discussion such as the experiment made by Mr. Walter Damrosch some years ago to return to the original orchestration and the introduction of the new editions of Robert Franz and Ebenezer Prout.

The latter of these modern versions was brought into use by Mr. Frank Damrosch last year, and utilized again last night. It had both extended description and extended criticism in this journal on the first occasion. Mr. Damrosch departs from it in a few minor matters, which can only look essential to devotees of the old traditions or sticklers for the letter of the new version. What is most commendable about his work and that of the Oratorio Society is the ardent desire to keep the performances out of the rut of perfunctoriness. Last night there was a striking example of this desire in a new reading of the chorus "Behold the Lamb of God," which by a superb breadth of declamation and a proper regard for musical punctuation and expressive nuance, was made to speak in a fitting tone of amazed adoration. It was no longer the familiar "Behold-the Lamb-of God," but "Behold! the Lamb of GOD!"

The solo singers were Mme. Blauvelt, Miss Janet Spencer, George Hamlin and David Bispham—a capable quartet. Miss Spencer sang the air, "O, Thou That Tellest," in the key of G, a proceeding which is sanctioned by the custom of the composer himself to change voice and key in some of the airs to suit the convenience of occasions. Thus, "But who may abide," though composed for a bass voice, is marked for tenor in the autograph MS. and for the male alto, Guadagni, in the Dublin MS., a change of key being indicated in both cases.

MUSICAL NOTES.

The programme of the first concert of the New-York Symphony Orchestra's second series of Sunday afternoon concerts, to be given in Carnegie Hall next Sunday, January 3, is here given in full:

Symphony No. 5 (C minor).....Beethoven
Excerpts from "Die Meistersinger".....Wagner
(With short explanatory remarks by Mr. Damrosch.)
1. Prelude.
2. Monologue of Hans Sachs—Act II. (Herr Emil Fischer.)
3. Prize Song. (Mr. Ellison Van Hoose.)
4. Prelude to Act III and Dance of Apprentices.
5. Quintet from Act III. (Mme. Mihr-Hardy, Miss Crawford, Messrs. Van Hoose, John Young and Emil Fischer.)

Herr Emil Fischer's return to the concert stage as Hans Sachs in the "Meistersinger" selections at this concert will be greeted with affectionate regard by many of his old admirers of the German opera days. His Hans Sachs has never been excelled here. That he is in good voice was abundantly proven the other evening, when at one of Mr. Damrosch's recitals he sang "Wotan's Farewell" with all his oldtime power.

Daniel Frohman announces that he has made arrangements with Walter Damrosch for a complete musical recital and explanatory lecture on the subject of "Parsifal," which will be given at the New Lyceum Theatre on the morning of Wednesday, January 6, at 11 o'clock. The Damrosch Course of Recitals on the Wagner Niebelungen Ring begin Monday, at 3:30 o'clock, in the New Lyceum Theatre, with "The Rheingold." These recitals will be rendered more complete than usual, inasmuch as the principal vocal numbers will be sung by various operatic and concert artists, one of whom will be Emil Fischer, the well known operatic singer.

Mr. David Bispham is to sing twenty songs at his recital in Mendelssohn Hall on Wednesday afternoon, January 6. Ten of these are songs by Hugo Wolf, taken from his Italian and Spanish Liederbuch. Mr. Bispham is also to sing a song by Felix Weingartner, and two songs by H. H. Wetzler, in which he is to be accompanied by the composer. The accompanist for the balance of the concert will be Mr. Harold O. Smith.

When George Grossmith, the humorous entertainer and comedian, returns to this country next month he is to bring with him several new sketches, one of which is entitled "Things You Must Have Noticed." This sketch he will introduce at his first entertainment in Mendelssohn Hall, as well as a new song, "Always Good on Sunday." He will also give for the first time a musical illustration called "Haunted by Dolly Gray."

The Kneisel Quartet will give the fourth of its chamber music concerts in Mendelssohn Hall on Tuesday evening, January 5. There will be no soloist for this concert, but one of the interesting numbers on the programme is to be the Bach concerto for two violins, with string orchestra accompaniment.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's Record and To-day's Forecast.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The northern storm again increased in energy after reaching Western Ontario and has passed into the Atlantic by way of Cape Breton Island with a considerable increase in intensity and velocity. At the same time another disturbance has moved rapidly in from the Northwest and is central to-night over Eastern Lake Superior. The two disturbances have caused general snow to continue in the lake region, the Upper Ohio Valley, New-England and Middle Atlantic States, followed, however, by clearing weather in the two latter districts. Still another disturbance has also appeared in the British Northwest, thereby maintaining the extremely rapid succession of northwestern disturbances that have characterized the present month. Temperatures have fallen considerably in the Upper Ohio Valley and Middle Atlantic States, and risen in the Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys and the slope region. However, they, as a rule, remain considerably below the seasonal average east of the Mississippi River.

There will be snow on Thursday in the greater portion of the lake region, the Middle Atlantic States and Western New-England, extending by Thursday night into Eastern New-England. Snow is also probable on Thursday in the Northwest. There will be snow or rain by Thursday night or Friday in the Missouri, Ohio and Upper Mississippi valleys, and snow will also continue on Friday in the greater portion of the lake region. The weather will be fair on Friday in the Atlantic and Gulf States and extreme West. Temperatures will rise generally during Thursday from the Mississippi Valley eastward, and there are no present indications of extremely cold weather on Friday in any district.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND FRIDAY.

For New-Jersey, partly cloudy and warmer to-day, probably followed by snow in north portion; Friday fair; fresh west winds, becoming variable.

For Eastern New-York, increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day, probably followed by snow; Friday fair; fresh west winds, becoming variable.

For the District of Columbia, fair, warmer to-day; Friday partly cloudy; variable winds.

For Eastern Pennsylvania, increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day, probably snow in north and west portions; Friday partly cloudy; fresh northwest winds, becoming variable.

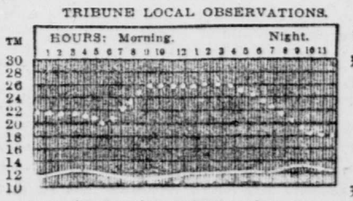
For New-England, increasing cloudiness to-day, followed by snow, and warmer in west portion and at night in east portion; Friday fair; fresh to brisk southwest to south winds.

For Delaware, fair, warmer to-day; Friday partly cloudy; fresh northwest winds, becoming variable.

For Western New-York, snow to-day and probably Friday; fresh to brisk south winds.

For Western Pennsylvania, cloudy and warmer to-day, with snow in north portion; Friday snow in north, rain or snow in south portion; fresh to brisk south winds.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.



In this diagram the continuous white line shows the changes in pressure as indicated by The Tribune's self-recording barometer. The dotted line shows the temperature as recorded by the local Weather Bureau.

The following official record from the Weather Bureau shows the changes in temperature for the last twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year:

	1903.	1902.		1903.	1902.
3 a. m.	21	35	6 p. m.	24	35
6 a. m.	20	35	9 p. m.	19	32
9 a. m.	24	33	11 p. m.	18	30
12 m.	28	35	12 p. m.	—	30
4 p. m.	26	37			

Highest temperature yesterday, 28 degrees; lowest, 18; average, 23; average for corresponding date last year, 34; average for corresponding date last twenty-five years, 30.

Local forecast: Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-day, probably followed by snow; fair Friday; fresh west winds, becoming variable.

ACCIDENT TO BAVARIAN REGENT.

Prince Luitpold Hurt in Hunting Field—His Injuries Slight.

Munich, Dec. 30.—The report published in the United States by a news agency to-day that Prince Luitpold, the Regent of Bavaria, is dangerously ill, is incorrect. The Regent is suffering from the effects of a slight accident sustained recently in the hunting field, and his physicians have forbidden him to stand for any length of time. His condition occasions no anxiety. He gave a luncheon this afternoon to the Diplomatic Corps.

TO INVESTIGATE THE RED CROSS.

Senator Proctor, John G. Carlisle and William Alden Smith Appointed by Mr. Olney.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Acting under authority of a resolution adopted at the last annual meeting of the Red Cross, Richard Olney has appointed Senator Proctor, of Vermont; John G. Carlisle and Representative William Alden Smith, of Michigan, a committee to investigate the management of the society. The committee probably will hold its sessions in Washington, beginning early in January.

MARITIME ASSOCIATION DINNER.

The presidents of the New-York Stock Exchange, the Produce Exchange, the Board of Trade and Transportation, the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange, the Coffee Exchange and the Merchants' Association are among those who have accepted invitations to attend the banquet of the Maritime Association of the Port of New-York, at the opening of their new building, Nos. 78 and 80 Broad-st., next Monday evening. Twenty-five guests and nearly two hundred members of the exchange will sit down to dinner on the floor of the new exchange.

JUSTICE W. W. GOODRICH RETIRES.

Justice William W. Goodrich, of the Appellate Division of the Second Department, in Brooklyn, made his last appearance as a justice of the Supreme Court, presiding, yesterday. Justice Goodrich, having reached the age of seventy years, retires from the bench to-morrow, and will be succeeded as presiding justice by Michael H. Hirschberg, who has been assigned to that place by Governor Odell.

Married.

Marriage notices appearing in THE TRIBUNE will be republished in The Tri-Weekly Tribune without extra charge.

CONDICT—YEAMAN—On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, Walter Halsted Condict and Anna Hamilton, daughter of George Helm Yeaman, at Madison, N. J., the Rev. Wendell Prime Keeler officiating.

MOORE—BAYLES—On Wednesday, December 30, at Grace Church, Orange, by the Venerable Alexander Mann, D. D., the Rev. Oscar Fitzland Moore, jr., and Katharine Johnson Bayles.

REYNOLDS—DENISON—Wednesday, December 30, at the West End Collegiate Church, New-York City, by the Rev. Henry E. Cobb, D. D., Isabel, daughter of the late Robert Barton Denison, and Edward Rainsford Reynolds, of Orange, N. J.

STEBBINS—CANDLER—On Wednesday, December 30, 1903, at noon, by the Rev. Donald Sage Mackay, D. D., at the Collegiate Church, in the city of New-York, George Ledyard Stebbins and Edith Alden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flamen Ball Candler.

Notices of marriages and deaths must be indorsed with full name and address.

Died.

Death notices appearing in THE TRIBUNE will be republished in The Tri-Weekly Tribune without extra charge.

Bleecker, Catharine A.
Board, Ben C.
Boocock, Robert.
Burr, William H., jr.
Dey, Emeline M.
Ferris, William.
Ferwerda, Constance M.
Finley, Isabel S.
Fisk, Josephine R.
Gray, Elizabeth.
Hoyt, Samuel B.
Jenkins, Susan A.
Kellogg, Mrs. Francis J.
Lockwood, Sarah J.
Post, Robert.
Ryan, Abraham H.
Salisbury, Mary C.
Thurber, Julia C.
Vilas, Royal C.

BLEECKER—At Pompton, N. J., December 28, Catharine A. Bleecker, daughter of the late Anthony W. Bleecker. Funeral services at residence, Pompton, on Thursday, December 31, at 2 o'clock p. m. Carriages will meet train leaving Chambers-st. ferry 12 o'clock m. Interment at Greenwood, Friday, January 1.

BOARD—At Chester, N. Y., on Monday, December 28, Ben Curry, son of Joseph Board, class of 1907, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. Funeral from his home, Thursday, December 31, 1903, at 1:30 p. m.

BOOCOCK—On Monday, December 28, 1903, Dr. Robert Boocock, at his late residence, No. 2,905 Clarendon Road, Flatbush, Brooklyn. Funeral private.

BURR—At Westport, Conn., December 29, William Hanford Burr, jr., eldest son of William H. Burr and Lillie M. Huntington, in the 18th year of his age. Funeral services on Saturday at 2 p. m.

DEY—At Pelham Manor, December 30, Emeline M. Cowles, wife of John H. Dey, in the 76th year of her age. Funeral services at residence, Pelham Manor, Friday, January 1, at 11 o'clock. Train leaves Grand Central Station at 10:04 for Pelham.

FERRIE—At Monticello, N. Y., on December 29, the Rev. William Ferrie, A. M., in the 89th year of his age.

FERWERDA—At New-Brunswick, N. J., Wednesday, December 30, Constance May, daughter of the Rev. Floris and May Woodbridge Ferwerda, aged 18 months. Funeral private.

FINLEY—Entered into rest, Mrs. Isabel S. Finley, widow of Samuel Finley, in her 67th year. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services, at her late residence, No. 167 East 83d-st., on Thursday, December 31, at 1 p. m.

FISK—On Wednesday, December 30, Josephine R., widow of Stephen W. Fisk and daughter of the late Norman S. Washburn. Funeral services at St. Thomas's Church, Friday morning, January 1, at 9 o'clock. Interment at Salem, N. Y.

GRAY—At her residence, in Summit, N. J., December 28, 1903, Eliz