Board of Education.

DEC. 30.—The Board met at 5 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.—E. C. Benedict, Esq., President, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

REPORT FROM THE CITY SUPERINTENDENT.

The thirteenth annual report from the City Superintendent was received, reviewing the system of public instruction now in operation in this city. The Superintendent says that ample provision has been made for the education and instruction of every child of suitable age in institutions admirably adapted to the purposes they were designed to subserve; and although the annual expenditure for this object verges on and will soon exceed a million of dollars, over and above the State appropriation, the public sentiment cheerfully sanctions and sustains every extension of the system which promises to include within its elevating and ennobling influence an increased number of hitherto destitute and ignorant children, and to furnish increased facilities for the mental and moral culture of those already subjected to its discipline and control. The Superintendent also reviews at length the Normal schools, the evening schools, and the Free academy, representing them all in the most flourishing condition, and the system of instruction generally as pursued in the several schools of every grade, under the charge of the Board, as complete in all its branches. The Superintendent further treats of the moral and intellectual culture of pupils, and concludes his report with an ably written dissertation on practical education. The document was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Executive Committee on Evening Schools presented its annual report. The document, which was very long, represented an encouraging state of things. The whole field of action has been enlarged, the means used have been better adapted to the objects constantly before the committee, and there has been an evident and highly honorable emulation among the teachers to place their respective schools in the front rank both for efficiency of administration and the progress of the pupils. There were twenty-five evening schools in the different wards, of which eighteen were male and seven female. There were also two colored schools. The attendance of male scholars for less than one month was 4,187; for over one but less than two months, 2,673; for over two and less than three months, 2,092; and the full attendance, 3,075. The whole number of scholars registered for 1853 was 9,313, while the number for 1854 was 1,212, showing an increase of 2,639.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The Executive Committee on Normal Schools presented their annual report. From this it appeared that there were one female, one male, and one colored school of this description. The attendance of females during the present year was five hundred, and its register number six hundred and sixty, a considerable increase over the year previous. Seventy-nine of these pupils graduated last spring. The male normal school is not so flourishing. The number of pupils on register in this school is forty-five, and the attendance about twenty-five. The number of pupils on register in the colored school is twenty, and the attendance sixteen.

FREE ACADEMY.

The sixth annual report of the Board of Education to the Regents of the University of the State of New York, showing the operations and condition of the Free Academy was then read. Full details of the condition of the Free Academy were entered into, and the following appears in relation to the attendance:—The whole number of students belonging to the Academy, on the 31st of December, is three hundred and seventy six. The whole number taught during the year is five hundred and thirty-seven. It was moved and carried, that the report be properly authenticated, the necessary copies furnished to the usual corporate bodies of the city, and printed.

REPORT ADOPTED.

Of Finance Committee, in favor of appropriating $2,600 for extra work in ward school No. 48.

CLOSING SCENE—VOTES OF THANKS, ETC.

Commissioner WINTHROP, with a few appropriate remarks, moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:—

That the cordial and sincere thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to the Hon. Erastus C. Benedict, for the uniform courtesy, dignity, impartiality, and marked ability with which he has administered the office of President, and that the members desire in this public manner to express the high sense they entertain of the eminent service he has rendered, during a series of years, to the cause of public instruction.

Resolved, That a copy of the preceding resolution be duly authenticated and transmitted to Mr. Benedict.

The PRESIDENT, in returning thanks, said—It is now about five years since I was called to occupy the position I now hold; I have labored strenuously during that period to do my duty, and have striven for the approbation of my own conscience. The thanks of the gentlemen who form this Board, and have formed part of previous Boards, are to me beyond all price. Believing in the sincerity of these thanks they go to my heart's core. Looking back over my whole connection with the board, nothing has occurred to mar its harmony. It is also for me to return my thanks for the consideration and devotion which the gentlemen of this Board have manifested for the cause of public education. It is my duty to return my thanks for these qualities with which we have secured that harmony which has characterized our deliberations. We have seen carried out the great measure of consolidating into one the two systems of education which heretofore existed. The plan was once looked upon as a matter of doubtful policy. But its successful working has since been clearly demonstrated, and both parties—those in favor of and those against the consolidation have learnt that the labors of each were in the same cause, and their efforts were tending to the same end. I am bound to say that during the five years that I have been connected with the Board, I have never once seen an instance in which any member desired to make for himself the value of a farthing out of the public purse. Oh, that we could say so of all the Departments. We have differed among ourselves on a great many subjects, but we have differed like gentlemen and intelligent men. Those who remain will have much to do; but we who go out, I trust, will always feel the same attachment to the cause of public education. It is out-door influence which strengthens the hands of the Board and makes it continue to grow in public favor. I know that every member feels this interest. The cause of secular education, notwithstanding all that has been said, is the great conservative principle in our institutions—it is the great conservator of public morals, true religion and public prosperity.

Several other Commissioners then spoke, after which Mr. Phillips moved the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, The term of service for which the fifteen members selected by the late Public School Society at the term of its consolidation with the common schools of the city is about to expire, and thus terminate the last provision of law in connection with that venerable institution; therefore

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Education, elected by the people, acknowledge the zealous and faithful manner with which the appointees of the late Public School Society have discharged the trust confided to them as Commissioners of Common Schools, and part with them with deep regret for that of our loss and that of the public service.

A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed in favor of Mr. Gilbert, the very efficient clerk of the Board, and his assistants, after which the Board adjourned to Wednesday next.

The Institution for the Blind.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—THE LAST MOMENTS OF MAHLON DAY—LETTER FROM G. F. ALLEN.

The following gentlemen were elected managers of the New York Institution for the Blind on Thursday last:—

Silas Brown,	George F. Allen,
Isaac Wood, M. D.,	Robert Gracie,
Robert I. Murray,	Robert L. Case,
John P. Crosby,	Augustus Schell,
Geo. F. Jones,	John G. Adams, M. D.,
Governeur M. Ogden,	James N. Cobb,
Edwd. L. Beadle, M. D.,	Edward Wood,
John D. Ogden, M. D.,	Alfred W. Craven,
Anson G. Phelps,	G. T. Olyphant,
W. Curtis Noyes,	Wm. M. Abbatt.

At a meeting of the managers on the 27th inst., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That this board have heard with deep regret of the death of Mahlon Day, who lost his life on board the late steamer Arctic, for many years one of its efficient managers, and a devoted friend.

Resolved, That we offer our sincere condolence to his family, and humbly trust that in this, "their hour of trial," they may find support from Him "who rides upon the whirlwind and directs the storm."

Resolved, That the sad and sudden manner of his death is a solemn warning to us who are left to watch, "for in an hour that we know not the Son of Man cometh."

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed on the minutes, and a copy sent to the family.

During the meeting the following letter from George F. Allen, one of the passengers, giving an account of the last that was seen by him of Mahlon Day, who was lost with the Arctic, was read. It was as follows:—

DR. ISAAC WOOD, PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND:

My Dear Sir,—Though I have but little to communicate in reference to the last moments of our respected friend and associate, Mahlon Day; and though that little is very sad, I feel assured that you and our other friends who were fellow-workers with him in the cause of the blind, will feel interested to hear what can be told by one whose unenviable lot it has been to be a survivor of that awful day. I first met Mr. Day on the other side of the water on the nineteenth of September, the day before our sailing. We went down in the steamtug together to make some preparations on the Arctic preparatory to our going on board. The next day found us again fellow-passengers on the same steamtug, and before noon we were on our way home—as we fondly thought. Mr. Day was accompanied by his wife and daughter. The first day out I saw him occasionally; after that, sea-sickness affecting most of the passengers, myself in particular, it made me a prisoner in my state room, and consequently I saw little of Mr. Day. For a day or two before the collision we were well again, and I saw a good deal of our friend. His seat at table was near mine on the opposite side, and I can see him now, with my mind's eye, sitting there with his wife and daughter beside him. I have no remembrance of him at the time of the collision, or after it, until after the sinking of the ship, I found myself on that fragment of the wheel-house, of which everybody has read a description in Captain Luce's narrative. I cannot go into details, except such as relate to Mr. Day. Suffice it to say, that on a fragment of a sort of circular platform, about 14 feet long and 13 wide, being part of a circle some 35 feet in diameter, eleven human beings, without counting Mr. Day, found themselves floating—if it could be called floating when we stood in the water, and the waves dashing over—eleven human beings found themselves on this frail raft in the midst of the ocean, with fog and night closing around them. I had not been long upon this fragment of the wreck when I noticed Mr. Day swimming along towards us, supported by a door, lying with his arms and breast upon one end of the door, and pushing himself along with his feet. He cried out to me, "Can thee throw me a rope, Allen?" A large heavy rope happened to be lying on the raft, and with some effort I managed to throw it to him, by means of which I drew him to the raft and helped him to get upon it. He told me his wife and daughter had both perished, but beyond this remark I cannot now recall anything else he said. He did not remain long with us; he seemed to consider our chance a very poor one on that heavily laden piece of wreck, and after remaining but a short time took to his oar, which still floated near us, and lying on it, again swam away from us in the same manner as he came. What ultimately became of him I know not. The fog and darkness soon concealed him, and our raft drifted away from him. My belief is that he swam off in the hope of reaching one of the boats, which was then visible, and that he perished without reaching it. A touching sight it was, even in the midst of my own distress and peril, to see our old friend embarking on that wide sea, with nothing but that door to support him, and with nothing to rely upon but the physical power of a frame which must soon lose all its vigor when immersed in that chill water. What a termination to a voyage commenced with such a feeling of security and pleasurable anticipations! But farewell to him—I trust he has reached home sooner than he expected.

With my kindest regards to all my associates, yours faithfully, GEO. F. ALLEN.

Board of Supervisors.

DEC. 30.—His Honor Recorder Tillou in the Chair.

The Board held a meeting at two o'clock, for the purpose of passing upon papers that remained undisposed of.

BILLS PAID.

Bill for $126 for repairs done to the Pearl Hose Co. No. 28.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE ALMS HOUSE.

The report of the committee in favor of appropriating $613,450 for the use of the Alms House for the year 1855, in accordance with the requirements of the charter, was adopted.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The report in favor of appropriating the sum of $956,000 to the Board of Education for the year 1855, was adopted.

CHIEF OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

The salary of Mr. Hoffman, crier of the Superior Court, was raised from $700 to $800 per annum.

The Board then adjourned *sine die*.

The French Industrial Exhibition of 1855.

The following circulars in reference to the arrangements of the approaching Industrial Exhibition in Paris, have been forwarded to us for publication. We translate them from the French originals for the benefit of American exhibitors:—

(Circular, No. 19.) PARIS, NOV. 16, 1854.

MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT:—The Palace of Industry destined for the universal exhibition of 1855, is composed of a vast central hall, about 48 metres wide and 100 metres long, around which runs on the first story a gallery which commands a perfect view of the entire of it. This disposition exacts that the interior of this large hall shall be arranged with a certain degree of symmetry by the different nations which are to be represented there.

In the principal aisle will be placed the largest objects sent for exhibition, such as fountains of large dimensions, colossal statues, columns and all monumental works.

The arrangements necessary to be made for the placing of these exceptional objects, lead me to ask of you to address as soon as possible to the Imperial Commission the description and plans of all objects whose height may not exceed twenty-five metres nor be inferior to six.

The same information is necessary as regards steam rollers and machines of every kind, that your exhibitors may propose to keep in movement during the exhibition, so that suitable space and motive power may be reserved for them. It is important that the Imperial Commission should have on these points full and exact information.

In fine, Monsieur le President, if amongst the object admitted by your committee there are some which require to be exhibited out of the gallery, it will be equally useful that the Imperial Commission should have precise details as to their nature and dimensions.

These latter alone, as they will not occupy any place in the gallery, are not to be counted in the calculation of space allocated to your nation, but the number of objects of this nature must be necessarily very limited.

Accept, Monsieur le President, the assurance of my distinguished consideration,

The Secretary General,
ARLES DUFOUR.

(Circular No. 21.) PARIS, Nov. 21, 1854.

SIR—I have the honor to inform you that the commission charged with the organization of the exhibition of fine arts, taking into consideration the desire expressed by several foreign committees, has decided that the delay fixed for transmission by foreign committees of the lists of articles intended for exhibition, and which was to have expired on the 30th of November, should be extended to the 20th of December, 1854.

I seize this occasion, sir, to remind you of the recommendation contained in the circular that I had the honor to address to you, under date of the 19th of October last, to the effect of communicating to me in the briefest time possible what space will be required by your fellow-countrymen, either in vertical or in horizontal superficies, for the exhibitions of their works of painting, engraving, sculpture or architecture.

Several committees have demanded if the cartoons of living artists could be admitted without frames. The rule of the Universal Exhibition of Fine Arts, (article 82,) admits no exception of this sort.

The Commissioner charged with the direction of the Universal Exhibition of Fine Arts, DE MERCEY.

Emigrant Paupers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

On Thursday, the 21st inst., the town of Hancock, on the line of the New York and Erie Railroad, was alarmed by the arrival of about 80 German emigrant paupers in the most extreme state of destitution—one has since died. They state that they were paupers when shipped from Antwerp in the ship Sarah, from Baden, and landed in New York on the 19th inst. Each adult received ten and each child five guilders, in addition to the payment of their passage. A most flagrant outrage has been inflicted upon these miserable human beings, as well as upon the people of Hancock, a small village in a mountainous region, now covered with deep snow. The inhabitants are ill prepared to properly care for such a large number of foreign paupers; but all has been done to temporarily provide for them that could be under the circumstances. The Supervisor of that town, L. H. Allison, yesterday laid the case before the Commissioners of Emigration, who have promised to investigate the matter, and despatch an agent to look after the unfortunates.

It has been ascertained that the railroad tickets were purchased by a man living in Greenwich street. Only think of it—people incapable of taking care of themselves anywhere, sent into the mountains to subsist at this season of the year! Mr. Editor, by giving the facts to the public you may prevent similar outrageous conduct on the part of those who control the destination of the poor emigrant.

L. H. A.

MURDER—SCALDED TO DEATH.—During a fight between two men in a slaughter house at Owensville, Indiana, last week, one of them, Jordon by name, was pitched into a vat of boiling water and scalded to death.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONEY MARKET.

SATURDAY, Dec. 30—6 P.M.

There was a general reaction in the stock market to-day, and some of the fancies run down rapidly. At the first Board Erie Income Bonds fell off ½ per cent; Erie Bonds, 1871, ½; Panama Bonds, 2d issue, ½; Delaware and Hudson, ¼; Canton Co., ¼; Cumberland, ¼; Nicaragua Transit, 3; Michigan Central Railroad, 3; Harlem, ¼; Erie Railroad, 1; Hudson Railroad, ¼. The depreciation in Nicaragua is not understood in the street. There is some mystery about it. That it is some speculative operation we do not for a moment doubt. At current rates, the entire capital of the company stands at about one million of dollars, which covers all the steamships, river and lake steamers of the line, valued in the last report at two and a half million of dollars. Michigan Central Railroad declined to-day three per cent. These great and sudden fluctuations can easily be produced in Wall street, between certain brokers. For outside effect, fancy stocks are frequently run down by the operations of parties engaged in the game; but the depression is invariably temporary. The influence brought to bear is entirely local, and has nothing to do with the business or condition of the company the stock of which may happen to be for the time the most active football among the brokers. The game to-day was carried on between a heavy bear operator and some of his secret wire-pullers. The transactions were made at prices previously agreed upon, the stock transferred to the buyers, and immediately transferred back again to the sellers. In the same way they could just as easily have fixed upon ten per cent, as thirteen or fourteen.

After the adjournment of the board the following sales of stocks were made at auction:—

$25,000	Ohio and Mississippi R.R. 2d mort. int. add.		63
5,000	Junction Railroad	do.	60
14,000	Central R. R. of N. Jersey, 1st mort.	do.	90
15,000	N. Y. and Harlem Railroad do.	do.	79½
8,000	Cleveland and Toledo Incomes,	do.	69½
1,000	Cleveland and Pittsburg Incomes,	do.	51½
750	Williamsburg City 6's,	do.	85
75	shares Second Avenue Railroad		65
10	do. Central Railroad of New Jersey		85¾
150	do. Chicago and Galena Railroad	90¾ a	91¼
1	do. Third Avenue Railroad		2
20	do. Empire City Bank		35
85	do. Manhattan Fire Ins. Co.	105½ a	107½
62	do. Firemen's Ins. Co.		118
20	do. Broadway Fire Ins. Co.		92½
5	do. Howard Fire Ins. Co.		122

At the second board the market was more buoyant throughout. Erie Railroad advanced 1 per cent; Nicaragua Transit, 1¼; Cumberland Coal, ¼; Panama Bonds, ½. Erie was in pretty active demand. Nicaragua sold at 15 on time.

The transactions at the Assistant Treasurer's office to-day were as follows:—

Received	$128,764 82
Paid	181,113 84
Balance	3,382,189 88
Paid for Assay office	782,373 55

The Bank of Commerce has declared a semi-annual devidend of four per cent; the Panama Railroad Company, three and a half per cent; the Hanover Insurance Company, six per cent.

Messrs. Atwood, Dunlevy & Co. will pay on the 2d January the interest on the Milwaukie and Mississippi Railroad 8 and 10 per cent bonds; Milwaukie City 10 per cent bonds; Columbus, Piqua and Indiana Railroad Company first and second mortgage 7 per cent bonds; Muskingum Company bonds to Central Ohio Railroad 7 per cent bonds; City of Zanesville to do. 7 per cent bonds; City of Zanesville to Canada West and Zanesville Railroad Company 7 per cent bonds; City of Zanesville for schools 7 per cent bonds; Fayette Company, Ohio, to Canada West and Zanesville Railroad Company 7 per cent bonds.

Stock Exchange.

SATURDAY, Dec. 30, 1854.

$10000	Virginia 6's	97	5 shs	NY C RR	83½
4000	do	96½	25	do b60	83¾
7000	Har 1st mt bs	80	100	Harlem RR	28¾
5000	Erie In bds	100	300	do b60	29¼
2000	Erie C b '71 s3	70¼	250	do b30	29
5000	Er b '83 s12m	80	600	do c	28¾
8000	Ill Cen RR bs	66½	150	do s30	28¾
15000	do b60	67	100	do b32	29
3000	C & R RR bds	87	25	Erie RR c	39
2000	N Y Cen RRbs	83½	100	do s10	38¾
5000	do s60	83	50	do	38¾
1000	Pan bs 2d is.	79½	500	do c	38¾
28	shs Del & H CCo.	106½	50	do c	38½
200	Canton Co.	19½	100	do s30	38½
50	Flor & Key Jt St.	½	50	do b20	38¾
100	Cum Coal Co. s4	27¾	100	do b5	38¾
100	do s3	27¾	100	do b4	38¾
100	do b60	28¼	50	do c	38¾
40	do bnw	28	400	do s3	38¾
100	do	27¾	50	do	38¾
100	Nic Transit Cob3	15¼	300	Reading RR c	71
310	do	14	300	do s10	71½
40	do	13	600	do c	71½
100	do b3	13¾	1000	do	71½
200	do	13½	800	do b60	72¼
100	do c	13½	200	do b30	72¼
100	do b30	13¾	100	do opg	72
100	do b60	14	17	Mich Cen RR c	80
500	do s3	13½	100	Hud Riv RR s30	34
10	N Y Cen RR	83	50	do s3	33¾
5	do	83¼	100	do b60	34½
50	do b60	83½	15	Gal'a & Chic RR	90½

SECOND BOARD.

$5000	Virginia 6's	96	200 shs	N Y Cen s4	83
1000	C & R I RR bds	87	50	do b5	83
150	shs Nic Tran Co.	14¼	5000	Pan bs 2d is b7	80
50	do	14½	100	do	81
50	do snwk	14¾	200	Erie Railroad c	39½
100	do	14¾	100	do s30	39½
200	do b30	15	50	do	39½
300	Cumb Coal	28¼	100	do s3	39¾
100	do	28¼	200	do bnw	39¾
100	N Y Cen RR b60	83¾	200	do	39¾
100	do b3	83¼	150	do c	39½
150	do b60	83½	250	do s3	39½
5	do	83	50	do b10	39½
100	do s60	82¾	50	do b60	40

CITY TRADE REPORT.

SATURDAY, Dec. 30—6 P. M.

ASHES were unchanged.

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour was moderately active and steady, with sales of 5,000 bbls. State and Western, and 1,400 bbls. Southern, at former quotations. Contracts were formed for 6,000 bbls. State, deliverable in February, March and April, at private bargain. The movements in grain comprised 3,000 bushels Canadian white wheat, free, at $2 30; and 30,000 bushels corn, chiefly Western mixed, at 98½c. a $1 per bushel. Rye and oats were unaltered.

COFFEE—About 300 bags of Rio were sold at 9¾c. a 10¼c.

COTTON—The sales were light, and prices unchanged.

FREIGHTS—Rates to Liverpool were firm, with more offering. 600 to 700 tierces of beef were engaged at 3s. a 3s. 6d.; 200 a 300 packages lard at 3s.; 1,000 boxes cheese at 28s.; 50 tons spelter at 7s. 6d., and 2,500 bundles Brazil grass hemp at prices not transpired; 500 bbls. rosin at 2s.; 200 bbls. pork at 2s. 3d.; about 500 bales of cotton at 3-16d. a ¼c. for round, and 5-32d. for square compressed bales, with a lot of tallow at 17s. To London 400 bales of cotton were engaged at 2s. 6d., and 200 bbls. pork at 3s. 6d. To Havre rates were quiet and unchanged. To California they ranged from 25c. a 40c. per foot. To Australia rates were steady at 35c. per foot measurement, and at $35 per thousand feet for lumber.

FRUIT—The sales embraced about 100 boxes wet dry raisins at $2 50; 200 do. dry at $2 75, and 200 layers at $3 10.

HAY was at 95c. a 100c. with moderate sales.

HOPS.—70 bales new were sold to-day, at 32c. a 36c. per lb.

IRON was steady and without sales of importance.

LATHS.—Eastern were quiet and languid, at $1 50, cash, per thousand.

LIME.—Rockland was quoted dull at 85c. for common, and $1 12½ for lump, per bbl.

MOLASSES was quiet, at about 26c. for New Orleans.

NAVAL STORES—There was but little doing; spirits were at about 45c. a 46c. cash, and common rosin at $1 87 per 310 lbs. delivered.

OILS.—Whale, sperm and olive ruled about the same. Linseed was in limited request at 80c. a 82c. per gallon. Lard oil was retailing at old rates.

PROVISIONS.—Pork was purchased to the extent of 2,800 bbls. at $12 75 a $12 87½ for mess; $15¼ a $16 for prime mess; and $12 25 for prime, per bbl. Dressed hogs were in demand at 5¾c. a 6¾c., mainly at 6c. a 6¼c per lb. Pickled shoulders and hams were retailing at 6½c. and 9c. a 9½c., respectively, per lb. Some 500 bbls. lard brought 10¼c. a 10½c. per lb. The sales of beef included 500 bbls. prime and mess, at former rates; with 150 tierces prime mess at $21 50. Beef hams were selling in lots at $18 a $19 per cwt. Butter and cheese continued about the same.

RICE.—The sales included about 150 casks, at 3¼c. a 4¼c.

SUGAR.—About 250 hhds. New Orleans were sold at 4¾c. a 6¼c. Stocks in the market on the 1st January:

	1854. hhds.	1855. hhds.
Cuba	9,473	2,031
Porto Rico	1,891	99
New Orleans	1,561	4,592
Texas	152	—
St. Croix	94	—
	11,171	6,722
Boxes	5,876	14,201
Bags Brazil	3,296	—
Ditto Manilla	9,000	—

TOBACCO.—The market has been active during the week, with sales of 100 to 200 hhds. of Kentucky, ranging from 6¾c. for common, to 10c. for prime quality. The stock of hhds. in this market is about 3,500. There has also been a good business done in seed leaf and in Cuba.

TALLOW was quiet and firm, at 12¾c.

WHISKEY.—There were 300 bbls. Ohio and Prison bought at about 37½c. cash, per gallon.

ADVERTISEMENTS RENEWED EVERY DAY.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

MASONIC.—THE MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 1, are requested to attend the funeral of Mrs. M. Y. Fraser, wife of Brother Captain George W. Fraser, this day, Sunday, at 1 o'clock, from the residence of her father, 255 East Broadway. S. ROGERS, Master.

NEW YORK FLOATING DRY DOCK COMPANY, December 21, 1854.—The annual election for nine directors of this company will be held on Monday, the 1st day of January next, at the East Broadway House, corner of Pike street and East Broadway. The poll will open at 5 o'clock P. M., and remain open one hour. By order. H. V. MASON, Secretary.

NOTICE.—ALL PERSONS HAVING LUGGAGE AT the Fountain Hotel, 326 Greenwich street, must call for and remove the same, on or before the 10th day of January, 1855, otherwise it will be sold by public auction to pay expenses. Dated 29th December, 1854. F. G. HINTON, Proprietor. Country papers please copy.

OFFICE NEW YORK GAS LIGHT COMPANY, DEC. 20, 1854.—The annual election for thirteen directors of this company will be held on Monday, the 8th day of January next, at the office No. 174 Centre street, from 11 to 12 o'clock A. M. The transfer book will be closed from the 23d inst. until after the election. By order. G. L. SYMONS, Secretary.

TENANTS' REGISTER.

ANY PERSON HAVING TEN OR FIFTEEN HOUSES for sale, up town or in Brooklyn, encumbered for one-half their value, and would be willing to take a first class farm in Illinois, of 240 acres, in exchange, and other pieces of country property, all which is free of encumbrance; also to let, for one year or more, the brown stone house, with the furniture, 389 Henry street, Brooklyn, to a small family. Immediate possession given. Inquire of S. M. PARSONS, 67 Wall street.

DESK ROOM TO LET.—DESK ROOM, IN A VERY convenient locality, to let, at $6 per month. Any party requiring to do business in Pearl, Wall, Water or South street, will find it a very desirable location. A broker or commission agent, who does not require to keep heavy samples, will be preferred. Address Desk Room, Herald office.

HOTEL AND BOARDING HOUSE TO LET.—THE building known as the "Livingston House," on the corner of Atlantic and Columbia streets, Brooklyn, is to let. It is large and convenient, and situated within one minute's walk of the South ferry and depot of the Long Island Railroad. Many trains of the cars arrive and depart daily in the immediate neighborhood of the house. Apply to C. D. BLAKE, 15 William street.

HOPE CHAPEL TO LET—FROM THE 8TH TO THE 14th of January. Apply to Mr. GOODWIN, 117 Tenth street.

LARGE OFFICE IN WALL STREET TO LET—THE furniture, with large safe, suitable for a public company, to be sold. Apply at No. 6 Wall street, rear office, first floor.

TO LET—TWO NEW STONE HOUSES, 79 AND 81 East Fourteenth street, between Fourth avenue and Irving place, built in the best workmanlike manner, with all modern improvements. Possession immediately. Also, a store and back building, being five doors from the Opera House, and a first rate stand for a plumber or any other kind of business; now ready to be occupied. Also, a three story brick house, 40 Robinson street, newly painted and in good order. Possession at once. Apply at 75 East Fourteenth street.

HOUSES, ROOMS, &C., WANTED.

HOUSE WANTED TO RENT—TWO STORIES AND basement, with modern improvements, gas, bath, &c., &c. Address L. L. L., Post office, giving description, location, terms, time of possession, &c.

PART OF A HOUSE WANTED—BY A SMALL AMERICAN family, of from four to six rooms; Croton and gas preferred; location above Grand street, below Twentieth, west of Bowery and east of Eighth avenue. Rent from $15 to $20 per month. Address R. Andrews, care of Dr. Benton, 438 Broome street, for three days, till Tuesday, at 4 P. M.

STORE WANTED—ON WEST SIDE OF BROADWAY, one of fair size and good show window, situated above Canal street. Address box 2,573 Post Office, stating particulars.

WANTED—TO PURCHASE, A FIRST CLASS DWELLing house, with high basement and all the modern improvements, in a respectable location in the city of New York; no objections to a stable and carriage-house on the premises. Address a letter to D. F. C., 115 South Fourth street, Williamsburg, stating particulars.

DANCING ACADEMIES.

A. DODWORTH'S DANCING ACADEMY, NO. 806 Broadway, opposite Eleventh street, is now open for the reception of pupils, who can commence at any time. Ladies and children on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 3 and 4 P. M.; gentlemen on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and every other Friday, at 7½ P. M. Private assemblies on Saturday evenings for ladies and gentlemen. Monthly soirees as usual. Circulars, containing days, hours and terms of instruction, can be had at the academy at any time, or will be sent by post.

MR. C. WRIGHT'S DANCING ACADEMY, MILITARY Hall, Bowery.—Mr. Wright's second quarter will commence on Tuesday, Jan. 2. Persons subscribing then will receive four months' tuition for a quarter. Days of tuition:—Ladies, &c., Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, from 3 till 6; gentlemen, Tuesday and Friday evenings.

PRIVATE DANCING SCHOOL, 600 BROADWAY.—THE new term will commence after the holidays. All dances taught in the quickest possible time. Classes for beginners, and for those who have partially learned. All applications to be made at 274 Bowery, in the book store. R. BURNTON.

INSTRUCTION.

362 BROADWAY, CORNER OF FRANKLIN STREET Writing and bookkeeping thoroughly taught, in class or separate parlors, at reduced charges. OLIVER B. GOLDSMITH.

A THOROUGH, PRACTICAL COURSE OF INSTRUCTION in bookkeeping and arithmetic, will be commenced on Wednesday, the 3d instant, at 143 West Twenty-third street, by a teacher who has had long experience in the counting houses of this country and Europe. Open day and evening. English taught to foreigners by an accomplished American.

A LADY, RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM EUROPE, pupil of Garcia, Pasta and Crivelli, wishes to give lessons either in Italian singing or the French and Spanish languages; speaks English, and brings the most unexceptionable references. Apply at her residence, 130 Ninth street, or to Mortimer Livingston, 55 Broadway.

FRENCH LANGUAGE.—PROF. D. LAGROIX, 289 Broadway, continues to receive new pupils for thorough instruction in the French language, imparting them the facility to speak it with fluency and correctness. Private classes. Terms moderate.

IN VIEW OF THE WANT THAT HAS HITHERTO been felt in this city, of an institution where the North American youth could readily acquire a thorough knowledge of the Spanish and French languages, in addition to the ordinary branches of the best collegiate education, I have established the Spanish-American Institute, in the spacious and comfortable house No. 143 West Twenty-third street, where parents and others interested are invited to call, to ascertain further particulars. The institution is open day and evening. Circulars at Shepherd's bookstore, 152 Fulton street, and Roe Lockwood's, 411 Broadway, as well as at the institution. J. D. DE LAS CUEVAS.

ONE OF THE BEST FEMALE TEACHERS OF THE popular branches, music, English, French, &c., wishes to engage to a school or family at a fair salary. For full particulars, and an interview, apply at WILCOX'S United States School Agency, 293 Broadway.

SPANISH LANGUAGE.—THE UNDERSIGNED, PROfessor of Spanish and literature, having a few hours disengaged, is desirous to devote them to instruction his native tongue. Terms moderate. Address H. M., No. 10 Union place.

BILLIARDS.

BILLIARD PALACE, WITH EIGHT OR TEN TABLES for sale or exchange for New York, Brooklyn or Williamsburg property. Apply to W. COLE, at Bassford's rooms, No. 8 Ann street, an entrance 149 Fulton street. Location so good that a proper person can make from $4,000 to $6,000 per annum.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

NEW JERSEY RAILROAD.—FOR PHILADELPHIA and the South and West, via Jersey City Mail and express lines.—Leave New York at 8 and 10 A. M., and 4 and 6 P. M. Fare, $2 75 in 4, and $3 in 8 and 10 A. M., and 6 P. M.; second class, $2 25 in 10, at 12 M., at $2 stopping at all way stations. Through tickets sold for Cincinnati and the West, and for Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, &c., and through baggage checked to Washington in 3 and 10 A. M., and 6 P. M.

COAL, &C.

CHEAP COAL.—$7 FOR BEST RED ASH STOVE COAL to grocers, and $7 25 to the public; and $6 for large red ash nut suitable for small cooking stoves, screened and delivered to any part of the city. RICHARD CLINTON, 254 First avenue.

WHITE ASH STOVE COAL, DISCHARGING, THIS day, from boat, at $7 per ton. Weighed on the wharf, and delivered to any part of the city. Orders received at scales on the wharf, foot of King street, North river. JACOB WEEKS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

165 CANAL STREET, NEAR VARICK.—W. & H. VAN NOTE'S stove store.—We have a large assortment of the latest patterns of stoves, for sale on reasonable terms. Stoves and ranges lined with soapstone, and repaired, grates set and repaired, stoves put up, and pipe furnished for same. Also, soapstone griddles for sale wholesale and retail. The excellence of the griddles consists in their requiring but one greasing when used.

CURE OF CORNS BY MADAME BERHARD, NO. 167 Bowery, east side, between Broome and Delancy streets. Madame B. respectfully informs the public that she has reduced her price in order to enable every one to be free from pain, and feels confident in promising that she will remove corns, bunions, nails grown in the flesh, &c., without causing the least pain or inconvenience. Persons can be attended to at home, or at Madame B.'s residence, from 1 until 7 o'clock P. M.

HERRING'S PATENT FIRE PROOF SAFE, WITH Hall's patent powder proof lock, having received the prize medals at the World's Fair, London, 1851, and New York in 1853 and 1854, are now offered by the subscriber to the public as the prize safe of the world. Tested and improved as they have been everywhere, their crowning victory was reserved to be awarded by the juries of the World's Fairs. Depot, corner of Water and Fine streets.

LADIES WHO WISH THEIR HANDS SOFT AND white for the holidays, should buy a pair of India rubber gloves. Ladies' and gent's lined rubber gloves, for cold and wet weather, may be found at all the rubber stores. The trade only supplied at No. 36 John street, up stairs.

PLATED WARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—PLATED COFfee urns and kettles, plated cordial stands, for sale by HIRAM YOUNG, 19 Maiden lane.

WAREHOUSE OF WINDSOR PAPER MILLS, NOS. 65 and 67 Nassau street, New York.—The subscribers have commenced manufacturing news and book paper at their new paper works, at Windsor Locks, containing fourteen largest size rag engines and two Sa in 5 Fourdinier machines (one more to be added), are now ready to receive orders from persons in want of a superior quality of news or book printing paper. These works have been built with great care, embracing all the modern improvements, with a full supply of spring and artesian water, together with never failing power, ensuring a uniform good color to the paper and a regular supply in quantity and quality. The capacity of the two mills to manufacture fifteen thousand pounds of paper per day. PIERCE & BROOKS.

AMUSEMENTS.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—E. A. MARSHALL, SOLE Lessee.—Doors open at 6½; commence at 7 o'clock. Monday evening, Jan. 1, will be performed
GUY MANNERING.
Henry Bertram.....Mr. Harrison
Gabriel.....Mr. Borrani
Dominie Sampson.....Mr. Davidge
Julia Mannering.....Miss L. Pyne
Meg Merrilies.....Mme. Ponisi
Comic Pas Seul, by Mr. Yates; Song, by Mr. Seymour.
GANEM.
Ganem.Miss J. Gougenheim | Mesrour.....Mr. Vincent
Alrasced.....Mr. Davidge | Fetnah.....Mrs. Nagle
Giaffar.....Mr. Seymour | Queen.Miss A. Gougenheim

WALLACK'S THEATRE, BROADWAY, NEAR Broome street.—Monday evening, Jan. 1,
THE SISTERS.
Mons. De Gournay.....Mr. Blake
Ernest Bridoux.....Mr. Lester
Georges