THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Commissioners of Health.

The following Commissioners were present at the meeting yesterday:—Isaac O. Barker, President; Wm. Rockwell, M. D., Resident Physician; Benj. F. Pinckney, President Board of councilmen; Jedediah Miller, M. D., Health Commissioner; R. H. Thompson, M. D., Health Officer; George W. Morton, City Inspector. The following cases were reported and acted upon:—

Brig Belfast, from Gonaives, arrived on 29th inst., with cargo of logwood. Health Officer recommends that cargo be lightered and sent to the city at the expiration of five days. Concurred in by the Board.

Brig W. H. Spear, from Trinidad de Cuba, arrived at Quarantine on 29th inst. with cargo of sugar. Permission given to lighter cargo at the expiration of five days. Concurred in.

Brig Dunkirk, from Trinidad de Cuba, arrived at Quarantine on 29th inst. with cargo of molasses. Cargo ordered to be lightered and sent to the city after an observation of five days. Concurred in.

Ship J. W. Fanning, from Galveston, Texas, arrived on 29th inst., with cargo of sugar, cotton and wool, and two passengers. She was allowed to proceed to the city with cargo, after being cleaned and ventilated, and remaining five days at Quarantine for observation; all hands being well.

Brig Tybee, arrived from Charleston on the 29th inst., with cotton, naval stores, &c. She was allowed to proceed in ten days.

Brig Isaac Carver, from Cardenas, with a cargo of sugar and molasses, arrived at Quarantine on the 14th inst. The owners of said vessel request permission to come within 300 yards of the city, with a stream permit, and discharge cargo.

Brig Maria Pascalina, having discharged logwood and thoroughly whitewashed, the owners request permission to come to the dock and reload.

Schr. Samuel, arrived from Jamaica on the 23d inst., laden with rum, ginger, sugar and logwood. The owners petition to be allowed a stream permit to come within 300 yards of the city and discharge, as a part of the cargo is to be reshipped to Canada and part to Europe.

Schs. Vermont, from Fajardo, P. R., with all hands well on board, arrived August 21. No sickness having appeared among the crew, the Health Officer thinks she may safely be allowed to proceed to the city, and so recommends. Concurred in.

Bark Savanilla, from Savanilla, New Granada, arrived on 27th inst., with all hands well, and having been well ventilated, the Health Officer recommends that she be allowed to proceed to the city and land everything except hides. Concurred in.

Brig Maria Pascalina, having discharged her logwood and been whitewashed, petitions to come to the city and reload. Permission was granted.

Bark John Griffin, which was referred to the Health Officer, came into port July 26th, from Cienfuegos, with a cargo of sugar, losing the captain and one man on the passage, of yellow fever, with male sick in port. She was removed down the bay on arrival. Has been discharged fifteen days. He recommends that she be allowed to proceed in five days, when her original Quarantine will expire. Concurred in.

Brig Roaeway Belle, from Ponce, P. R., arrived on the 21st inst., with a cargo of sugar and molasses, desires permission to come up to the city and discharge. The matter was referred to the Health Officer.

Permission was given to the owners of 1,500 goat skins, to take them from Deforest's storehouse, Brooklyn, into the city, for immediate use.

Bark Jasper, laid upon the table yesterday, was allowed a stream permit to come within 600 yards of the city.

Petition from the captain and owner of bark Sarah Ann, which arrived at Quarantine August 4, from St. Jago de Cuba, represents that she has now lain at Quarantine twenty-five days, with no sickness appearing among the crew, and having discharged cargo, requests permission to come up to the city. Ordered that she be allowed to proceed in thirty days from time of arrival—all hands remaining well.

Bark Mary Bentley, which case was yesterday referred to the consideration of the Health Officer, was, upon his recommendation, permitted to come up to the city, to reload for another port.

Bark Byron, arrived from St. Jago de Cuba August 3. The captain died at St. Jago, and two sick on the passage. After remaining at Quarantine fifteen days she discharged cargo, and now requests permission to come to the city. Denied.

Bark Caroni, from Gonaives on the 16th inst., having remained thirteen days at Quarantine, requests a stream permit to land cargo on another vessel to go to Connecticut. The Health Officer recommended a permit to come within 600 yards of the city, which was granted.

Bark Cornelia, now lying within 600 yards of the city, requests permission to come immediately up to the wharf, for the purpose of taking in an outward cargo. Petition denied.

Brig N. Stowers, laid on the table yesterday, was allowed to proceed in thirty days from time of arrival (August 3), provided all hands remain well.

Ship Benj. Franklin came into this port July 6, being bound from Matanzas to Trieste, with a cargo of sugar. During the passage and while in port there occurred on board several deaths from yellow fever. She was sent to the outer harbor, where she has remained with little intermission ever since, a period of fifty two days, and now being discharged requests permission to proceed to the city. The Commissioners considered her the worst vessel which has arrived at this port the present season, and therefore denied the petition.

Bark Geo. Leville, from Cienfuegos, with several deaths on the passage from yellow fever, having laid thirty days at Quarantine, was permitted to come to the city September 4th.

Petition of owners of bark Sarah, from Savanilla, to be allowed to come up to the city, was referred to the consideration of the Health Officer, to report specially.

Brig H. Mathews—Petition to be allowed to come up to the city and discharge cargo in five days from time of arrival, was denied, and the matter referred to the Health Officer for consideration.

Petition from owners of bark Almeda, for permission to come up to the city, was denied.

Ship Maid of Orleans, from New Orleans via Key West, laid upon the table yesterday, was ordered to remain ten days at Quarantine for observation, to be then allowed to proceed if all hands remain well.

Brig N. Stowes was allowed to proceed in thirty days from time of arrival, if all remain well.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was referred to the Commissioner of Streets and Lamps:—

NEW YORK, Aug 30, 1856.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF HEALTH—A matter of very great import to the consumers of meat in this city, and one which if attended to may prevent many instances of disease and death, demands that we should call your immediate attention to it.

In several of our markets the flesh of cattle which have been killed while in a diseased state, either from bad keeping or from having been fed on hot and distilled swill from the breweries, is continually exposed for sale, and many instances of lingering and painful illness have been the results produced by the consumption of the same.

Veal is very often sold which is certainly not more than from three to six days old, and which, notwithstanding its exceeding tenderness and easiness of digestion, is offensive in the highest degree to the taste, and is of a character to have suspicions of this great and common article of food, and it may be that they are still in existence, but if such is the case they are certainly very remiss in their attention to their duties.

This, you are aware, is a season particularly requiring proper and healthy food, and we have that confidence in your honorable body to believe you need but to have the matter mentioned to have attention drawn to the subject.

We have the honor to be, very respectfully, yours,

J. R. THOMPSON,
SAMUEL ROBERTS.

The following was referred to the City Inspector:—

ISAAC C. BARKER, ESQ., President Commissioners of Health—For a long time past our city has been subjected to a very great nuisance, which has, at last, become so intolerable as to call loudly for the interference of our health officers.

It has become very common for the swill collectors to traverse the streets with dog carts containing matter very offensive to the smell, and which must be deleterious to health. Barrels containing the slop and smell of house bones and tank vegetable matter, may be seen at all hours of the day in these carts before dwellings for a long time, while the owners are going from house to house, the droppings from which and the contents of the carts cause a most odoriferous and unhealthy odor, sufficient to breed disease. Could this filth be covered up it would be slightly less offensive; but even this seems to be purposely avoided. Another grievance in this connection is the dogs which are thus employed to drag these carts. Without muzzles and often of the most savage character, they are allowed to stand by the curbstones and snap at and in many instances to bite the passers by. Danger of hydrophobia is very great from this cause, and public health and safety demand that these crying evils should meet with prompt attention. Trusting that this is a matter within your immediate jurisdiction, I am, &c., your obedient servant,

JAMES T. MERCHANT.

ASSISTANCE OFFERED FROM NORFOLK.

The Mayor received the following telegraphic despatch from Augustus B. Cooke, Esq., President of the Howard Association:—

NORFOLK, Aug. 30, 1856.

HON. FERNANDO WOOD, Mayor of the city of New York—

Seeing by the HERALD of the 29th inst. that the yellow fever has made its appearance at Fort Hamilton, and that there is much suffering from the want of proper nursing, I write to request that, should such be the case, you will inform me at once, and it will afford much pleasure to our citizens generally, by whom the kindness of your people last summer will long be remembered, to render you any assistance, in the way of nurses or otherwise, which it is possible for us to do. In case you wish it, we can immediately despatch to your aid a number of nurses, both male and female, who have had the fever, and who are also experienced in nursing that disease. Hoping that the report I saw may be exaggerated, I am, your obedient servant,

AUG. B. COOKE,
President Howard Association.

Yellow Fever at Governor's Island.

There are at present seven or eight cases under treatment on the island, but all are said to have passed the crisis of the disease, and are in a fair way to recover. The first appearance of the yellow fever was about four weeks ago, and a few days after the arrival of the United States steamer Fashion, from Florida. This vessel, it appears, had about thirty invalids on board, consisting mainly of wounded soldiers, but there were, besides several cases of yellow fever among the crew. The Fashion was allowed to lie about three weeks alongside the island, and there is no doubt that she was the cause of the sickness among its inhabitants. The first victim was a girl, named Isabella Freed, who died on the 26 of August; but it is also said that she had been down at Fort Hamilton the very day before she was taken sick.

Five soldiers who were detailed as cooks, also caught the disease and died, and the last fatal case was that of Sergeant O'Leary, who died on the 27th inst.

The Fashion was removed from her anchorage near the island into the stream opposite Governor's Island, where she now lies. Four persons sick with the fever were taken out of her the day before yesterday. They were all members of her own crew.

At one time the whole family of Sergeant Moore were lying sick, but all except the servant girl recovered.

A correspondent says:—

If the fort at the westerly point of Governor's Island is infected with yellow fever, as stated in your paper, would it not be proper for the Staten Island Ferry Company to instruct their pilots to give it as wide a berth as circumstances will admit of, instead of running as they now do within 100 yards of it?

The Yellow Fever at Fort Hamilton.

Three new cases are reported since yesterday:—Mrs. [illegible], her sister-in-law, Miss Burns and a German, name [illegible] Burns is the wife of a poor laboring man, [illegible] The German, who was [illegible] returned from a ten days visit to Newark, when he was attacked by the fever.

There has been but one death, so far as we have been able to ascertain, within the last two days; it is that of Mr. Hiram Green, the brother-in-law of Mr. Clapp, proprietor of the Everett House. Mr. Green died at five o'clock yesterday morning, after an illness of five or six days. His son is still alive, and it is believed will recover.

It is but justice to Dr. A. N. Bell to say that he has not only volunteered his services to the sick poor at Fort Hamilton, but that he has attended them without fee, and that he is still among them rendering all the aid in his power.

We were wrong in stating that the family of Mr. Van Brunt, who died at Fort Hamilton a few days ago, had left on the breaking out of the fever. It appears that they had not only not left, but they were among the good Samaritans of the Ridge. His sister had started to leave the day he became sick, but on hearing of it speedily returned, and was with him up to the hour of his death.

Mistakes Corrected.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

FISHKILL, Aug. 28, 1856.

Perceiving a communication in your paper, purporting to be a statement of the incidents and progress of the yellow fever at Fort Hamilton and Gowanus, and noticing several errors in the same, I have been led to address you, hoping you would have the kindness to correct the mistakes, as some of them very materially affect myself. And the first is, the fleeing away of old residents, leaving the sick to suffer for want of proper attendance. Now, I know from personal observation that this was not the case. Many friends watched and attended with the sick until the physicians refused to allow them to do so, nor did those who left do so until every care had been bestowed upon them, and proper nurses obtained; while the friends of some have remained up to the present moment. The second error is as follows:—"J. V. Bergen was attacked, and he and two brothers, Lefferts and De Bart, and three children, died of the disease." The De Hart, instead of a brother of J. V. Bergen, is a son of his, and the Lefferts mentioned is an uncle. There are other errors respecting the "cold, clayey soil," but as this and similar ones do not affect me, their correction is not urged. But the one concerning my decease is particularly urged, as it conveys to absent friends an erroneous impression of the death of Mr. De Hart (his brother-in-law) and myself. LEFFERTS T. BERGEN.

City Intelligence.

HOW NICE YOUNG MEN MANAGE TO LIVE ECONOMICALLY.—It is well known that the keepers of restaurants and eating houses are victimized to a considerable extent by certain of their customers, who manage to defraud them out of half their due, and it seems almost impossible to devise a plan that the rogues will not evade. The practice of giving checks, which have lately come much in vogue, and the face of which shows how much is due, has been one step towards preventing dishonest practices of this kind, but even this device does not prevent roguery, as a case that occurred on Sunday last, at Taylor's, in Broadway, shows. It appears that in this establishment the color of the check varies each day. On Monday, for instance, it is red, on Tuesday blue, and so on. On Sunday a party of young gents regaled themselves with oysters, sherry cobblers and the like, and altogether had a very good time. Having feasted themselves pretty well, they passed out, one stopping at the counter to settle. He presented a check for a small amount, which the cashier instantly pronounced spurious, as it was the wrong color, but the young gentleman persisted that it was all right, and that the waiter had given him the check he proffered. The waiter was called, and he testified to furnishing at least treble the amount indicated in the check. The customer, however, strenuously denied having another check in his possession. Officer Story was called in, and the party taken to the Fifth ward station house, where he was searched, and the missing check found on his person. He was sent to the Tombs on a charge of petit larceny. It is said to be quite a common thing for a party of say six persons to go to one of the large restaurants, and divide into two parties, three sitting at a table. Each party eats and drinks say one dollar's worth, making a bill of two dollars in all; but in going out they leave as one party, retain one of the checks, and proffer the other—thus getting off at half price. But this is only one of the ingenious dodges by which young gentlemen in New York manage to live economically.

CARELESSNESS.—Between 9 and 10 o'clock on Tuesday night, Mrs. Pfeffer, residing at No. 55 Crosby street, went out to market, leaving her children locked up in the room. Soon after she left the inmates of the house heard the children screaming, when the room door was burst open and the bedding discovered on fire. The children were taken out, and the fire soon extinguished. Many parents are in the habit of locking their children in a room on going out. Such persons should be very careful in placing all matches or means of fire out of the reach of their children, as in several instances children have been seriously burned by playing with matches when locked up. More caution should be exercised by parents, and not leave innocent children with such dangerous articles as friction matches.

CRICKET—CANADA VS. UNITED STATES.—We understand that the challenge given by the cricketers of Canada to those of the United States has been accepted, and a telegraphic despatch received that the former will be in New York on the 10th proximo to play the match. It will probably take place at Hoboken. On Tuesday a return match was played at Newark, N. J., between the Long Island Club and the Mechanics' Club, of Newark, in which the latter nobly redeemed their defeat by the former at Bedford, L. I., on the 15th of July. The two matches leave the clubs about equal.

DEATH BY BURNS.—A woman named Mary Keane, who resided at No. 42 Sheriff street, was fatally burned, on Tuesday night, at her residence, and died on Wednesday morning. She was grossly intoxicated at the time her clothes took fire, and afterwards could give no account as to the occurrence. There is some suspicion of foul play as a woman who lives in the same house had quarrelled with her and was heard to threaten her. This suspicion is strengthened from the fact that no fire, except that which enveloped her clothes, was found in the room where she was discovered in flames. The matter will be investigated by one of the Coroners.

ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.—Mrs. Judith Scott, a lady about 80 years of age, attempted self destruction on Tuesday night by jumping out of a third story window of her premises, No. 77 Washington street. She was very dangerously injured, and, after being attended by Dr. De Forest, was conveyed to the New York Hospital.

A MAN, whose name is supposed to be John Will, attempted suicide on Tuesday night, on board the steam boat Granite State, lying at rock Slip, by taking an overdose of opium. He was taken to the New York Hospital.

FALL THROUGH A HATCHWAY.—A man named John Hulver, employed in the cabinet manufactory, No. 219 Fourth street, fell, on Tuesday afternoon, from the fifth to the first floor through the hatchway, and is believed to be fatally injured. He was attended by Dr. Sheppard and afterwards taken to his residence.

FOUND DROWNED.—The body of an unknown man was yesterday morning found floating in the slip foot of pier 32 East river.

Coroner's Inquests.

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING.—Coroner Connery held an inquest on Friday at No. 95 Pitt street, upon the body of a boy eight years old, named Daniel Marhapher, who was accidentally pushed overboard by a companion of his, 11 years old, named Peter Smythe, and was unfortunately drowned. The boys, it appears, were playing at the foot of Gouverneur street, and while they were skylarking together Smythe pushed Marhapher overboard. Notwithstanding the extreme youth of Smythe, Coroner Connery issued a warrant for his arrest, on a charge of homicide.

FOUND DROWNED.—Coroner Connery also held an inquest at the foot of Houston street, upon the body of an unknown man about 40 years of age, who was found drowned. The deceased was about 5 feet 11 inches in height, and had a moustache.

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.—Coroner Connery held an inquest upon the body of a boy named Tom ——, who was found drowned at the foot of forty seventh street, E. R. The deceased was a hand on board of a sloop plying between this city and Staten Island. Verdict, "Accidental death."

SUICIDE.—Adam Fritz, living at 279 Tenth street, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. The deceased had been unwell for some years past, and becoming down hearted from sickness, he determined to put an end to his existence. Coroner Connery held an inquest upon the body of the deceased, when the jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. Deceased was fifty eight years of age, and was a native of Germany.

CONFIRMED ACCIDENT.—An inquest was also held at No. 200 avenue B, upon the body of a woman named Elizabeth Baker, who died from the effects of severe burns received by the upsetting of a camphene lamp while lighted. The jury rendered a verdict of accidental death. Deceased was twenty-five years old, and was born in Germany.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.—An inquest was also held upon the body of a man named Henry Remson, (colored) who died from the effects of injuries received by a safe falling upon him while he was engaged in lowering it into the City Hotel, corner of Broadway and Howard street. Verdict, accidental death. Deceased was fifty years of age, and a native of Orange county, New York.

FATAL WAGON ACCIDENT.—Coroner Connery also held an inquest at the Third ward station house, upon the body of a woman named Bridget Fitzgerald, who was accidentally run over by a horse and wagon in Bey street, and died soon afterwards from the injuries received. The jury rendered a verdict of "Accidental death," exculpating the driver from all blame. The deceased was 75 years of age and was a native of Ireland.

FOUND DROWNED.—An inquest was also held at the foot of James slip, upon the body of an unknown man, who was found drowned. The deceased was about 23 years of age, was five feet seven inches in height, and was stout built. He wore a silver ring on his hand. Verdict, "Found drowned."

SERIOUS AFFRAY IN ARKANSAS—SIX PERSONS REPORTED KILLED.—We learn from a gentleman direct from Linden, Ark., on the St. Francis river, that a difficulty occurred between a number of gentlemen, residents of that place, which resulted in the death of six of the party. The disturbance grew out of a political dispute. We were unable to learn any of the particulars, or the names of any of the parties connected with this melancholy affair.—*Memphis Eagle, Aug. 22.*

THE LAST OF HIS RACE.—The body of "William John," second chief of the Six Nations, was found in the Welland canal, near the Mohawk village, on Sunday morning week. The deceased had probably attempted to cross a wire bridge during the night, and been precipitated into the water. The fact which makes this incident so noticeable is, that "William John" was a grandson of the noted Captain Brant, and one of the last, if not the last, member of that remarkable family.

Our Lake Side Correspondence.

LAKE MAHOPAC, (near Carmel,)
PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK, Aug. 20, 1856.

Our Correspondent Resolves to go to the Ball—Trip on the Harlem Railway—The Ladies and their Luggage—Arrival at the Lake—Description of the Hotels—Splendid Accommodations for Visitors—The Ball—A little Horse Talk, &c., &c.

I am an old bachelor, and a devoted admirer of all that is beautiful in nature and art. I therefore adore the country and its concomitants at this season. I had heard a great deal of the beauty of Lake Mahopac, which has been compared by European tourists to the Lake of Como, the beauties of which have been sung by the greatest poets. I heard that there was to be a ball at Mahopac, and as a season of festivity is always charming, especially by the lake and mountain side, I resolved to go and get out my best dress coat, a quantity of clean linen, and two pairs of Jauvin's best white kids, for the momentous occasion.

My conveyance was the Harlem to Croton Falls, about fifty miles from the metropolis. As you know, this road is noted for the magnificence of its equipments; and to show the attention paid to the comfort of travellers, it is stated as a fact that two out of three of its passengers actually escape being jolted to pieces.

On this occasion the cars were absolutely crammed with ladies, their luggage and their responsibilities. You know that the modern style of female costume is rather extensive, and a car seat is hardly wide enough for a fashionably dressed woman and her incumbrances, which literally encompass her about like the lines of circumvallation drawn around a fortress. If two of these forts meet in a car aisle, it is necessary that one should be carried by assault and rushed through. There is no such thing as getting around them. Of course with these hooped arrangements numerous large trunks are necessary, and a lady cannot go to the country for relaxation without at least three bonnets, which involves an equal number of boxes; so you see, it is no trifling matter to go to a ball at Lake Mahopac, with a fashionable woman.

Well, we were at Croton Falls at last, and from thence were conveyed by stage to the lake. We stopped first at the oldest house, Baldwin's, which is a very queer looking place. It is like some of the old European castles—a wing has been added by every succeeding generation, and each differing in style from the other, so that now the house consists of six or seven pieces scattered along the lake, full of quaint nooks and corners. Baldwin's is a superb establishment kept in splendid style. The owner is a great bank owner and agriculturist and all his servants are comfortable, well to do people. They have small farms and own stock in the bank. The head waiter is a most efficient colored man, perfectly *au fait* in his duties, and drills his subs in a manner the dignitary of the St. Nicholas might in vain attempt to approach. But Baldwin's is not the only house. There is Gregory's, which is direct ly upon the lake. Indeed, one side of it is actually in the lake, so that if there were any young ladies here like Amina, in the Somnambula, they might walk out of their chamber windows some fine moonlight night and never be missed until next day. Then there is Thompson's, another fine establishment. The cuisine at all these houses is unrivalled, worthy of Delmonico or the *Trois Freres Provençaux*. For breakfast I had a cool bottle of *Haut Sauterne*, a delicious *filet de beef* and *champignons*, anchovy toast, marmalade, omelette, with fine herbs, melons, peaches with cream and *café au lait*. For lunch, mock turtle soup, *mayonnaise* of chicken and *Langue de beef*. For dinner, the bill of fare included delicious turtle and Crecy soups, trout boiled, salmon *à la Génoise*, all kinds of roasted and boiled meats, and a long list of choice dishes, such as *queue de Homard farcies, Bouchers à la Reine, maccaroni au gratin, Kramouski de volaile, Tendron de veau à la purée de pois, cotelettes de mouton aux truffles*, duck, *aux olives*, woodcock, *grille*, lobster salad, *mayonnaise* of salmon and delicious lake fish, all with fresh vegetables and splendid wines. Then there was tea and supper equally luxurious. The attendance, as I have said before, is perfect. Order and system prevail everywhere; almost military precision prevails in every department.

But we came to a ball, and having discussed the dinner we will go to the ball. The people at Baldwin's had made the most magnificent preparations for this affair. The grounds adjacent were illuminated with hundreds of Chinese lanterns, and the company promenaded under arches of evergreens and flowers. All the decorations were superb, and the ladies looked like reveling Dryads. They were all splendidly arrayed, and their rich dresses added much to the beauty of the scene. The lake resounded with music and laughter and song, and the dance went on gayly till midnight; and in the throng of dancers were many beautiful ladies. One from Brooklyn, blooming like the rose, attracted much attention, while a fair Jerseywoman, from Newark, divided the honors of *la reine du bal* with the fair lady from the City of Churches. As Byron happily remarks, "All went merry," till the call for supper was sounded. This most interesting meal was one of Baldwin's *chefs d'œuvres*. The champagne was splendid, the boned turkey superb, the *meringue à la crême* and the *glacés* magnificent. Nothing could have been more enticing than the *salade de volaille*. The ball was a *fait accompli*.

The company staying at Baldwin's are very nice people, who spend the summer here in a very nice, cool, comfortable sort of way. The scenery all about the lake is unequalled in beauty, the air fresh, pure and bracing, while all around are the most beautiful drives. These are improved to the fullest extent, and I have seen some dashing turnouts. There are from eighty to a hundred private horses here, with about an equal number of vehicles. These are nearly all from New York, and as they dash over the fine roads hereabouts they lighten up things amazingly. Then there are fine fish in the lake and trout in the mountain streams.

Don't you think, my dear sir, that Lake Mahopac must be a nice place? Come and see.

LETTER FROM A LADY CORRESPONDENT.

LAKE MAHOPAC, Aug. 25, 1856.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT, ESQ.—

DEAR SIR—Perhaps you are not aware that ever since the ball which took place at Baldwin's on the 15th of August, your paper, great as the rush usually is, has since that event been more greedily sought after than ever, especially by the fair ones, who take an especial delight in perusing the generally amusing and witty descriptions with which your newspaper correspondents frequently favor you. But, alas! in vain have they looked for the fulfilment of their expectations, and, although a lady, I am compelled to take up the pen in your behalf, to save your well earned reputation for gallantry towards our own sex, since I understood afterwards that you were present in *propria persona*, the editor, in verity, of the most extensively circulated paper in the United States. My stars! if all the young ladies had been aware of this fact, they would have paid homage to you in the most flattering manner in the world, and I most certainly among get the number. Well, then, with this impudent and forward introduction of myself, I will try and favor your many lady friends in this heavenly little spot, by giving you, without any further preamble, a passing notice (how prone are we to believe what is in print!) of the features (in a Terpsichorean sense) of the season, thus far.

It was one of those glorious nights which seem as if they were made expressly for this lovely little lake. It was delightfully cool, and the full moon shone so brilliantly, and every one seemed so exhilirated with the effects of the delightful weather and scenery without, that I'll venture to say none entered the ballroom in other than the very best of spirits. The dancing commenced, I believe, about 10 o'clock, although I did not come down myself until near 11; and I was really much struck on entering with the magnificent appearance the whole affair presented. The ladies were dressed with a great deal of taste, both married and single, and it would be difficult, indeed, to determine whether the guests of Baldwin's or Gregory's carried the palm. The ladies had taken extra pains to have their dresses sent from the city, and a great number went down in person to New York to give their dressmakers most particular instructions, as the occasion was too momentous not to do their utmost to try and master all their attractions, both natural and artificial.

Of the invited guests from Gregory's the most conspicuous in point of fine looks, aristocratic appearance and elegance of attire were two married ladies from New York, and accompanying one of them were two young belles (sisters, I should imagine), also from New York, of the most graceful and stylish appearance of any in the room. Their dresses were the very essence of good taste, and their toilettes were superb; indeed, it was universally conceded that they were the belles of the ballroom. How gracefully they tripped on the light fantastic toe! Of course Baldwin's boarders "came out strong" on the occasion, (to use an expressive but unfeminine phrase,) not even omitting your own correspondent, and there were many married and single ladies, both young and middle aged, who created quite an impression by their magnificent dresses, beautiful faces and figures, and bewitchingly graceful style of dancing; but as I myself am one of Baldwin's *habitués*, I prefer to ape the modest, and not particularize any one's peculiar graces, in case my description might discover to them who your correspondent is.

There were a few present from Thompson's, but they were so poorly represented, that they do not merit remark. The arrangements were excellent in every respect, and I have seldom seen an "out of town" ball pass off with more *éclat*. The gentlemen belonging to Baldwin's deserve a great deal of credit and thanks from us, for their assiduous attentions and uniform politeness towards us. I may state *en passant* that if *Gregory's* carried the palm with the ladies, that Baldwin's certainly did with the gentlemen. There was the usual display of handsome moustaches, beards and whiskers, (for which, by the way, I have a particular *penchant*,) and nice tight fitting patent leather boots. I wonder how some of those poor and miserably supported "Young Americas" felt in their limbs next morning? They looked occasionally as if they were going to fall over entirely, owing to the extremely inelegant and ungraceful manner which that class of young men seem to think is the most fashionable style of dancing now a-days. It reminds one of monkeys on an organ.

The piazza was very tastefully festooned all round, so as to prevent the ladies from catching cold whilst promenading the delightfully long and broad piazza, and outside were hung beautifully variegated Chinese lamps, which added very much to the general effect from without. The band in attendance played most beautifully, and the dancing music was in excellent taste. I should think it must have been nearly 4 o'clock before the ball broke up, and every one parted delighted exceedingly with their splendid entertainment. The only thing that could be properly found fault with, was the ballroom floor, which was exceedingly difficult to dance upon, as apparently it had all been chalked over, which retarded the dancers, of necessity, rather than assisted them. This was a great mistake, as quite a number of ladies got very soon tired dancing. Yours, very respectfully,

CORA LINA.

P. S.—Knowing you are an advocate in the cause of Fremont, I thought I might interest you by telling you that most of the ladies at Baldwin and Gregory's are great admirers of the bold "Pathfinder," and as a matter of experiment, the other day after dinner, whilst sitting on the piazza, I asked all ladies present to wave their handkerchiefs that wished to see Colonel Fremont elected—and it would have done your heart good to have seen so many little white emblems fluttering in the breeze.

Religious Intelligence.

A bush meeting will be held at St. Ronan's Well, Flushing, L. I., to-day, and every Sunday during the month of September. A full description will be given of the building and decorations of the Nauvoo Temple, and the journey of the Mormons to the Far West.

The Rev. A. H. Partridge, Rector of Christ Church, North Brooklyn, will preach in the Church of the Epiphany, 120 Stanton street, between Essex and Norfolk streets, this evening.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL BISHOP.

To-day—Forenoon, at Clifton, S. I.; afternoon, at Richmond.

Tuesday—Afternoon, at Essex.

Wednesday—Forenoon, at Bouquet; afternoon, at Whalensburg.

Thursday—Forenoon, at Keeseville.

Friday—Forenoon, at Centreville, confirmation; afternoon, at Ellenburg.

ORDINATIONS.

On July 25, the Rev. T. L. Power, M. B. Fortune, and J. B. Gerachty, all of the Order of St. Dominic, and Rev. John Stucky, of Milwaukie, were ordained priests in the Cathedral church of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Henni.

The ordination of Mr. Young, a convert to the Roman Catholic Church, took place in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Newark, N. J., on Sunday last. The church was densely crowded. A Pontifical mass was celebrated on the occasion, Rev. Messrs. Beaudevin and Hilaire acting as Deacon and Sub-Deacon, and Rev. Mr. McQuaid as Master of the Ceremonies. The candidate appeared in the vestments of a Deacon, having received the orders of Deacon and Sub-Deacon, respectively, on the two days previous—according to the rituals prescribed for such occasions in the Catholic Church—and at a certain stage of the mass was duly invested with the orders of priesthood by Bishop Bayley. A discourse was preached during the service by the Rev. Mr. McQuaid. This is said to be the second Roman Catholic ordination that has taken place since the establishment in New Jersey of their Episcopal See—the first being that of Rev. James Moran, of Camden.

INVITATIONS.

Rev. Dr. E. H. Nevins, of Massachusetts, has accepted a call to become the pastor of the Congregational church in the city of Washington.

The Rev. Oliver Stearns, of Bingham, has accepted his appointment to the Board of Instruction of the Meadville Theological School, and will become its presiding officer.

Rev. H. A. Nelson, of Auburn, who some time since declined the call of the First Presbyterian church in St. Louis, has decided to accept the unanimous invitation to fill the pulpit, and will soon enter on the duties of his new post.

Rev. R. H. Dexter, of the Ingham Collegiate Institute, Leroy, N. Y., has been called to the First Presbyterian church, Byron, N. Y.

Rev. Joseph Kimball, of Hebron, N. Y., has been called to the Presbyterian church in Brockport, N. Y.

Rev. Lauren Armsbury, of Chester, N. H., has been called to the Congregational church in Faribault, Minnesota.

Rev. Mr. Roberts, of New Bedford, has been called to East Medway, Mass.

Rev. Amos H. Johnson, of the graduating class at Andover, has been called to Middleton, Mass.

Rev. Wm. R. Tompkins, of the same class, to the New England Congregational church in Brooklyn.

Rev. Charles Cutler, also of the same class, to Rochester, N. H.

Rev. Edward S. Atwood has accepted a call to Needham, Mass.

Rev. W. W. Page, of Kent, Conn., has been called to Ridgebury, Conn.

Rev. James Paine has accepted a call to the Old School church at Somerville, East Tenn.

Rev. J. G. Symmes, of Madison, Ind., has declined the call to the Second Presbyterian church of Cranberry, N. J.

Rev. Wm. Reid has been called to the Old School church in Centreville, Wis.

Rev. Cyrus Dickinson, of Wheeling, Va., has been called to the Westminster church, in Baltimore.

INSTALLATION.

Rev. H. G. Park was installed at Bernardston, Mass., on the 12th.

RESIGNED.

The Rev. S. R. Willis has resigned the pastoral care of the Baptist church in Saugerties, N. Y.

Rev. Mr. Jewett, of Nashua, N. H., has resigned his charge on account of ill health.

NEW CHURCHES.

The corner stone of a Methodist Episcopal church was laid in the town of Sydney, Va., on the 24th inst.

St. Stephen's Church edifice, in Portland, Me., having been reconstructed and much enlarged and beautified, was consecrated to the worship of God on Wednesday last. Sermon by Bishop Clark, of R. I.

Orange Chapel, the new Lutheran church at Orangeburg, S. C., was dedicated on Sunday, 17th inst., with a discourse from the Rev. John Bachman, D. D., of Charleston.

A new Presbyterian church was dedicated at Allentown, Pa., recently. Rev. J. Helienstein preached the sermon. In the afternoon a sermon was preached in the German language by Rev. J. Vogelbach.

An O. S. church was dedicated at White Plains, N. Y., on the 28th inst.

The corner stone of an O. S. church at Port Penn, Delaware, was laid on the 19th inst.

A new O. S. church edifice, costing between $6,000 and $7,000, in Manalapan, Monmouth county, N. J., was recently dedicated by a committee of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Rev. F. P. McFarland, of St John's church, Utica, N. Y., is the bishop elect of the diocess of Hartford, in place of the Right Rev. Bishop O'Riely, who perished in the Pacific.

The one hundredth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lathrop as a minister of the West Springfield, Mass., church was celebrated in that place, on Monday, the 25th inst., when the sons and daughters of the town returned home from their distant habitations. The church was crowded, and many stood around the doors, unable to enter. After a hymn by Mrs. Sigourney, Rev. Dr. Sprague, of Albany, delivered an address containing a eulogy upon Dr Lathrop, who died in 1820, after a ministry of sixty four years. A procession followed the church exercises, and a dinner, at which many speeches were made and letters read.

Father Schaffleiter, a Roman Catholic priest, of the Redemptionist order, fell down within the rails of the altar while singing the "Magnificat," in St. Mary's church, Batavia street, Buffalo, during vespers, on Sunday evening, the 24th inst. He lived only about half an hour. The cause of his death was disease of the heart. He was a very learned and benevolent priest, and much beloved by his people.

The Universalist State Convention of Connecticut commenced its annual session at the Universalist church in New Haven on the 27th inst., and continued in session two days.

UNIVERSALIST STATE CONVENTION.

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted:—

Place of Adjournment—Canton, St. Lawrence county. Preacher of the next occasional sermon, Rev. E. W. Reynolds, of Buffalo. Agent of paper and book establishment, Q. McAdam.

Delegates to United States Convention.—Clerical, J. T. Goodrich, Pitt Morse, W. S. Balch, T. J. Sawyer, A. Kelsey, E. W. Reynolds, N. Snell. Lay delegates, A. E. Moore, S. A. Reynolds, G. Wood, H. G. Sake, John Shattuck, Josiah Barber, E. Graves, E. S. Barnum, H. Coleman, J. M. Chrysler, A. McInstry, N. Van Nostrand, S. N. Sherman, and A. G. Perry.

Standing Committee——Sunday schools, H. R. Nye, W. N. Barber, C. C. Gordan, George Roberts. Reforms, N. Spell, D. C. Tomlinson, R. H. Pullman. State of the Church, L. C. Brown, D. K. Leel, M. Thatcher. Missionary Enterprise, J. N. Austin, A. Kelsey, D. C. Livermore.

The Trustees of the Harser fund for the relief of indigent clergymen and their widows reported the amount of permanent fund, $12,000; unappropriated money on hand, $1,010 19; appropriated during the year, $200.

Some entertaining remarks were made by the Rev. Dr. Sawyer on the educational movement, by which we learn that the Universalist denomination, within the last few years, have appropriated over five hundred thousand dollars to the purposes of education. They have endowed one college in Massachusetts, one in Illinois, a theological school in this State, and have chartered a university, to be located in Canton, St. Lawrence county, New York.

PRESBYTERIAN STATISTICS.—From the minutes of the General Assemblies of the new and old school branches of the Presbyterian church, we find that the following are the relative statistics of the two bodies for the last ecclesiastical year:—

	New S'h'l.	Old Sch'l.
Synods	24	30
Presbyteries	108	148
Candidates for the ministry	219	482
Licentiates	94	246
Communicants added on examination	5,704	12,322
Communicants added on certificate	4,730	9,266
Total of communicants	188,760	235,755

Williamsburg City News.

DISGRACEFUL PROCEEDINGS.—A mass meeting of the friends of Fillmore in the Eastern district was held at Washington Hall, on Wednesday evening, to which persons, without distinction of party, were invited to be present, and listen to the arguments adduced. Amongst others who were present was Alderman Huntley, of the Thirteenth ward, against whom a bitter feeling exists for leaving the Know Nothing ranks, and going over to the support of the republican cause. On several occasions a crowd gathered around him, and endeavored to provoke a discussion, for the purpose, as it was afterwards stated, of beating him. Not succeeding in their object, the procession, in passing the Alderman's residence, relieved themselves