THEATRES IN MIDSUMMER.

A NEW MUSICAL FARCE BROUGHT OUT AT THE KNICKERBOCKER.

Francis Wilson the Leader of the Comedians in "The Stroller"—Three Old Plays Revived at Proctor Houses—Plenty of Seasonable Diversion on Our Stage at Present.

The drollery of Francis Wilson is invariable in manner, and its sameness consists of a kind of waggery in which he has no successful competitor among our comedians. Mr. Wilson has several times shown an ambitious desire to make people laugh by more dignified means, but his audiences have always discouraged him in such endeavors and been best pleased with him when he is unreservedly nonsensical.

His first noteworthy success as a comic man was in "Erminie," that travesty of "Robert Macaire," in which he made one of the two thieves about as funny a fellow as our stage has known. A character in the same vein, a ragged tramp who got into the guise of a prince, was his rôle in "The Strollers" at the Knickerbocker Theatre last night. It was midway between comedy and clowning, abundant in wit and humor, and an assumption that seemed sure to improve with repetition.

This play had been written in Germany by Herren L. Kremm and Christopher Lindau, who had called it "Der Landstreicher." The free translation had not twisted the story of the tramp's adventures out of its original form, except to provide a wife for him, but jokes and verses had been interjected by Harry B. Smith, tunes by Ludwig Englander and visible singularities by George W. Lederer. The dexterity of these three men, each in his peculiar way, had turned the piece into a musical farce of the American type, although the scenes remained in Europe.

In a prologue, the two strollers were arrested as suspicious characters, and they made their escape through the substitution of anamorous old prince and his young sweetheart as the prisoners. The two acts that ensued were at an Austrian watering place during a fete, and there the rogues figured as the royal roué and his girl. This layout had given an opportunity to put in many things that looked well, from pretty girls to spectacular scenery.

While the part that had been cut out for Mr. Wilson and neatly fitted to him was a repetition to some extent of his earlier grotesquery, the device of giving him a wife for a vagabond companion was a positive variant of the otherwise old scheme, and imparted new aspects to it. This feminine substitute for the usual masculine assistant was welcomed, partly because she was not the same thing over again, and partly because Irene Bentley made her a captivating rogue.

Mr. Wilson and Miss Bentley were a well-matched pair, pulling evenly through their dialogues, and dashing harmoniously together through songs and dances. In the prologue they were tatterdemalions, but in the rest of the play he donned various comic disguises, and she took the fineries of a succession of garbs, while they fooled and dodged the minions of the law.

Marie George as the real nobleman's pet, and Harry Gilfoil as that doddering old reprobate, were a second pair of entertainers. Miss George was the same sprightly little dancer that she had been in Casino shows, and in a fanciful waltz with Mr. Wilson kept pace with his famously quick legs. She and Miss Bentley had just about equal opportunities for rivalry in getting at the audience's favor, and no fair judge could easily decide which of them got most of it.

It was a good-will assemblage that crowded the theatre and honest applause was plentiful, but there was a disposition by some of the people to force too many encores and some other of the people hissed a little by way of reproof. Edwin Foy, a comedian with a face that no artist could caricature and a woolly western style of fun that suited his rôle of a drunken jailor, became a favorite with the laughers. The company was numerous and generally talented.

The scenery grew steadily from commonplace to extraordinary. A court room and a cell in the prologue were dull. A yard of an inn and a mountainous background in the first act were brighter. A festival of fans in the second act was gorgeously resplendent. It was in this last setting, too, that the gaudily costumed women were most active. The conjunction of Francis Wilson and a Lederer show is very potent. "The Strollers" needs shortening and hastening, but there did not seem to be much else needed by it.

The London 'alls sent Albert Chevalier to us and we rejoiced. The London 'alls sent us Dan Leno and we sunk into a deep depression. Last night Little Tich, an idol of various British "palaces of varieties," appeared in the Cherry Blossom Grove. He will cause no violent emotion in either direction, neither the enthusiasm excited by the coster balladist nor the weariness created by the character comedian's very English efforts at the comic. The programme of the Cherry Blossom Grove says that Little Tich is the highest salaried vaudevillian, which is probably untrue. If it is true, the Sires must have lost that sagacity in business for which they are widely credited.

He is extravagantly paid in London, but his personal popularity there makes him worth more than his fame ever could here. He is a good entertainer and one whose seemingly impromptu merriment and buffoonery would naturally make friends for him. But among a strange community he loses some of that value, as May Irwin would if she went abroad. Unlike Chevalier or Cissie Loftus or Yvette Guilbert, whose artistic merits are as easily discernible at first sight as after close and continuous scrutiny, Little Tich is not an artist, but simply an entertainer. As such he is a valuable addition to any bill.

The roof garden was crowded, presumably by people desirous of seeing the English performer, as the audience were far more numerous than heretofore this summer. Many representative first nighters were there, some coming up from the Knickerbocker Theatre for this act. When Tich entered he was greeted loudly, and with an enthusiasm so lengthy that he had to start singing before the applause had ceased.

A large proportion of the audience had probably seen him before, abroad or when he visited this country about fifteen years ago. Or they had heard of his appearance. Any who had not must have been surprised to see a dwarf, remarkably agile and possessing a mobile yet animated face. His expression of countenance was quick in changes and always conveying some meaning, aside from its infectious joyousness.

He sang four songs. The first was particularly English, and the least entertaining. It resembled the meaningless patter of Dan Leno, set to a characteristically Marie Lloyd air, and was not worth description. The second ditty burlesqued the dashing military ballads, and for it Tich assumed the guise of a British dragoon, which set comically upon his diminutive figure. Amusing accessories were a large pair of boots that persistently fell off, and a long and unmanageable musket. The third song was about a Spanish señorita, not clever in words.

But as a feminine dancer of a fandango the little man was highly diverting. His allegiance for the last number included shoes and a skirt half as long as the height of his body. He extracted uproarious fun from these. In fact, it was with them that he gained his first renown, and they are the things best remembered by persons who recall his visit to Tony Pastor's in the '80s.

Robert Fisher was engaged by cable yesterday by Klaw & Erlanger for the title rôle in their London production of "Ben Hur" at the Drury Lane, on April 5, 1902.

The Madison Square and Sept. 30 have been selected as the theatre and date for Klaw & Erlanger's New York production of "The Liberty Belles," a musical comedy by Harry B. Smith which will have a Philadelphia start on Sept. 9.

The cast will include Cyril Scott, Etta Butler, John Slavin, Sandol Milliken, Augusta Gilsese, Edith Barr and Margaret Walker.

Benjamin Howard has been engaged as Viola Allen's leading actor next season, succeeding Robert Haines as the hero of "In the Palace of the King."

It was decided last night to discontinue the run of "The Brixton Burglary" at the Herald Square next Saturday night.

The assignments of the Proctor companies for the week brought forward several comedies associated with the representations of N. C. Goodwin. William Collier and William Gillette. The actors new to the principal rôles were William Beckwith in "The Nominee" at the Twenty-third Street, Charles S. Abbe in "The Man From Mexico" at the Fifth Avenue and E. Lovett Fraser in "The Private Secretary" at the Harlem. "All the Comforts of Home" had Frederick Truesdell and Derrington Kendal in its cast at the Fifty-eighth Street. There was vaudeville between acts at each house, and a short play for a curtain raiser.

There are such novelties in the vaudeville bill at Keith's as Josie Sadler in "Rosy" and Monroe, Mack and Lawrence in "How to Get Rid of Your Mother-in-Law," along with a complete change from last week's specialists. New things were at Pastor's, too, including Lane, Kirby and Turner in "At Turf Inn" in the long and various programme. Little change had been deemed necessary at the Paradise Gardens. Charmion was still the top-liner in Koster & Bial's roof. "The Mikado" was retained at the American Rose Garden and "The Chimes of Normandy" at the Terrace Garden. New groups were disclosed at the Eden Musée.

The wateraide theatres offered "The Circus Girl" and "War in China" at Manhattan Beach, and the "Pan-American Girl" and a vaudeville show at Bergen Beach.

The familiar plays that held over persistently were "Captain Jinks" at the Garrick, "On the Quiet" at the Madison Square, "The King's Carnival" at the New York and "Florodora" at the Casino.

Mary Hampton, Thomas J. Keogh and the younger George C. Boniface have been engaged for next season by Greenwall & Weis in "The Gay Mr. Goldstein." The same firm will send out "Winchester" and some other plays. William Elton, Louis Massen and B. S. Ringgold will be in Rose Coghlan's company for "Peg Woffington" and other plays under Leavitt & Lederer.

XAVIER COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Archbishop Corrigan Has a Word to Say About Christian Science.

The commencement exercises of the College of St. Francis Zavier were held in Carnegie Hall last night. Archbishop Corrigan presided. The degree of bachelor of arts was conferred upon twenty-nine students. The bachelor's oration on "The Fanaticism of Science" was delivered by William J. Gough. The master's oration on "A Phase of Occultism" was delivered by Nelson Hume and the valedictory by Edwin J. Ryan. Assistant Corporation Counsel William J. Carr of Brooklyn, a graduate of the class of '82, delivered the address to the graduates. He said:

"As you are true Catholic gentlemen you will be true Americans. There is no occasion to protest your patriotism. Such an attack if it merit contemptuous silence and are beneath reply. I have led an active life among people not of my faith, perhaps not of any faith. I have never suspected their patriotism nor they mine.

In commenting upon the addresses of the young men Archbishop Corrigan referred to Christian Science which Mr. Hume had touched upon as the latest phase of occultism. He said:

"Only this morning the newspapers told us that this sect has 500 places of worship in this country. We have seen their growth in New York, the increasing number of very beautiful places of worship which only are building. They call themselves Christian but they have come twenty centuries too late to be Christians. If Christianity has been at fault for 1900 years it is too late to correct it. Yet how many of our own people have been led astray by the new faith in which there is no Christianity and no science?

The Alumni Association will give a dinner to the graduating class at the Hotel Marlborough to-night.

JUDGE GOING TO PUNCH HIM, SAYS HE.

Excited Man Begs Protection From the Police—New to Me, Says the Judge.

Edward L. Raymond, who said that he lived at the Hotel Endicott, went to the West Thirtieth street police station last night and asked Sergt. Carson for protection from Judge William A. Vincent of Chicago, who, Raymond said, had threatened to punch him.

Sergt. Carson couldn't do anything for Raymond to make him feel easier, except to advise him to get a warrant after he had had the punching. Then Raymond went with a friend, who had accompanied him to the station, over to the Waldorf, where Judge Vincent is staying. Raymond stayed around the corridor for an hour, but nobody hit him.

He explained his fears by saying that a year ago he sent a cablegram to a friend of his in Paris, telling the friend that his business partner in that city wasn't doing right by him. By some mistake, Raymond said, the cablegram fell into the hands of Judge Vincent, who came back to this country and told all about it. Raymond sent word to Vincent that that was a mean thing to do, and then, according to the police station gossip, came the threats to punch.

Judge Vincent was told all about this at the Waldorf last night. He said that he met Raymond some time ago in Paris, where they were introduced by Charles E. Tripler, the liquid air man, but that he had not seen or heard of him since. Judge Vincent also said that the information about a cablegram and threats to punch was all brand new to him.

"I have no desire to punch any one in this hotel," he said. "I had a row here once with a Wall Street newspaper man named Charles T. Davis, and that was enough.

TO INVESTIGATE A HORSE'S DEATH.

Capt. Olmstead Got $60 From War Department—Will He Have to Give It Back?

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 24.—Judges Caldwell, Sanborn and Thayer will be called on to investigate the death of Capt. Olmstead's horse at Fort Robinson, Neb., on Feb. 7, 1896, in deciding a case that came to the United States Court of Appeals this morning from the Eastern district of Iowa.

The horse died of colic. He was owned by Capt. Jerauld A. Olmstead of the Eighth United States Cavalry.

When the horse died Capt. Olmstead, through regular military channels, presented a claim to the War Department for $60 and the auditor allowed the claim. A year and a half later Comptroller Bowers passed on the claim and disallowed it on the ground that there was nothing to show that the horse's death was due to any exigency or necessity of the service. The District Attorney at Des Moines, Ia., was directed to bring suit against Capt. Olmstead to recover the $60 paid him, with interest at 6 per cent. Olmstead's attorney filed a demurrer, which was sustained by Judge McPherson, whereupon the District Attorney brought the case before the Appellate Court on a bill of exceptions.

LEAVES $100,000 TO CHARITY.

Charles Hyde's Will Directs Executors to Spend That Sum as They Deem Wise.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., June 24.—The will of Charles Hyde, banker and oil magnate, was read this afternoon before the members of the family by State Senator Charles A. Reed who represents the executors. Those present were Mrs. Hyde, the four sons and the daughter, who are named as executors. With the exception of $100,000 left as a charitable bequest, the entire estate is left to the widow and five children. The will directs that the $100,000 shall be divided among such charities as the executors shall deem wise, and this must be done within five years. The exact value of the estate cannot be ascertained, but it is estimated to be worth nearly $3,000,000.

Gunboat Alvarado to Go on a Recruiting Mission

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The gunboat Alvarado, captured from Spain at Santiago, has started on a little mission of an experimental character to the sounds of North Carolina and South Carolina. She left Annapolis to-day for Norfolk, whence she will proceed to North Carolina by the inland route. Her object is to enlist fishermen and other seafaring men for the naval service. These people cannot be reached through the ordinary methods of recruiting, as they live far from towns and are ignorant of the advantages offered for service in the American navy. So the Alvarado will be an itinerant recruiting office, going wherever the fishermen of the sounds and the sea islands congregate, in the hope of securing good men. The navy needs seamen and is making every effort to get them.

Brooklyn Police Captains Shifted.

Four Brooklyn police captains were shifted yesterday by order of Commissioner Murphy on the recommendation of Mr. York. Capt. Thomas Cullen, who has commanded the Hamilton avenue station for about five months, goes to the Fourth avenue station. Capt. Miles O'Reilly of the Butler street precinct goes to Hamilton avenue. Capt. Charles E. Bedell of the Fourth avenue, to the Fifth avenue station. Capt. Michael Devaney from Fifth avenue to Butler street.

United Cotton Oil Company Incorporated

TRENTON, N. J., June 24.—The United Cotton Oil Company was incorporated today to deal in cotton oil and other oils and their by-products. The capital stock is $12,000,000 and the incorporators are: Frank H. Lord, 72 East Thirty-fourth street, New York; Cecil D. Giles, 43 West Thirty-second street, New York, and Kenneth K. McLaren, Jersey City.

CLASS DAY OF YALE 1901.

ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS OF COMMENCEMENT VISITORS.

Presentation Ceremonies in Battell Chapel—Announcement of Honors and Scholarships—Planting of the Ivy—Judge Knowlton's Address Delivered at the Law School.

NEW HAVEN, June 24.—Yale's class day exercises were attended by hundreds of the commencement visitors. The presentation ceremonies were held in Battell Chapel, that was crowded. The class poem was by Paul Thomas Gilbert of Cincinnati on "The Awakening of Pierrot." Richard Henry Edwards of Lisle, N. Y., delivered the class oration, on "Training and Power."

In the afternoon the class histories were read on the campus and the grinds on the seniors provoked much merriment. The class historians were James Parker of Louisville, Ky., Ray Morris of New Haven, Maurice Mason of Chicago, Walter B. Howe of Washington, D. C., and Frederick B. Haight of New Haven. Then followed the parade of the seniors to the library building, where the ivy was planted. The ivy ode in Latin was written by William S. Hunt of Chatham, N. J.

Announcements of honors were made to-night, the principal ones being as follows:

In Philosophy—Benjamin Spencer Gowen of Winchester, Tenn.; William Frederick Hamilton of New Haven, Conn.; George Blakeman Lovell of New Haven, Conn.; Carlton Taylor White of Noroton, Conn.

In Natural Sciences—Aims Chamberlain, Warwick, N. Y.; Edwin Wilson, Claverack, N. Y.; John O. McCall, Binghamton, N. Y.; Merritt H. Merriman, Waterbury, Conn.; George M. Smith, New York city.

In Political Science and Law—Morton D. Cahn, Chicago, Ill.; Oliver H. Eddy, Evanston, Ill.; Ernest Hansberg, Charles City, Ia.; George G. Henry, Washington, D. C.; Russell Mott, Michigan City, Ind.; William S. Pritchard, Brockton, Mass.; Stanley B. Resor, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ralph O. Wells, Hartford, Conn.; Convers B. Woolsey, Englewood, N. J.; Hubert B. Fuller, Washington, D. C.; Frederick S. Kellogg, Montclair, N. J.; James L. Loomis, Granby, Conn.; Clide F. Pettit, Stuttgart, Ark.

In history—Herbert Scoville, New York city; James S. Taintor, Hartford, Conn.; Jesse S. Wyler, Cincinnati, Ohio; Hubert Fuller, Washington, D. C.

In modern languages—Dana L. Walcott, Rutherford, N. J.; Albert M. Webb, Bell Buckle, Tenn.

In ancient languages—Ralph E. Rogers, Rochester, N. Y.; Lacey D. Caskey, Dresden, Germany.

In English—Arthur H. Gleason, South Norwalk, Conn.; Robert Earle, Broughton Hall, New Haven, Conn.; William S. Hunt, Chatham, N. J.; William H. Hutchins, Indian Orchard, Mass.; Frederick R. Ryan, New Haven, Conn.; Ogden W. White, Waterbury, Conn.; Frederick M. Clapp, New York city; Colton Maynard, Washington, D. C.

Philosophical orations—William H. Warren, Holden, Mass.; Edwin H. Tuttle, New Haven, Conn.; William M. Maltbie, Granby, Conn.; Benjamin S. Gowen, Winchester, Tenn.; Lacey D. Caskey, Dresden, Germany; Sylvester D. Powell, Easton, Conn.; James L. Whitner, Branford, Conn.; George G. Henry, Washington, D. C.; Oliver Ward, New Britain, Conn.; Francis G. Brown, Jr., Flushing, N. Y.; Paul B. A. Johnson, Washington, D. C.; Harold B. Hunting, Berea, Ky.; John B. Chamberlin, Unionville, Conn.; Harry Ward, Clinton, Conn.; Robert E. B. Hall, New Haven, Conn.; Ralph E. Rogers, Rochester, N. Y.; Frederick R. Ryan, New Haven, Conn.; Colton Maynard, Washington, D. C.; Hubert B. Fuller, Washington, D. C.

High orations—Arthur D. Allen, Louisville, Ky.; Henry H. Babcock, Watertown, N. Y.; John D. Bogart, New York city; Frederick M. Clapp, New York city; Eugene N. Curtis, White Plains, N. Y.; Charles M. De Forest, New Haven, Conn.; Oliver H. Eddy, Evanston, Ill.; Eldridge Elston, Chestertown, Md.; Caleb E. Fisher, Fargo, N. D.; Harold N. Hetrick, Norwich, Conn.; Russell H. Nevins, Stamford, Conn.; Clyde E. Pettit, Stuttgart, Ark.; Charles F. Rogers, Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Malvern H. Tillitt, Elizabeth City, N. C.; Burton I. Tolles, Ansonia, Conn.; Albert M. Webb, Bell Buckle, Tenn.; Wilhelmus D. Westfall, Montague, N. J.; Arthur J. Young, Brunswick, Me.

Fellowships and Scholarships.

Secretary Ansel Phelps Stokes of the Yale Corporation gave out to-day the names of those of the Yale graduate department to whom had been awarded fellowships and scholarships. Those who secured university fellowships are:

In Physiological Chemistry—Leo F. Rettger, Bloomington, Ind.; Henry C. Robinson, fellow in pathology; George F. Abel, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary K. Benedict, Cincinnati, Ohio; Halbert P. Britan, Hanover, Ind.; in classics, Abraham R. Brubacher, Shaefferstown, Pa.; Frank S. Brumell, Stratford, Conn.; George M. Chase, Lewiston, Me.; in natural science, Edgar R. Cumings, Madison, Ohio; in Biblical literature, Sara A. Emerson, Watertown, Mass.; Frederick Leal, Oak Lawn, R. I.; in English, Hubert G. Shearin, Danville, Ky.; William O. Stevens, Waterville, Me.; in history, Kanichi Asakawa, Fukushima, Japan; John B. Kelso, Allegheny, Pa.; William S. Robertson, Madison, Wis. (Bulkley Fellow in American History); in mathematics, Burke Smith, Auburn, Wash.

University Scholarships in Philosophy—James A. Baker, Huntington, Tenn.; Frank Hood, Tupelo, Miss.; Ranjiva Kingsley, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Thomas S. Lowden, Muncie, Ind.; Robert W. Pettit, New Brunswick, N. J.; Edward E. Rall, New Haven, Conn.; Carleton T. White, Noroton, Conn.

In History and Economics—Gilbert G. Benjamin, Silver Creek, N. Y.; John B. Chamberlain, Union ville, Conn.; James E. Cutler, Boulder, Col.; Frederick E. Fairchild, Crete, Neb.; Teirabuco Takahashi, Tokyo, Japan; Curtis H. Walker, New Haven, Conn.

In Classics—Hiram Gillespie, Peoria, Ill.; Louis H. Schulte, Chicago, Ill.; Rufus T. Stephenson, Salina, Kan.

In English and Other Modern Languages—Margaret R. Bradshaw, Brookfield, Mo.; Clarence C. Clarke, Baltimore, Md.; Arthur H. R. Fairchild, Toronto, Canada; Marion Hazeltine, Galion, Ohio; Robert E. B. Hall, New Haven, Conn.; Frederick B. Harrison, New Haven, Conn.; Carl W. Johnson, Lindsborg, Kan.; Charles A. Kellogg, Jr., Carthage, Mo.; John P. Rice, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Frederick R. Ryan, New Haven, Conn.; Elbert L. S. Thompson, New Haven, Conn.; Edward Thorstenberg, Assaria, Kan.; Albert M. Webb, Bell Buckle, Tenn.

In Natural and Physical Sciences—John C. Blake, Boulder, Col.; Frank C. Cook, Waterbury, Conn.; Ralph D. Gilbert, Gilead, Conn.; Philip B. Hawk, East Branch, N. Y.; Frank M. McGeehan, Allegheny City, Pa.; Julien Olsen, Norway, Kan.; William L. Porter, Winterset, Ia.; Oscar S. Pulman, Albany, N. Y.; Lyman B. Stookey, Belleville, Ill.; John A. Van Gross, Eugene, Ore.; George B. White, Cooperstown, N. Y.

In Mathematics—Henry H. Conover, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oliver C. Lester, Fayette, Mo.; Malvern H. Tillitt, Elizabeth, N. C.

The following fellowships and scholarships are awarded to graduates of Yale University only:

Soldiers' Memorial Fellowship—Lacey D. Caskey, Dresden, Germany, class of '01, classics.

Eldridge Fellowships—Samuel P. Brooks, Cleburne, Tex., class of '94, history and economics; Benjamin S. Gowen, Winchester, Tenn., class of '01, philosophy.

Douglass Fellowship—Wilhemus D. A. Westfall, Montague, N. J., class of '01, mathematics.

Silliman Fellowship—Frank E. Hale, Hartford, Conn., class of 1900, chemistry.

Scott-Hurtt Fellowship—Frederick B. Lucquens, New Haven, Conn., class of '97, Romance languages.

Sloane Fellowship—Henry A. Perkins, Hartford, Conn., class of '96, physics.

Foote Fellowships—James P. Smith, Hartford, Conn., class of '98, English; Chauncey B. Tinker, Denver, Col., class of '98, English; Francis Cross, Jr., class of 1900, classics.

Larned Fellowships—Frederick M. Clapp, New York city, class of '01, English; Sidney A. Weston, Sharon, Mass., class of 1900, Biblical literature; Ralph G. Van Name, New Haven, Conn., class of '99, chemistry; Robert K. Richardson, New Haven, Conn., class of '98, history.

Macy Fellowship—Albert W. Van Buren, Lynn, Mass., class of 1900, classics.

Cuyler Fellowship—Charles M. Hathaway, Jr., Olyphant, Pa., class of '99, English.

Waterman Fellowship—Herman M. Opitz, Norwich, Conn., class of 1900, modern languages.

Clark Scholarships—Sylvester D. Powell, Easton, Conn., class of '01, history; Herman M. Opitz, Norwich, Conn., class of 1900, modern languages.

De Forest Scholarship—Charles P. Wagner, Putnam, Conn., class of '99, Romance languages.

These scholarships have been awarded to graduates of the Sheffield Scientific School (1901 class only)—Irving Crawford Bull, Middletown, N. Y.; Leon Lincoln Gay, Barton Landing, Vt.; Nisbet Graham, Cleveland, Ohio; Albert Kemp Hubbard, Kane, Pa.; William Albert Hyde, North Haven, Conn.; Arthur Potter Knight, Cleveland, N. Y.

The Rogers Scholarship for excellence in studies of the chemical course was awarded to George Samuel Jamieson, Bridgeport, Conn.

AT THE YALE LAW SCHOOL.

Address by Judge Knowlton of Massachusetts—Prizes Awarded.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 24.—The commencement exercises of the Yale Law School were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon in Hendrie Hall. The address was delivered by Judge Marcus P. Knowlton of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, on "Legislation and Judicial Decisions in their Relations to Each Other and to the Law." He said in part:

Our ancestors who framed our Constitution, first made the division of civil government into three departments, a foundation on which to build an enduring system. This method secured to each department independence of the others, in its separate work, in its own field. Legislators should be astute to discover defects in governmental machinery and to supply the requisites for perfect work. They constitute the constructive force in government, as distinguished from the managing and regulating forces. They need to exercise a wise conservatism. The danger of too much legislation is ever present. A sparsely settled State, inhabited mostly by agriculturists, needs but few laws. A densely populated manufacturing and commercial country needs many more.

"Nor have the courts been obstructive in interpreting and applying reformatory statutes. Of their own motion they often have disregarded precedents in non-essentials, and have encouraged the statement of facts without formality, in clear and simple terms.

"According to its terms the Federal Constitution is the supreme law of the land. It creates a judicial department which is to decide all questions arising under it. When in Marbury and Madison the great Chief Justice Marshall declared the supremacy of the judicial power in the interpretation of statutes, even so far as to justify setting aside a statute as unconstitutional, if need be, judicial decision in the national capital assumed an importance which no one had foreseen. After the announcement of this decision the principle which it established was applied throughout the whole field of judicial jurisdiction. Without this check upon legislation we should be like a ship without rudder or anchor, subject to the vicissitudes of sunshine and storm."

The speaker then spoke of some of the important questions that now confront us in reference both to our foreign possessions and to industrial and social relations among the people of the States. In regard to the latter he pointed out the need of an orderly and peaceful method of adjusting controversies between labor and capital, and expressed the hope and belief that such a method will ultimately be provided by law.

Dean Francis Wayland of the Yale law school announced the following prizes:

The Jewell prize ($50) to that member of the senior class who receives the highest marks at his annual examination, John Thomas Smith, B. A. Creighton University, 1900.

The Munson prize ($50) for the best graduating thesis by a member of the senior class, John Hillard, Farmington, Conn.

The Betts prize ($50) to that member of the junior class who receives the highest marks at his junior examination, John Frank Malley, Springfield, Mass.

The Wayland prize, $50, for excellence as debaters, Philip Troup, New Haven.

These honors were announced: Degree of M. L., Magna Cum Laude, George Zahm, LL.B., Syracuse, N. Y.; degree of L.B., Summa Cum Laude, John T. Smith, New York city; degree of LL.B., Magna Cum Laude, John Hillard, Farmington, Conn.; Cornelius Porter Kitchel, New York city; degree of LL.B., Cum Laude, Herbert W. Fisher, New Haven, Conn.; Neophon P. Huddy, Providence, R. I.; Harry A. Jones, Canton, Ohio; Henry H. Townshend, New Haven, Conn.; Lucius P. Fuller, Wilimantic, Conn.; Garfield R. Jones, Evanston, Ill.; Edward H. Kelly, New Britain, Conn.; Charles T. Lark, Millersburg, Pa.; Maxwell Slade, New Haven, Conn.; Henry B. Teller, Central City, Col.; George H. Bartholomew, New Haven, Conn.; Clarence W. Bronson, New Haven, Conn.; Louis P. Burton, New Haven, Conn.; Edward C. Ellsbree, Meriden, Conn.; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass.; Mason H. Newell, Springfield, Ill.; Leopold de Solo y Bobadilla, Havana.

The Townsend prize of $100 to the law school series pronouncing the best oration was awarded to Cornelius Foster Kitchell of New York city, who spoke on "Constitutional Disfranchisement in the South."

JUSTICE BREWER AT WESLEYAN.

He Discusses the Duty Which the Citizen Owes to the Republic.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., June 24.—The speaker at this morning's exercises at the commencement of Wesleyan University was Chief Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court. He spoke on "The Duty Which the Citizen Owes to the Republic."

In the course of his remarks he said that each individual citizen in the republic owes to it duty of a high personal character. Character is a personal matter and making and keeping it high and noble is one of the duties of the individual to the nation. Personal morality is part of the nation's morality. It is binding on all citizens at all times and at all places. Under no conditions is the citizen released from the duty of keeping his character above reproach. Righteousness is the shining light of life. It is admired by all. It is the thing which separates the man from the brute and the link which binds the finite to the divine.

The individuality of the separate lives of the nation creates the character of the whole. The obligation of good personal character rests on each and all. No man can excuse himself from duty to the State on the plea that he is himself but one of a great multitude. We are proud and justly proud of our nation's character.

We are proud of its increase in population and wealth, yet we rejoice more in those things which it has done to uphold high ideals to aid citizens against oppression and wrong and to aid another nation to accomplish acts of lofty character. The accumulated products of the new continent we have poured forth into the world. Japan felt the touch of the activity and readily stands as a civilized nation. China thinks we wish it or not. Many of our citizens are troubled because of the results of the Spanish war.

A solemn sense of responsibility fills the American people. It is a secondary matter what Congress does, for the nation will move with or without Constitutional amendment along the highway of life.

PRESIDENT OF WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

Prof. Hewitt to Act Till Dr. Carter's Successor Is Chosen.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., June 24.—The regular June meeting of the trustees of Williams College was held here to-day. The committee which had been appointed at the spring meeting to draw up resolutions on the resignation of Dr. Franklin Carter, as President of the college, made its report. The resolutions, which were appreciative of Dr. Carter's services to the college, were passed, and Dr. Carter's resignation was recognized as final and accepted.

Prof. John Haskell Hewitt, Garfield professor of ancient languages, was appointed acting President until Dr. Carter's successor is elected. Prof. Hewitt was graduated from Yale in 1850. At one time he was President of Oliver College, and in 1877 became acting President of Lake Forest University. He has been at Williams since 1882, and is popular here with the students.

It is probable that the election of Dr. Carter's successor will go over till fall. There are several under consideration, among them Hamilton Wright Mabie, Edward Griffin, Dean of Johns Hopkins, Dr. Harry Hopkins of Kansas City, the Rev. Harry Dewey of Brooklyn, and Dr. Henry Lowavour, Dean of the college.

The commencement exercises begin tomorrow.

COMMENCEMENT AT WELLESLEY.

Large Graduating Class—Gifts of the Year—Seniors Serenade.

WELLESLEY, Mass., June 24.—The bachelor of arts degree was conferred upon 113 candidates at the Wellesley College commencement exercises this afternoon, it being one of the largest graduating classes in years. Seven other candidates received the degree of master of arts.

The exercises took place in the chapel and the alumnæ classes joined with the undergraduates in escorting the class of '01 to the seats of honor. The commencement address was given by President Hazard. She spoke briefly of the work during the past year and of the great gains made by the college from a material point of view.

The total sum of $327,000 was secured through John D. Rockefeller's gift of $100,000 conditional on the raising of a like amount by the college. Two scholarships of $50,000 each were endowed by Miss Helen Gould and Mrs. Clara Bertram Kimball, and H. H. Hunnewell gave $25,000 to found a chair in botany.

The usual commencement dinner was dispensed with, a reception for the graduating class being held in College Hall instead. This evening a balcony concert was given and still later the seniors bade a last good-by to college days by serenading before the various houses, beginning at Norumba cottage, President Hazard's home.

Prizes Awarded at Hamilton College.

UTICA, June 24.—To-night, at Hamilton College, Clinton, the McKinney prize declamation took place. In the class of '02, Jared Matteson Scoville of Clayville received first, and Charles William Lewis of Utica, second prize. Class of '03, Sylvester Maxwell Lambert of West Winfield, was first, and Adrian Henry Courtenay of Redwood, second. Class of '04, Robert Russell Wicks of Utica, first, and Dewey Jeremiah Carter of Greene, second. There were four contestants from each of the three classes.

This afternoon the regular campus day exercises were held and they were unusually interesting. To-morrow evening the McKinney prize debate takes place, to be followed by the seniors' ball.

BARKER SEES HIS WIFE:

ONE HOUR'S TALK WITH HER IN THE HUDSON COUNTY JAIL.

Tells Her He Is Confident of a New Trial if Appeal is Taken—She Assures Him of the Loyalty of His Friends—Plans of Mr. Keller Not Revealed—Courses Open to Him.

Mrs. Barker visited her husband, Thomas G. Barker, in the Hudson County Jail, Jersey City, yesterday afternoon for the first time since his conviction in the Court of General Sessions on Friday of shooting the Rev. John Keller. She was accompanied by three friends, two women and a man. They arrived in a coach about 2:30 o'clock and were ushered by Warden Terence Sullivan into the consultation room at the rear of the jail office, which opens on the corridor where the prisoner is confined. Barker had been impatiently awaiting his wife's arrival and was at once admitted to the room.

The meeting was affectionate. The pair kissed each other several times and stood with their arms about each other for some time before they sat down for an hour's talk. Their three friends remained in the room and took part in the conversation. Mr. Barker expressed himself as confident of securing a new trial in the event of an appeal and his wife assured him that his friends were making an effort to raise money necessary to prosecute an appeal. Mrs. Barker refused to talk for publication after the interview.

Whatever plans the Rev. John Keller or his friends have made for meeting publicly the charge made by Mrs. Barker, both he and they are keeping their own counsel. Richard V. Lindabury, legal adviser of Mr. Keller, was quoted yesterday as saying that he had advised a church investigation, provided it was made a public one.

Mr. Lindabury, who is at his country home in Bernardsville, said over the telephone that he had made no such statement. He said that he had not seen Mr. Keller since the trial, but that he would see him soon, possibly to-day, and that while he had in mind, perhaps, what he would advise him, he certainly would not make public what it was until he had talked with Mr. Keller, and possibly not then. Immediately after the trial Archdeacon Mann said that it seemed advisable that there be a civil suit or some other public procedure which would permit the fullest inquiry into Mrs. Barker's accusation, and presumably the clergy of the Newark diocese are still of the same opinion, although within the past few days they would not in any way discuss the question for publication.

Mr. Keller was about the streets of Arlington yesterday, guided, as apparently he must be for the rest of his days. That he will be ultimately totally blind seems to be a foregone conclusion. Even with personal friends who are connected with newspapers he will not speak one word on the topic—which now is the absorbing one of the village—of what he will or will not do. There are three courses open to him—a suit in court for damages, a suit for slander against Mrs. Barker or a church inquiry. Those who know him best and have believed in his innocence from the start, say that it is improbable—unless he is strongly urged so to do by his legal advisers and his church superiors—that he will take any action against the Barkers, as that would seem, from his standpoint, to savor of seeking for revenge.

From the moment he was told who his assailant was and the cause of the assault, he has expressed only sympathy for the Barkers, particularly for Mr. Barker, of whom he spoke at the first as suffering under a delusion and knowing not what they did. This well-understood frame of mind on the part of Mr. Keller has made many of his friends believe the rumor that he would seek vindication through a church investigation.

Marshall Van Winkle, one of Barker's counsel, announced yesterday that several men have volunteered to go on Barker's bond to secure his release from jail pending sentence and a possible appeal.

AFTER STATEN ISLAND FERRY CO.

City Fathers May Be Asked to Grant Franchise to Competing Line.

The Board of Directors of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, met in executive session last night to consider the ferry question. The President of the chamber was authorized to appoint a committee to consider the subject exhaustively and to report to the chamber on July 22. It is the desire of the chamber to look into the contract between the city and the ferry company and into all the problems of engineering and transportation that are involved.

The general opinion of those who attended the meeting was that the best remedy for those that live on Staten Island was to persuade the Municipal Assembly to grant a ferry franchise to some new company and force the bettering of the ferry by competition. The Staten Islanders think that if there was competition, the present company could be induced to put into commission a whole line of boats as good as the present Garrett and Castleton, which are as staunch and comfortable as any ferries in the harbor except the boats of the Pennsylvania's Twenty-third street line.

CORTEZ ACKNOWLEDGES HIS GUILT.

Mexican Who Killed Karnes County Sheriff is Jail in San Antonio.

DALLAS, Tex., June 24.—Gregoria Cortez, the Mexican, captured at the coal mines above Laredo, charged with killing Sheriffs Glover and Morris of Karnes county, and Henry Schnaebel, a member of the posse, about ten days ago, was brought to San Antonio this morning on a special train from Laredo and lodged in jail.

The prisoner admits his identity, and acknowledges having killed the three officers named. It has not been determined when he will be taken to Karnes county. While he is in jail at San Antonio he is considered safe from violence, but it is feared he will be lynched if taken to Karnes county now.

THE WIFE OF HIS YOUTH.

Got Alimony 33 Years After He Married Her and 10 After He Married Another.

John W. Haddock married Harriet Haddock thirty-three years ago. She says he left her five days after marriage. He says that he married her simply to legitimatize a child that she said she expected and that they parted immediately. She had no child. Twenty years ago he got a Connecticut divorce serving papers by publication. Nineteen years ago he married Emmeline Hunt, with whom he lives near Barnegat, N. J.

His first wife got a limited divorce in the Supreme Court yesterday by decree of Justice Truax and $750 a year permanent alimony. The Connecticut divorce is held to be inval