A MATCH BEECHER MADE.

JUDGMENT FOR THE DEFENDANT IN THE POND DIVORCE SUIT.

How Beecher Contrived the Marriage—A Letter from him and a Remarkable Telegram that Obtained the Bride's Consent—Her Peculiar History—Evidence in the Case

BOSTON, June 22.—The trial of the divorce suit of Pond agt. Pond was brought to a close in the Supreme Court before Judge Field to-day, judgment being rendered for the defendant. Major Pond was saddled with the costs.

The case is notable in several respects. The libellant, J. B. Pond of Hathaway & Pond, managers of the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, is eligible in the matter of size to the Order of the Titans, being nearly six feet four inches tall. He was the lecture agent of the Plymouth parson, Henry Ward Beecher. In answer to Beecher's lecture manager appeared as defendant a lady who, for the past ten years, has been known to the musical world as Isabella Stone. She is 35 years old, a handsome blonde, of medium height, and possesses a charming voice. Before the suit was brought to trial, there was published in New York and Boston a conversation between Major Pond and a reporter, in which Major Pond appeared as charging his wife with forcing herself upon him and with various offences made the ground for his suit. Mrs. Pond denies in detail the truth of these statements, and declares that they can be excused on no other ground than that of insanity. "A great deal of what Mr. Pond has stated," she said to a SUN correspondent, is contradicted by a letter in my possession, written to me at his suggestion by Mr. Beecher."

"What had Beecher to do with your affairs?" was asked.

"Everything, so far as Mr. Pond is concerned, and, had it not been for Mr. Beecher Mr. Pond would not have sued me for a divorce, for I never should have married him. Mr. Pond, you know, has for a long time been lecture manager for Mr. Beecher. The first time I recall meeting him was at the Redpath Lyceum Bureau in this city, of which Hathaway and Pond were managers. My name was on their list for engagements in concert. In our business relations I saw that Mr. Pond early began to manifest more than a warrantable interest in my affairs. I frankly told him I did not care for his attentions, other than in matters pertaining to my professional work, but he continued them until I told him I must take my name from his bureau. Then he ceased to annoy me for a time, but he presently began again, and even asked me to marry him. I refused. When he was about to go to California with Mr. Beecher, he began most persistently to urge me to marry him, and make the trip to the Pacific our wedding tour. I refused blankly. He then wrote begging that I would engage myself to him. This I refused, but finally told him that I would not engage myself to any one during his absence. Before Mr. Pond left for California I had met Mr. Beecher several times at the bureau, and visited his house at Peekskill. While on the lecture tour it appears that Mr. Pond detailed to Mr. Beecher his feelings for me, and prevailed upon Mr. and Mrs. Beecher to endeavor to influence me to become his wife."

Mrs. Pond here produced a letter which she said was a fac-simile of Beecher's letter to her. It was addressed to Miss Isabella Stone, 16 Concord square, Boston, and is as follows:

CHICAGO, July 18, '78.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIEND: From all that I can perceive, it seems that your, and my friend, Pond, is in love. He has all the impulsiveness and boldness of a lover, and is likely, I believe, to be easily cured. Do you know of any one who would undertake his case? I have always found him to be a warm-hearted man, and the longer I have known him the more I have trusted him, and I have no doubt whatever that should you put your life into his hands you will never regret it.

Some what aware of your *peculiar history*, I do not wonder that you should be uncertain as to the step of marriage. I would be glad to have some talk. Make a few kind words on the subject of marriage the letter concludes. I write this letter to you to answer to a strong desire on Mr. Pond's side that I should say a few fatherly words to you in the matter in which the is so deeply interested. Very kindly yours, H. W. BEECHER.

"I wrote back," said Mrs. Pond, "that I was aware of Mr. Pond's interest in me, but that I could not possibly make up my mind to marry again. When I next heard from Mr. Beecher it was by telegraph. The telegram was five pages long, and cost some $40. It was as follows:

"GRINNELL, Iowa, Aug. 4, 1878.

Miss I. Stone, 16 Concord square, Boston, Mass.

"MY DEAR YOUNG FRIEND: You must excuse the liberty which I take in thus writing to you and upon your own affairs. Mr. Pond has talked much upon me and Mr. Beecher, and consulted us day by day, so that we already feel a responsibility in the matter. From all that you know of him and from all that he reveals in his letters, you should know the great anxiety he has come over him. He has lost vivacity, sleep, interest in business, everything. He is not the same man, nor does he seem to help him. It grows worse. I give him night by night strong sedatives to procure sleep. He clings upon me and my wife like a child. The conduct of Edith has well nigh unmanned him; he mourns for her, and weeps like a mother over her first born. I cannot be severe with him as I should with another man. The grief that has produced such conduct is a daughter. But time, that alleviates all things, could even cure him if he could have its aid benefit. But in my judgment it will be Edith's policy to come back, after a little, and throw herself on the mercy of her husband, with appeals to his generosity and love, and that he will not be able to stand the trial. She is more skilful and artful than he is and stronger in her way, and if she tends to act as this crisis help him, he will sink and his life will go out in sorrow and darkness. It is on this account that I write to you. You are the only efficient and sure salvation to him from the consequences of his folly. Now, if there is anything in your power to help to him this is the time. I know the reasons of your delay. In ordinary occasions they would be more than sufficient.

But this case is peculiar and strange. It is no longer your health. It is his that should be looked after. He is a tender-hearted and generous a soul as I ever met, and he is worth saving. But now, by his daughter's misconduct, he is like a "reed shaken in the wind," a "bruised reed," and may fail at any moment. Were you by his side I think everything would be saved and he would regain his strength. I dread to think of what he must go through if he has not some such comfort and help, and that soon. I have hitherto been of opinion that he was too urgent in pressing you to meet him. I am now sure that it should be done, and done promptly. If you were *my daughter I should lay upon you my commands to start not an hour before you take your tickets to come. Come by the Red route to Council Bluffs. You will never regret it. In all these views Mrs. Beecher entirely coincides with me.* Kindly yours,

HENRY WARD BEECHER.

"On receipt of this telegram," said Mrs. Pond, "thinking Mr. Pond was dangerously ill, and being thus urged by Mr. and Mrs. Beecher, and also advised by some of my own friends that in such an event it would be my duty to go, since Mr. Pond had made the journey, my expenses were paid, I foolishly took the train the following day. To my great surprise, when within twenty-five miles of Council Bluffs Mr. Pond stepped on the train, looking in the best of health. In an instant it flashed upon me that I had either misjudged the telegram or had purposely been deceived. I demanded of Mr. Pond an explanation, to which he said:

"'This was the only way, my dear, that I could get you from home.'

"I told him I did not believe that Mr. and Mrs. Beecher were a party to such a measure, and no matter whether they were or not, I should return to Boston on the next train. When I arrived at Council Bluffs I met Mr. and Mrs. Beecher, who gave me a most affectionate greeting. I asked Mr. Beecher what he meant when he sent such a telegram, and he giving no direct answer, turned it off in a joke. I told him my opinion openly and frankly, and said it was my determination to go home on the next train. When Pond and Mr. Beecher found my feelings were not in concord with their's, they began to reason with me as to what was my duty. Mr. Beecher repeated in more strongly than in his letter his opinion of Mr. Pond, and was joined by Mrs. Beecher. All I care to say further is that I married Mr. Pond, and Mr. Beecher performed the ceremony. I make no censure of Mr. Beecher. He was a most devoted friend to Mr. Pond, and after my marriage no parents could treat a daughter more kindly and affectionately than Mr. and Mrs. Beecher treated me during our bridal trip and for a year after our return. At San Francisco we had our photographs taken in a group. On our return at Chicago the proprietor of the Grand Pacific Hotel gave a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher, and the following, which I keep with other souvenirs in Mr. Beecher's handwriting, was the toast offered and presented to me by Mr. Beecher:

"To the bride of Council Bluffs with all cordial good wishes.

"Sept. 28, 1878." HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Mrs. Pond added that Beecher after her marriage had urged her to call upon him for advice and help if she should ever be in trouble. Since the beginning of the divorce suit, she had done so, receiving her side of the case, but had received no replies.

The trial of Major Pond's suit for divorce was begun last Friday. The libel charged Mrs. Pond with adultery with John C. Jones at Providence on Sept. 1 last, and with Col. Eli Goddard of the staff of Gov. Farnum of Vermont at White River Junction on Nov. 1, and the answer was a general denial. Robert M. Morse, Jr., and H. L. Harding appeared for the libellant, and Solomon Lincoln, Jr., and T. F. Nutter conducted the defence. Mrs. Jones, the libellant's wife, John C. Jones identified two entries on the register of the Hotel Dorrance, Providence, as the handwriting of her husband. One was of the date August 10, 1880, and read "Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, Boston." The other, "Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, Newport," was under the date Sept. 1. Mrs. Jones testified that she was not in Providence on either of those dates, and that her husband was absent from home on those nights, on business, as he said. Major Pond testified that in August, 1880, he was at the West and his wife was living with her mother, Mrs. Phippen, at North Scituate. She rejoined him at New York and left that city at 1 P. M. on Sept 1, by the Shore line train for Boston, via Providence. Mr. Morse put in evidence the following telegram:

NEW YORK, Sept. 1, 1880.

To John C. Jones, 60 State street:

Just leaving. Try and meet me at Providence. ISAAC.

On the night of Nov. 1 Major Pond testified he was in New York and his wife was at Montpelier, Vt.

The libellant's case was closed unexpectedly early in Saturday's session. The Court refused to admit the registers of the Hotel Dorrance in evidence, on the ground that they had not been connected with the defendant. The first three witnesses for the defence testified that on the night of Sept. 1, 1880, Mrs. Pond was at her mother's house in this city, having arrived at 8½ in the evening from New York. There was other evidence to support the alibi. Mrs. Phippen, Mrs. Pond's mother, testified that Mrs. Pond came home to North Scituate from a trip with the Spanish Students very sick. Mr. Pond did not appear till Nov. 4. Then, while his wife was sick and in bed, he charged her with infidelity. She denied it, and there was an explanation. Mr. Pond passed the night with his wife.

Mrs. Pond testified in her own behalf on Monday. She was 30 years old, she said. 18ne afterward corrected it to 35.] Her first husband was Charles Blanchard, whom she married in November, 1869. She was divorced from him in 1871, married Charles Hall in 1873, found that he had a wife living, and in 1876 had her marriage annulled. She was married to Mr. Pond Aug. 11, 1878. She had known John C. Jones since she was a child. On leaving New York for Boston on Sept. 1, 1880, she sent Mr. Jones the despatch in evidence. Her reason for doing so was as follows: A Miss Hull, who had discovered that she was acquainted with Mr. Jones, had followed her to her residence in this city on Aug. 2, and attempted to exact from her a promise never to see Mr. Jones again, threatening to acquaint her husband if she refused. The woman was jealous. Mrs. Pond refused to promise, and said her husband knew of her acquaintance with Mr. Jones. The woman went away, and Mrs. Pond sent for Mr. Jones, related the incident, and told him he must prevent Miss Hull from making trouble between her and her husband. Mr. Jones wrote to her at New York a letter which distressed her greatly, and she sent the telegram appointing an interview at Providence. The train stopped ten minutes at Providence, and in that interval she talked with Mr. Jones about Miss Hull's threats. She never visited any improper place with Mr. Jones, and was never at the Dorrance Hotel.

On Sept. 20, Mrs. Pond continued, she started with the Weber quartet and the Spanish students on a concert tour of 100 nights in Maine and New Brunswick. She was taken very sick at thirteen nights she was taken ill, and telegraphed for Mr. Pond. He met her at Lewiston, Me., and insisted that she should go on, saying he would lose $5,000 otherwise. She went on, but was very ill at Montreal, and again at Montpelier. Her contract was for $100 a week and expenses. She got in all $40. When she asked Treasurer Vinal for money to go home with, having obtained a physician's certificate that she was unable to sing, he said the money had been sent to New York. She bought a ticket for Boston with a $5 gold piece she had been carrying as a pocket piece, but she was unable to take the train, and had to return to the hotel. She met Mr. Goddard in the reception room, and he said he thought she was a very plucky little woman. She talked with him about ten minutes, and then went to her room and went to bed. She did not see him till tea time the next evening. Mr. Goddard escorted her to the train at 11 P. M., and tried to get a berth for her in the sleeping car, but none was vacant. He rode with her to White River Junction, where, being very ill, she left the car and went to a hotel. He escorted her, and bade her good-by at the desk. She did not see him again.

Mrs. Pond also described her interview with her husband after she got home to North Scituate as her mother had described it. He kissed her, she said, when he left the house next day. The same afternoon he wrote to her that he would never enter the house again. He came back the next Sunday and said he proposed to live with her, though he would not take back his accusation. She told him that in that case he might leave the house. At the first interview he had told her that a woman in Boston was suing her husband for a divorce, with the witness as co-respondent, and that detectives had furnished him with a statement of her crimes a yard long. Mrs. Pond's cross-examination went on yesterday, when some testimony in rebuttal was also taken. The court room was crowded on both days, and the spirited replies of the witness, on cross-examination, were several times applauded.

The throng in the court room this morning, while not so great as that which listened to the cross-examination of the defendant yesterday, was still unusually large. Mrs. Pond came a few minutes after the court opened, her appearance giving little evidence of the severe ordeal through which she passed so successfully yesterday. The testimony for the libellant was resumed. The first witness, Miss May Shepard, testified:

I was at Rocky Point last summer, and stopped at the hotel a short distance from the steamboat pier. I know Mrs. Pond, but do not know John C. Jones. I saw Mrs. Pond at Rocky Point some time in August. I first saw her late in the afternoon at about 4 o'clock, with a gentleman coming up from the boat. I saw her again on the pier after tea. I think at about 7 o'clock. The same gentleman was with her. I saw her also at the performance in the evening. I did not know whether she was with any one. I did not see her after the performance.

Henry E. Raymond testified:

I know both Mr. John C. Jones and Mrs. Pond by sight. In the summer of 1880, some time in August or September, I saw Mrs. Pond and Mr. Jones leave a horse car in Boston. It was Sunday, in the forenoon, some time just before or just after church. I was driving toward Brighton. The horse car came from Boston, and stopped just beyond the crossing. I saw no one else get out than Mr. Jones and Mrs. Pond. They walked toward Allston.

Mr. Edward Franklin Weber, a member of the Weber quartet, testified that in August, 1880, the quartet started with Mrs. Pond on a concert tour to Toronto. He did not remember the exact date. The night before they rehearsed at Mrs. Pond's house. They did not exactly serenade her, but hummed over a tune or two on the sidewalk, while waiting for the horse car. Witness was asked whether he did not remember Mrs. Pond's missing a rehearsal, or being away a day or two previous, but he could not recall anything of the kind.

Mr. Vinal recalled, testified that they started on Aug. 13, 1880, on the tour. On Monday, Aug. 9, the quartet rehearsed in their room. Mrs. Pond was present. On Aug. 10 she was not present. On the evening of Aug. 11, which was Wednesday, they rehearsed at Mrs. Pond's residence. It was there that they gave her what she calls a serenade. On Aug. 12, at noon, they rehearsed at 149 Tremont street. Mrs. Pond was present. Witness kept a diary at the time, but could not produce it because it was out of town.

Mrs. Downing, recalled by the defendant, testified that she saw Mr. Pond on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 619 Tremont street. He did not take breakfast at the house. He did ask what "Isaie" got home, but witness did not tell him that she got home at noon on Thursday or that she got a despatch from her and prepared supper for her on Wednesday. Witness did not tell him afterward that she had made a mistake. She never heard of the sentence, "The walls have ears," until she heard it yesterday; and she did not say that she had no place to lay her head. "I have two or three good places to lay my head," she added.

The case was then summed up counsel, after which the Court gave judgment for Mrs. Pond, with costs on the Major.

UNION COLLEGE.

Commencement Day Exercises—Awarding the Annual Prizes.

SCHENECTADY, June 22.—This was commencement day in Union College. After the exercises of the graduating class, Edward J. Devlin of Albany giving the salutatory, ex-Gov. Alexander H. Rice of Massachusetts delivered the Chancellor's oration. Then the commencement prizes were announced.

Edward J. Devlin of Albany took the Warner prize, a silver plate worth $50, for the best general scholarship and character. The Ingham prize, $70 in plate, medal, or money assessed by the student, for the best essay of 4,000 words, was awarded to Courtland Vanable of Springfield, Mass. The Clark Essay prizes were awarded to Courtland Vanable and William E. Vaneps of Schenectady; the Junior Oratorical prize to Edward C. Whitmire of Schenectady, and Frank B. Wright of Bergy Depot, Indian Territory, and the Sophomore Oratorical prizes to G. V. P. Lansing of Schenectady, and Daniel D. Addison of Washington, D. C.

The following honorary degrees were conferred: D. D., the Rev. William M. Johnson of Cohoes; LL. D., the Hon. Levi Parsons of Gloversville, and President Franklin Carter of Williams College; Ph. D., George T. Stevens, M. D., of New York; A. M., Edwin Baker, Clarence Carley, and Samuel Sheldon, of Schenectady.

The commencement reception in the evening was held in the Alumni and Memorial Hall. The seniors' reception, with its fine music and dancing, ended the pleasures and interests of the gala week.

The Alpha Union Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society appointed the Rev. Dr. Amable of Springfield, Mass., the Hon. John A. Deterner of Schenectady, William Rudd of Albany, Prof. Stacey and Prof. Perkins of Union delegates to the centennial meeting of Harvard Chapter on the 30th inst.

Commencement at Vassar.

POUGHKEEPSIE, June 22.—The commencement exercises at Vassar College occurred to-day. Arietta Maria Abbott of Ridgefield, Conn., delivered the valedictory, and Mary Lora Freeman of Penfield the valedictory. At the close of the exercises President Caldwell announced that a lady, who desired him to withhold her name, would present the college with a new organ. Among the degrees conferred were the following:

Baccalaureate Degree—Arietta Maria Abbott of Ridgefield, Conn.; Jennie Louise Avery of Cooperstown; Charlotte Cynthia Barnum of New Haven, Conn.; Mary Rasmond Braisin, Crosswicks, N. J.; Mae Bryan, New York; Julia Frances Darling, Brooklyn; Alida Katharine Fleming, Mount Morris; Mary Lora Freeman, Penfield; Harriet Eliza Gardner, Fort Ann; Kate M. Lane, Cooperstown; Caroline Augusta Lloyd, Beverdale, N. J.; Julia Adelie Meeker, Brooklyn; Mary Adelie Pratt, Elmira; Elizabeth Rhoades, Philadelphia; Ella Louisa Sherman, Sterling; Antwerp, Mary Hamilton Stockwell, Orange, N. J.; Cora Van Benschoten, Poughkeepsie; Caroline Stewart, Vernon.

Degree Candidate—Mary Wilson Case, class of 1878, Emma Bigelow Culbertson, class of '77, Charlotte Elizabeth Finch, high degree, class of '72, Marie Ohlemann Grover, class of '71, Anna Harwood, J. Jackson, first degree, class of '77, Martha Mercelia Walrath, first degree, class of '74; Adeline Stearns Whitney, class of '73.

Graduates of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

The sixty-fourth anniversary of the New York Institution of the Deaf and Dumb was celebrated yesterday at the institution, in 163d street. Prof. L. E. Peet, the principal, called up pupils of the primary department, and illustrated the manner of instructing the deaf and dumb. Under the direction of Prof. E. H. Currier, the senior classes gave exercises in arithmetic. Prizes were then awarded as follows: Cary Testimonial, A. L. Thomas; Harriet Sicker Testimonial, C. W. Main; Dennott Prize, W. A. Gruber; Dennistown Prize, J. H. Dundon; E. H. Currier Prize, J. Lloyd, Jr.; Holbrook Gold Medal, C. N. Hathaway. Thirty-four graduates received diplomas.

Blue Silk Foulard Scarfs are among the novelties shown in the stores of the Keys Manufacturing Company, Nos. 637 and 1,193 Broadway, and 86 Nassau st.—*Adv.*

HINDOO'S EASY VICTORY.

WINNING THE CONEY ISLAND DERBY WITHOUT TURNING A HAIR.

George Lorillard's Two-Year-Old Vanguard Wins in Fast Time—An Exciting Race of Mile and a Quarter Heats—The Betting.

There were a large attendance and exciting races at Sheepshead Bay yesterday, with the exception of the run for the Coney Island Derby, which turned out the tamest affair for a great stake ever seen on the American turf. Dwyer Brothers' Hindoo was conceded by all so certain a winner that out of forty-eight original subscribers one only started against him. That one was Mr. Burnham's Baltic, by Bonnie Scotland. Baltic ran to secure second money.

Fast time and close work were the order of the day in the other races on the flat, and a large amount of money changed hands.

The programme unreeled as follows:

A FREE HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES.

The bell first summoned a lively field of two-year olds to a dash of three-quarters of a mile for a free handicap sweepstakes of $20 each, with $500 added. The lot comprised Vanguard, carrying 103 lbs.; Olivia, 100 lbs.; Gath, 105 lbs.; Francesca, 92 lbs.; Wyanoke, 92 lbs.; Oakdale, 88 lbs.; Gussie, 80 lbs.; and Ida, 80 lbs.

George Lorillard's entries were favorites in the betting, A. Belmont's Olivia second choice, while P. Lorillard's Wyanoke was backed very largely by her owner.

While six of the field were bounding for a start as the flag fell, Olivia came near being left. George Lorillard's pair took a strong lead from the start. Wyanoke was well back in the bunch along the backstretch, but she did so well under the pilotage of Shaner that she was the only one in the last furlong to approach the blue and orange colors of George Lorillard at the head of the line. Costello sent Vanguard flying in winner of the race a length in front of Oakdale, Wyanoke third, a length and a half behind, Francesca, Ida, Olivia, and Gath following as named. Time, 1:15¾. Mutuals paid $16.50.

THE CONEY ISLAND DERBY.

A dull race was looked for when the horses faced the starter for the mile and a half run for the Coney Island Derby for three-year olds—a sweepstakes of $100 each, half forfeit, with $1,500 added, $200 to second. Only two started: Dwyer Brothers' great colt Hindoo, by Virgil, dam Florence, carrying 118 pounds, and Mr. Burnham's b. c. Baltic, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Ermengarde, 118 pounds.

Hindoo was looked upon as so certain a winner that an offer of $600 on Hindoo brought only $25 on Baltic.

McLaughlin allowed Fisher to send Baltic away in the lead, lapping him and jogging around just as if he was merely taking a little exercise. They came up the stretch on the first half mile with McLaughlin pulling steadily to keep Hindoo back. The mile from the stand to stand was run almost neck and neck, Hindoo all the way under a pull until the last two hundred yards, when Fisher gave Baltic a cut or two. The colt responded as if to send in a hum came from the crowd. McLaughlin merely showed his teeth, gave Hindoo his head, and the king of 3-year olds shot ahead like a flash, gaining six lengths in the 200 yards. Shouts of laughter arose as Hindoo won the easiest Derby ever seen on any race course. Time, 2:46¾. French fives paid $5.30.

MILE AND A QUARTER HEATS.

Much interest centred in a free handicap sweepstakes of $50 each, with $800 added, for all ages, mile and a quarter heats. These fivers appeared at the post: Ferida, 110 lbs.; One Dime, 110 lbs.; Elias Lawrence, 115 lbs., and Oden, 111 lbs. Auction pools: One Dime and Oden, $250 each; Ferida, $190; Elias Lawrence, $100.

A beautiful race came when the cluster cut loose at the fall of the flag for the first heat. Costello forced the pace with Ferida, heading the four as they came up the quarter toward the stand. Here she had placed plenty of daylight between Oden. Elias coming third. Before passing the quarter pole on the backstretch Oden closed the gap of two lengths half way. Rushing along the backstretch Ferida more than held her own, placing more daylight between Elias and Sheridan, who now seen creeping through the bunch toward the front, taking Ferida by the neck as they swung into the straight. A hot brush took place up the finish, One Dime and Oden both passing Ferida. One Dime took the inside rail, winning gamely half a length from Oden, Ferida third, just lapping Oden. Time, 2:11.

The betting changed in a remarkable manner for the second heat. Elias Lawrence selling at $400; One Dime, $400; field, $150. The owner of Irongate was a heavy backer of the Dwyer Bros. horse for this heat.

The four made a desperate and close run of it. Elias breaking away first, but held back by McLaughlin, who rode to win. Ferida now took the lead, and headed the bunch from the first furlong around to the lower turn, when Oden took command. One Dime coming fast and close. McLaughlin now sent Elias for the heat, and the horse responded, making one of the prettiest neck-and-neck rushes up the stretch, alongside of One Dime, seen in many a day. Elias extended himself at the finish, winning the heat by a neck from One Dime. Ferida third. Time, 2:11.

The betting for the last heat stood $125 on Elias Lawrence to $25 on One Dime. Mr. Jerome, dissatisfied with the riding of Murphy in the second heat, had Fisher ride in the final. Elias Lawrence led from the start. One Dime dinging to him up to the half-mile pole on the backstretch, where One Dime quit. Coming up the straight, Fisher whipped him fiercely, but Elias Lawrence won under a strong pull by four lengths in 2:20. Mutuals on Elias Lawrence paid $31.90.

THE STEEPLECHASE.

A handicap steeplechase over the regular course wound up the day's races; purse $800, of which $200 to second and $100 to third. The jumpers were: Derby, 152 lbs.; Frank Short, 150; Dispute, 120; Surprise, 130; Lizzie D., 123, and Vigilant, 120. Derby favorite at $250; Lizzie D., $240; field, $ 60.

The chase was a rather straggling affair, with Lizzie D., Dispute, and Derby alternately in the lead, Derby winning by six lengths, Lizzie D. second, Dispute a poor third, the others a quarter of a mile or more away. Surprise fell and threw Metcalf without injuring him, and Frank Short bolted during the last half of the chase. Wynn rode old Derby with great discretion. Time, 5:52¾. Mutuals paid $12.10.

The event to-day will be the race by three-year-old fillies for the Mermaid Stakes.

Entries for To-Day's Races.

The following horses are booked as starters in the Coney Island Jockey Club races to-day:

First race, 1 mile—Greenland, 118 lbs.; Bernadine, 106; Valeria, 110; Potomac, 108; Springfield, 115, Edenderry, 118; Sinbad, 108; Wyandotte, 113; Malda, 108.

Second race, 1⅛ miles—Spark, Bliss, Thora, By the Way, Aella.

Third race, 1¾ miles—Irish King, 100 lbs.; Grenada, 100; Glenmore, 100; Parole, 97; Geo. McCullough, 100.

Fourth race, mile heats—Dan Sparling, 114 lbs.; Sir Hugh, 97; Baby, 109.

Fifth race, 1 mile match, $500—Marathon, 133 lbs.; Germania, 110.

Sixth race, steeplechase—Disturbance, 158 lbs.; Reddine, 146; Dispute, 127; Glenlivet, 120; Joe Hunt, 125; Frank Short, 123; Kate Long, 120; Lizzie D., 153; Vigilant, 120.

Trotting Events at Fleetwood Park.

The members of the Gentlemen's Driving Association have decided to hold a trotting meeting in September next, under the management of the following members: Alexander Taylor, Jr., Shepherd F. Knapp, T. C. Eastman, David Bonner, and George R. Alley. The prizes will amount to between $10,000 and $20,000, and there will be no class slower than 2:30. Several interesting matches are shortly to be trotted on this track. In September there is to be a match for $2,500 a side between Pilkard and Sheridan. Over $20,000 is already bet on the result. Mr. John Sheppard of Boston has written to parties in this city that he is coming on with his fast team of trotters. Will Boy recently purchased for $10,000, and the gray mare Blindline, will trot them in the over Fleetwood Park to top wagon, against the fastest time ever made by any team in the country.

Unprecedented Double-Team Trotting by Mr. Vanderbilt's Span.

Mr. William H. Vanderbilt not long ago told Mr. William H. Harwick that he believed he could drive his team Small Hopes and Lysander a mile on Fleetwood Park in a top wagon in 2:25 or better, and in order to make the trial a record he had a wagon made expressly for effect with Mr. Harwick. Yesterday Mr. Vanderbilt made the trial. Messrs. Geo. Ferguson and Solomon Sales, Joseph Azeulon, and S. Foster Dewey acted as timers. After driving once around the track Mr. Vanderbilt started the horses. The team trotted the first quarter in 35 seconds, the half mile in 1:11, the three-quarters in 1:47½, and the full mile in the extraordinary time of 2:24½.

Commissioner Van Cott's Skye Terrier.

Fire Commissioner Van Cott has a fine Skye terrier which his old friend Dr. Forester sent him from Dublin. He procured a license for the terrier, had a fine collar made for it by the harness maker, and got the license tag riveted to the collar at the repair shops. On Saturday last he sent the dog out for air and exercise, in charge of a servant, unfortunately overlooking the customary muzzle. The dog strayed from the servant with a strange dog, the latter dragging the Commissioner's pet to the dog pound in a cab. The dog was out at the pound, and it became a bone of contention between the owners of dogs. A large reward was offered, and on Tuesday the dog was returned. Mr. Van Cott was so much better yesterday that he could speak calmly of his temporary bereavement.

Death of John M. Courtenay.

John M. Courtenay, President of the New York, West Shore and Chicago Railroad Company, died on Sunday last at his residence, "Idlewild," in Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, at the age of 56 years. Mr. Courtenay was formerly agent of the New York Mail Steamship Company at New Orleans and President of the National Marine and Fire Insurance Company of that city. He was also projector of the present New Orleans and Mobile Railroad. In 1878 he began the organization of the company of which he was President at the time of his death. His failing health for the last four years compelled him to retire from business.

PRINCETON'S COMMENCEMENT.

First Orations and Music, and then the Conferring of Degrees and Prizes.

Yesterday morning a procession of the undergraduates of Princeton College, President McCosh, the trustees, the faculty, the graduating class, guests, and visitors was formed at the college chapel. The band played a slow version of a quickstep, and the procession marched with the measured tread becoming academic dignity to the First Presbyterian Church. It not being considered proper to have the band play secular music in church, it was stationed in an outhouse, whence its mundane melodies were wafted through the open windows of the church during the intermissions. After prayer Edwin Augustus Dix delivered the Latin salutatory, and all who did not understand Latin leaned eagerly forward. Then William Andrew Robinson delivered the English salutatory. He was followed by a number of other graduates, who discoursed upon such light and popular subjects as the "Political Aspects of Mormonism," "Turkey and Its Future," "The Tragedy of Common Life," "The Speaking Dead," and "The Assassination of the Czar." The speakers, who had been selected as having graduated with special honors, were: Arthur L. Kimball, A. Campbell Armstrong, Jr., William Schauffler Dodd, Thomas D. Warren, Charles C. Robbins, J. O. H. Pitner, Arthur H. Scribner, Thomas W. Cauldwell, Charles Grant Tisworth, T. H. Rowen, Jr., Daniel Ira Dyke, Harry Sellelmer, James Marquis Wilson, J. Leverett Moore, William Sinclair Bacot, Charles E. Craven, David A. Haynes, Theodore B. Schneideman, H. Charles Porter, Alexander M. Hudnut, S. Graeme Harrison, Frederic M. Davis, Thomas Danforth King, Henry B. Wellles, William Ingham, Frank Roseberry, George L. Van Alen, and James A. Webb, Jr.

The Master's Oration was delivered by Henry Marquand, who, with twenty-nine classmates of '78, received the degree of M. A. in course. It was also conferred on several members of earlier classes. Walter H. Underwood of '75 received the degree of Master of Arts.

President McCosh then announced the prizemen as follows:

Fellow in Experimental Science, Arthur L. Kimball of New Jersey. Marquand Fellow in Classical Literature, William A. Robinson of Pennsylvania. Fellow in Mathematics, Charles O. Robbins of New Jersey. Chancellor Green Fellow in Mental Science, A. Campbell Armstrong of New York. Bloomfield Fellow in Modern Languages, Theodore B. Schneideman of Pennsylvania. Cleveland Fellow in History, Edwine A. Dixon of New Jersey.

Prizeman in English Literature, Paul Van Dyke of New York. Prizeman in Science and Religion, Dice R. Williams of Bermudas. Dickie Debate Prizemen—First, David A. Haynes, District of Columbia; second, Richard D. Harlan, Kentucky; third, Paul Van Dyke, New York. The George Potts Bible Prizemen—First, Thomas Danforth King, Detroit, Mich.; second, Michigan. The Dickinson Prizeman, Theodore Porter of Ohio. Maclean Prizeman, George F. Greene of New York. Junior Orator Medalists—First, James A. McWilliams of New York; second, William Peckham of Pennsylvania; third, George D. L. Day of New York; fourth, John S. Hibben of Ohio.

Mathematical Prizeman, Henry M. Landis of Pennsylvania.

After ninety-eight had received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Richard Davenport Howland delivered the valedictory.

RUTGERS COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

A Present to Ex-President Campbell by the Graduating Class.

The exercises of the 111th commencement of Rutgers College, in New Brunswick, were performed yesterday. The graduates in the academic course number twenty-six; in the scientific course, nine. Early in the day a long procession, headed by Gov. Ludlow and President Campbell, and including the faculty, the college trustees, the graduates, undergraduates, and visitors, was formed on the college campus, and, preceded by the Ninth Regiment Band of New York, it marched to the Opera House. There fifteen members of the graduating class gave orations until 3 P. M. to the edification of a large number of their friends and relatives. The Opera House was crammed, and not even standing room was to be found.

As President Campbell was about to pronounce the benediction, a member of the graduating class, Mr. C. N. Fronefues, walked to the footlights with one arm tightly embracing a large silver ice pitcher. Then he addressed the President, and said that it was with deep regret that the graduating class learned that on Tuesday the President had resigned his position at the head of the college faculty; to his kindly counsels and help the retiring class owed what they could never repay, and whatever they should become in future years they would owe to him. Then he presented the pitcher as a memorial of the class of 1881.

The President said that he was somewhat surprised at the episode. Then he quoted a phrase from Terrence to the effect that he was a man, and that nothing human was foreign to him; therefore, he said, he confessed that he was fond of the approbation of others, as other men are. "Thank you, thank you," he added, "for this token of esteem and approbation. I should be miserable to-day if I did not think that I have done it."

President Campbell's reason for retiring is that he has served for nineteen years, and is now willing to give way to a younger man. He has been the means of raising $300,000 for the college. His successor is not yet named, but it was said yesterday in conversation by one of the trustees that the Rev. Dr. David R. Murray, Secretary of the Board of Regents of the State of New York, might be called.

The Board of Trustees of the Alumni joined in passing resolutions objecting to the admission of women to an equal position with young men undergraduates in the college.

A movement is on foot to establish a third and general endowment for Rutgers College. It was started among graduates residing in Albany, Troy, and Newark. A member of the faculty said yesterday that Robert H. Pruyn, LL. D., ex-Minister to Japan, has offered to give $50,000 for this purpose if the trustees will arrange for $200,000, or he will give $100,000 if the trustees will furnish $400,000.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE GRADUATES.

Commencement Exercises Under the Elms on the Campus in Fordham.

Under the spreading branches of a group of old elms about a hundred yards west of the college buildings the exercises of the thirty-sixth commencement of St. John's College, Fordham, were held yesterday. The visiting clergymen, the college faculty, and the members of the graduating class sat on a platform, and in the middle of the platform was Cardinal McCloskey, with Bishop Ryan of Buffalo, and Monsignors Preston and Quinn near him.

The exercises were begun with music at 2 P. M. The first speaker was Thomas J. Aspell, whose subject was, "The Coming Anniversary at Yorktown." He was followed by Francis H. Brown, who spoke on "The Ethics of Politics." The valedictory was delivered by Thomas Fenton of Washington Heights. "Plato and Aristotle" was the subject of the master's oration, delivered by John P. Dunn.

The members of the graduating class were Thomas Fenton, Washington Heights; Terence P. Rafferty, New York; Francis H. Brown, Montreal, P. Q.; Thomas J. Aspell, New York; John M. Dempsey, New York; and Charles G. Reynard, Mount Vernon. As the graduates received their diplomas from the Cardinal, they knelt and kissed the ring on his right hand.

The address to the graduates was delivered by the Rev. James J. Moriarty, class of '62, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Chatham, N. Y.

The Hughes medal for the best examination in mental philosophy was awarded to Thomas Fenton, as was the medal for the best biographical essay. The students requested the faculty to contribute the money that would be required to purchase prizes for the Sisters' College of St. St. Mary's, in Emmitsburg, Md., which is in financial distress. In place of prizes, certificates were given.

The Cardinal then delivered a brief address to the graduating class, after which the assembly knelt and received the benediction.

New York Boats Going East.

BOSTON, June 22.—A line of steamboats is to be started soon from Boston to Revere Beach, formerly the sea Beach, where a new wooded day 1,100 feet long has been built. The Sewell Point Steamboat Lawrence and Eliza Hancox have been engaged for the season. An opening excursion will be given on the 29th.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINUTES OF ASTRONOMICAL TIME.

Sun rises..... 4 29 | Sun sets..... 7 35 | Moon rises.. 2 04

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook - 5 07 | Gov. Island.. 5 45 | Hell Gate.... 7 34

Arrived—WEDNESDAY, June 22.

Ss Parthia, McKay, Liverpool June 11, and Queenstown 12th.

Ss Frisia, Eublewitz, Hamburg June 8, and Havre 9th.

Ss Bermuda, Hunt, Hayre.

Ss Lone star, Quick, New Orleans.

Ss Louisiana, Hewes, Galveston.

Ss Minerva, Newton, West Hartlepool.

Ss British Princess, Fawcett, Vera Cruz June 10.

Ss Montana, Bond, West Point, Va.

Ss Stevens, Lathers, Philadelphia, Lewes.

Ss Saratoga, Currie, Havana.

Ss Franconia, Nansom, Portland.

Bark Agostino Fellage, Chiera, Lisbon.

Brig Lalinda, Barnes, London.

Bark Sonora, Cornelissen, Havre.

Bark