LECTURED FROM THE PULPIT.

Why a Congregation Resolved Not to Hear the Rev. Mr. Graham Again.

On Sunday morning the members of the congregation of the Union Hill Baptist Church were startled by a violent and unexpected attack made upon them by the Rev. George Graham, who, although he has been ordained a minister, is a stair builder by occupation, and lives in New York.

The Rev. Robert Fisher was formerly pastor of the church. He had occupied its pulpit for six years, and was a favorite with the congregation; but he was an Englishman, and certain national prejudices that he entertained somewhat affected his popularity toward the end of his pastorate. At the centennial services last summer, Richard R. Green, a member of the congregation, spoke of certain boys who were connected with the Sunday school as "hoodlums." Mr. Fisher, who was very proud of his Sunday school, replied sharply that he did not know what "hoodlum" meant. It was a word, he said, that was "never used in England." Mr. Green was not grateful for this, but nothing more was said at the time. A request on the part of the pastor for an addition to his salary had been refused by the trustees a few weeks prior to the event just mentioned, and it was generally known that Mr. Fisher attributed his failure to get the increase to Mr Green's interference, although the reason given by the trustees was that they could not afford it.

In September last Mr. Fisher resigned, being in poor health, and three weeks ago he died without having preached in any pulpit later than in that of the Union Hill Baptist Church. It was thought, therefore, that the memorial service should be held in the church where he had ministered last, and the Rev. George Graham was invited to officiate on Sunday morning. Mr. Graham had been a warm friend of Mr. Fisher, and the congregation looked for a fitting eulogy on the dead clergyman. They were not disappointed. Mr. Graham eloquently extolled his old friend's virtues, and then went on to charge the congregation with having neglected him. He said that an outsider, referring, as was generally understood, to Richard R. Green, deserved to be held up to universal scorn. That fellow, he said, had need of prayers and pity. He might be insane, but if so his insanity was caused by much learning and the flattery of his friends. But, while praying for him, it would be well for the congregation to prevent his doing any further mischief by making him take a subordinate position in the church. It would benefit him to read the sixth chapter of St. Matthew. He was not, as he supposed himself to be, a man of great talent. He was a scribbler for such newspapers as would take his contributions, and wrote stuff that was not fit to be read in a liquor saloon.

The congregation, the preacher went on to say, had made far too much of this man. They had published a document lauding him extravagantly, and those who had signed it had affixed to their names such titles as church clerks, deacons, superintendents, and other official designations to which they had no right. It was boasted in the vicinity that the church was carried upon the backs of three deacons; if so, it rested upon a very insecure support; but such rumors, of which the deacons ought to be ashamed, only served to enhance their personal pride and importance. Mr. Fisher, his old and valued friend, was a martyr. When he was reviled he reviled not again, nor did he open his mouth when he was assailed. The congregation had made their malice and ill-will a flail with which to strike him, and he had patiently borne the ill-usage heaped upon him. The officers of the church had no right to dictate to him. He, as pastor, was their head and chief, and the great fault of the congregation was that they had not recognized this fact.

While Mr. Graham was speaking the Rev. Mr. Jones, the newly appointed pastor of the church, sat beneath him. Both he and the congregation were surprised at the attack made upon them, and sat silent until the end. Then Mr. Jones called upon the Rev. Dr. Bogart of New York, who was present, to lead in prayer. Dr. Bogart asked that the gifted speaker who had just sat down might be hereafter blessed with greater discretion, and more control over that unruly member, the tongue. As he proceeded fervent "Amens" went up from the congregation, and when he closed Mr. Green arose to his feet and began what seemed a reply to Mr. Graham's charges, but the pastor asked him to sit down, and called for the doxology.

After the evening service a meeting was called in the church, and resolutions censuring Mr. Graham, and debarring him from again occupying the pulpit of the Union Hill Baptist Church, were drawn up by the pastor and adopted by the congregation.

$450,000 IN OPTIONS GONE.

How Two Millers were Drawn Into the Glare of Speculation and Got Scorched.

In the fall of 1879 D. & N. G. Miller of Bridgeport, Conn., came to this city to engage in extensive speculations in corn, wheat, and lard. They placed their business in the hands of E. A. Kent & Co., 89 Broad street, and deposited with the firm $250,000 in cash and $200,000 in dividend-paying securities. The operations were carried on by Kent & Co. on an extensive scale.

One day about a year ago Mr. Kent informed the Millers that their capital had all been absorbed in speculation, and about $10,000 besides. The Millers called for further explanation, but not getting all the details desired, they commenced a suit for an accounting. Kent & Co. made an answer which was held by the Court to be too indefinite, and a second answer was required. In granting, yesterday, a motion to make the second answer also more definite, Judge Barrett said:

"The defendants present a most extraordinary answer and affidavit. They acknowledge the receipt of enormous sums of money from the plaintiffs, declare that these sums have been absorbed, and substantially assert that they can furnish no comprehensible particulars as to the process of absorption. And this they say is in accordance with the custom of the Produce Exchange, of which they are members. They add that the plaintiffs' money formed part of a common fund; that the transactions were mostly by what are called options; that they cannot assign any particular option to the plaintiffs, and that after the transfer of options they cannot trace them upon their books, so as to determine by whom the sums lost thereby were actually paid. All this is simply—except to the initiated—a meaningless jargon, and the defendants may as well understand, once for all, that the law will not tolerate such trifling. They had better act fairly in the matter and make a clean breast of it; either frankly confess the plaintiffs' claim or give them data sufficient in law to justify the absorption of their money and property. If the difficulty arises from the existence of a common fund, let them give full particulars with regard thereto, and show how plaintiffs' money entered therein, caused the absorption of their part of the margin.

"The motion is granted with $10 costs, to be paid unconditionally."

Delay for Genet.

The remittitur from the Court of Appeals in the case of Henry W. Genet, which was received in this city on Saturday, was addressed to the General Term of the Supreme Court. District Attorney Rollins decided yesterday that this would have been the proper way to address it if Genet had not received his sentence before he fled, but that as he had not been sentenced, the remittitur should have been addressed to the court in which Genet was tried and convicted—the Court of Over and Terminer. Fearing that this technality might be seized upon by Genet's counsel, Mr. Rollins mailed the remittitur to E. G. Ferrin, clerk of the Court of Appeals, asking that its address be changed. The motion for judgment was not made by Mr. Rollins, it is understood, until the first Monday of February, when the Court of Over and Terminer, which was adjourned on Tuesday, will resume its sessions.

That Lively Little Thief.

Joseph Weil of 212 West Thirtieth street was held in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday for burglariously entering the rooms of Pierre Bellenetti and Wm. Schwein of 7 Pacific place (West Twenty-ninth street) on Nov. 15 and Jan. 19, and stealing $150 worth of property belonging to the former, and $200 worth from the latter. Weil is a wiry little Alsatian, and gave Detective Schmittberger great difficulty in securing him on Sunday. He rolled down stairs with him, jumped down a well hole two stories without being injured, leaped a fence, climbed a roof, and was captured only after a policeman aided the detectives.

Volcano in British Columbia.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 24.—It is reported that Mount Baker is in a state of active eruption, and is throwing out clouds of smoke and ashes.

Court Calendars This Day.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.—Nos. 74, 76, 81, 6, 109, 103, 238, 210, 229, 237, 239, 242, 246, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255. SPECIAL TERM—Demurrers—Nos. 361, 361. Law and Fact—Nos. 782, 792, 872, 767, 901, 120, 948, 862, 867, 892, 917, 918, 919, 914, 912, 770, 906, 922, 923, 930, 298, 743, 917, 878, 896, 897, 861, 867, 744, 820, 922, 923, 924, 861, 941, 937, 866, 829, 841, 842, 843. Part I.—Nos. 3941, 2467, 2364, 2365, 2120, 1678, 2195, 2396, 2485, 2410, 243, 1930, 4101, 1992, 1930, 2471, 2487, 2469, 1461, 2462. Part II.—Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 404, 2973, 2974, 2966, 2544, 2547, 1678, 2395, 4177, 1101, 2972, 2973, 2968, 763, 1420, 2581, 2740, 2598, 2119, 2596, 1420, 2595, 2598, 2597, 2596, 2595, 2594, 2593, 2592, 2591, 2590, 2589, 2588, 2587, 2586, 2585, 2584, 2583, 2582, 2581, 2580, 2579, 2578, 2577, 2576, 2575, 2574, 2573, 2572, 2571, 2570, 2569, 2568, 2567, 2566, 2565, 2564, 2563, 2562, 2561, 2560, 2559, 2558, 2557, 2556, 2555, 2554, 2553, 2552, 2551, 2550, 2549, 2548, 2547, 2546, 2545, 2544, 2543, 2542, 2541, 2540, 2539, 2538, 2537, 2536, 2535, 2534, 2533, 2532, 2531, 2530, 2529, 2528, 2527, 2526, 2525, 2524, 2523, 2522, 2521, 2520, 2519, 2518, 2517, 2516, 2515, 2514, 2513, 2512, 2511, 2510, 2509, 2508, 2507, 2506, 2505, 2504, 2503, 2502, 2501, 2500, 2499, 2498, 2497, 2496, 2495, 2494, 2493, 2492, 2491, 2490, 2489, 2488, 2487, 2486, 2485, 2484, 2483, 2482, 2481, 2480, 2479, 2478, 2477, 2476, 2475, 2474, 2473, 2472, 2471, 2470, 2469, 2468, 2467, 2466, 2465, 2464, 2463, 2462, 2461, 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MRS. MARGARET SPITZER'S DEATH.

Her Husband Under Arrest Awaiting the Result of a Post-Mortem Examination.

Mrs. Margaret Spitzer of 184½ Eldridge street died on Saturday last under conditions which caused her physician, Dr. Charles E. Denhard of 90 Madison street, to notify the Coroner. Dr. Goldschmidt was sent by Coroner Ellinger to make an autopsy. He found that the body from the waist to the knees had been smeared with a thick coating of coal dust. Mrs. Hoeman, mother of the dead woman, said that she did not know how the body came in that condition. When the coal dust was removed, the body showed marks of contusions, which, Mrs. Hoeman said, were the result of beatings inflicted by the dead woman's husband, Robert Spitzer, 22 years old. He was arrested by Capt. Allaire, and is in the Eldridge street station. The woman's body is in the Morgue. Mrs. Hoeman is the house keeper of the building. She told a pitiful story to the Coroner of her daughter's sufferings at the hands of Spitzer.

When the driver of the dead wagon went to take the body from the house to the Morgue the relatives objected, and called in the undertaker, who sought to get the Coroner's order countermanded, but failed. The post-mortem will be held today.

Spitzer says he is an expressman. He was at one time a clerk in a law office. Recently he was employed as a coal and kindling wood dealer in Fourteenth street. Latterly, he says, he has not earned much, but has given the most of his earnings to his wife and her family. He denies having beaten his wife, and says that before she died she exonerated him from any responsibility for her illness.

Capt. Allaire said that Spitzer's father sought to prevent the marriage, and that Spitzer said he would marry the girl in spite of all opposition. Then Spitzer's family disowned him. His mother sought in vain to have an interview with him yesterday in the police station.

The Funeral of Apollos R. Wetmore.

Funeral services for Apollos Russel Wetmore, whose death, in the 85th year of his age, was on Friday, at the home of his son-in-law, Charles R. Carryl, were held in the Madison Square Presbyterian Church yesterday morning. The Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, the minister of the church, officiated. With him in the pulpit were the Rev. Dr. Roswell D. Hitchcock, the Rev. Dr. William Ormiston of the Reformed Dutch Church, the Rev. Dr. William M. Paxton, and the Rev. Dr. William M. Taylor, who took part in the services. Josiah Quincy, Oliver E. Wood, Thurlow Weed, Admiral W. B. Leroy, George W. Lane, J. F. Shearn, Morris K. Jesup, and R. R. Buchanan were the pall-bearers. Among those present at the church were Andrew H. Green, ex-State Senator Clarkson Crolius, E. C. Peck, ex-Gov. E. D. Morgan, Jackson S. Schultz, ex-Judge Mitchell, Robert H. McCurdy, F. F. Marbury, ex-Judge Charles A. Peabody, William E. Dodge, Butler H. Ripley, John Taylor Johnston, J. B. Cornell, William E. Dodge, Jr., Mr. Dwight, Mr. Kingsley, and Mr. Tallmadge. Directors and officers from the New York Juvenile Society, the Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, the Amer can Tract Society, the Presbyterian Hospital, and other institutions with which the deceased gentleman was connected also attended. The interment was in the Marble Cemetery.

Mr. Campbell Still Reducing Expenses.

The appropriation for salaries in the Finance Department for 1880 was $184,000. Immediately after his appointment as Comptroller, Allan Campbell reduced this sum to $130,000 by removing several clerks. The Board of Apportionment in making up the financial budget for 1881 allowed $127,000 to the Finance Department for salaries. Comptroller Campbell yesterday so reduced the salaries of heads of bureaus and clerks in that department that the total amount of the appropriation for 1881 is $117,000.

Didn't Know he had a Pistol.

Charles Brown of 424 East Eleventh street was taken to the Eldridge street police station yesterday afternoon charged with being caught in the act of tapping the till of Xavier Gachelle, grocer, at 25 Allen street. Xavier grabbed Brown and held him at bay with a knife until Policeman Crystal came. On searching the prisoner a pistol was found in his pocket. Brown declared that he did not know he had the pistol. Capt. Allaire smiled and ordered him to be locked up.

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