THE COURTS.

The Culinary Art as a Social Accomplishment.

A DIVORCED WIFE'S CHILDREN.

Reminiscence of a Fatal Steamboat Collision.

Euphrosine W. Schieffendecker, a young German lady, the daughter of the well known water cure doctor of that name, has brought a suit in the Common Pleas Court, and the case was on trial before Judge Larremore yesterday. The defendants are Christian Gottwald and Daniel A. Murphy, and the suit is brought to recover $500, the value of a phaeton which the lady says was her property, and was wrongfully converted by the defendants to their own use. In their reply, the defendants first of all make a sweeping denial of each and every allegation in the complaint, and then boldly treat the plaintiff as a myth, averring on knowledge and belief that there was no such person. The defendants go on to state that the phaeton was taken under an execution against Carl Schieffendecker, who was the owner, and that a similar action brought in the Superior Court, in the name of the plaintiff, was decided adversely to her, and that she was not adopted daughter to the Doctor, but cook. Miss Schieffendecker, who is young and ladylike, testified that she was the daughter of Dr. Schieffendecker, whatever the defendants may say, and not his cook. She says she is a Catholic, and had to leave Germany on account of political troubles in Germany, and was obliged to come to this country; that she received an excellent education and can speak all the European languages, and sing and play and teach music, and can also cook, but in her country knowledge of cookery is considered a necessary accomplishment for a lady, and she did not see why that should degrade her in any way.

Judge Larremore remarked that he thought to know how to cook was just as necessary to a good education for a lady as to know how to sing and play. Notwithstanding the lady's enumerated accomplishments, however, the jury, after a short consultation, brought in a verdict for the defendants.

THE MAN OF MANY WIVES.

Walter W. Price, the lately deceased wealthy brewer, had an interesting history, which has been heretofore published in the HERALD, and which may be substantially stated again. He was a native of England, married there and separated from his wife under an agreement. He came to this country and married again and lived happily with his second wife, and had three children, who have now arrived at years of maturity. Finally, being divorced from his second wife, he married an American lady, the plaintiff in the present suit, Constance B. Price, from whom he also obtained a divorce. The parties necessarily separated, the wife taking one child and the husband the other, both being in very delicate health and, as Mrs. Price says, needing each other's companionship and the care of a mother. The husband died in 1875, and the child which he took into his custody was turned over to the care of Mrs. Mercy Everson, who, together with the children by the second marriage, are among the defendants in this suit. They charge that she was utterly unfit to have charge of the child because she was of a violent and implacable disposition; that she carried arms, that she threatened the life of her husband and her own servant, that she is untruthful and intemperate and has no permanent residence. The case came up before Judge Donohue on a writ of habeas corpus taken out by Mrs. Price to obtain the custody of the child in the hands of Mrs. Everson. Judge Donohue delayed his decision on the ground that another habeas corpus case was pending before Judge Potter in Washington county. The proceedings under that writ resulted in a decision by Judge Potter awarding the custody of the child to Mrs. Everson, and Judge Donohue in his decision given yesterday says he is controlled by the decision of Judge Potter and dismissed the writ taken out in his court, and consequently Mrs. Everson retains the custody of the child.

DIVORCE AND PENURY.

In the divorce suit of Margaret M. Sheehan against Andrew Sheehan a petition was presented to Judge Donohue, in Supreme Court, Chambers, by Messrs. Baker & Russel, on behalf of the plaintiff, for an order compelling the husband to pay alimony. She states in her petition that a judgment for divorce was entered in her favor in July, 1875, which provided that she should have the custody of their child, Juna Sheehan, and also that alimony should be granted her upon application. She says all the assistance she has received from her former husband is the sum of $30; that she is in delicate health and unable to work, and has been obliged to place the child with friends out of town, and she herself has been reduced to the necessity of accepting the hospitality of friends, and has been further compelled to sacrifice her watch, rings and other jewelry. She states further that Sheehan is in good circumstances and keeps a gambling house. Upon these facts Judge Donohue yesterday ordered Sheehan to pay $25 weekly alimony.

A RIVER COLLISION.

While the steamboat Hope, which was used by the Commissioners of Charities and Correction in carrying prisoners to Blackwell's Island, was on her way up the East River to Ward's Island, one day in the month of June, 1875, the current off Hallett's Point caused her to sheer out into the channel. At the time the steamer Americus, belonging to the Neversink Steamboat Company, was following directly in the wake of the Hope, and the moment the last named boat swung into the channel struck her from behind and she sank almost immediately. The Hope had on board, as it is stated, one corpse, and as crew a pilot and engineer. There were also being conveyed four convicts, three of whom were drowned, together with the engineer. A suit for damages was brought by Anna Irwin, wife of Captain Irwin, of the Blackwell's Island steamboat, against the Neversink Steamboat Company, on the ground that the captain of the Americus was negligent, and the trial of the case was commenced yesterday before Judge Lawrence, in the Supreme Court. Considerable testimony was taken during the day, elaborating in detail the facts already given. The trial will be resumed to-day.

SUMMARY OF LAW CASES.

An application for a mandamus to compel John Baird, receiver of the Commercial Warehouse Company, to pay taxes for 1875, was made to Judge Donohue yesterday on behalf of the Court of Taxes. The taxes amount to $16,700, and it is contended that the receiver, who has assets in his hands, should pay the amount, the State being a preferred creditor. The Court took the papers.

Henry Glintenkamp has brought a suit against Dr. Ferdinand Seeger for an alleged libel. He charges that the defendant wrote a letter to his wife accusing him of having committed perjury on a trial previously before the Court. The case came before Judge Spier in the Superior Court yesterday, and is defended on the ground that the letter never having been published it is no libel. A sealed verdict was ordered for this morning.

In the matter of the contested will case of William J. Haskett, counsel yesterday presented their several arguments to Surrogate Calvin, who reserved decision.

John R. Glanding, charged with sending swindling circulars through the United States mail, was yesterday brought before United States Commissioner Shields, who held him for examination in default of $5,000 bail.

The suit of Ezra S. Goodman against the Erie Railway Company for $17,475, for services to the company in examining and discovering certain frauds alleged to have been committed against the company by Oliver H. P. Fisher, was before Chief Justice Daly in the Common Pleas Court yesterday. A motion to dismiss the complaint was denied, and the cause was placed on the Circuit calendar for next Monday for trial.

The firm of Myerson & Co. dealers in laces, failed, owing, among other debts, as is claimed, a bill of $2,000 to Clausen & Co. The insolvent firm was sold out under a friendly judgment and the creditors failed to get their money. Clausen & Co. sued Myer Myerson to recover on the bill, claiming that he had represented himself to be a member of the firm, when in reality he was not. Myerson claims he made no such representations and that the names of the firm were notorious. The case came to trial before Judge Freedman, in the Superior Court, and a sealed verdict was ordered for this morning.

In the Emma Mining suit against Trenor W. Park and H. H. Baxter, the long contest is at last drawing to a close. Yesterday's session was mainly taken up by counsel for the plaintiffs in examining witnesses as to the character of James E. Lyons, principal witness for the plaintiffs, and which was attempted to be impeached by counsel for the defence. Several witnesses of undoubted reputation testified to the high character for integrity and probity always sustained by Mr. Lyons. It is expected that to-day the testimony in the case will be closed. It is arranged that counsel on either side will have three days each allowed them to sum up, and that on next Friday week Judge Wallace will submit the case to the jury.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Donohue.

Burchell vs. Hulman; Burchell vs. McCahill; Mutual Life Insurance Company vs. Cropsey; Hewlett vs. Bell; Kerr vs. Blancy; Citizens' Savings Bank vs. Fais; Berkshire Woolen Company vs. Juillard; Norwood vs. Duryee; Sidenberg vs. Lund; Kohlmann vs. Richter; Sheehan vs. Sheehan; Manning vs. Mitchell; Millian vs. Mitchell.—Granted.

Degraw vs. Platt; in the matter of Lenton.—Order granted.

Anthony vs. Day.—Granted, without costs.

Eggs vs. Johnson.—Motion granted. Memorandum.

Manhattan Savings Institution vs. Payne.—Order granted. Case to be settled on notice.

Bate vs. Rossiter.—Granted, with costs.

In the matter of Price.—Memorandum.

Earl vs. Davison.—Motion denied, without costs.

Marshall vs. Green.—Three motions denied.

Hermance vs. Hilmers.—Motion denied.

Parodi vs. Bertolow.—Denied.

Devlin vs. Sunnon.—Denied, without costs.

Hoffman vs. Burke.—Denied. Memorandum.

Matter of Tyler.—I want to see counsel.

Talcott vs. Scallon.—I wish to see counsel.

Moser vs. Burke.—Defendants ordered to pay amount admitted free.

By Judge Lawrence.

Obrig vs. Brodie.—Order granted.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Sanford.

Pierson, Jr., vs. Edgar et al.—Reference ordered.

McGuckin vs. Benton.—Order granting plaintiff five per cent extra allowance on amount recovered.

Pierson, Jr., vs. Edgar et al.—Mr. Henry L. Pierson appointed receiver.

White vs. Meaills et al.—Order granted on payment of costs.

Gawtry vs. Clark.—Remittitur filed. Judgment affirmed.

Berth vs. Berth.—Reference report confirmed and judgment ordered for plaintiff, with costs, according to the prayer of the amended complaint.

COMMON PLEAS—CHAMBERS.

By Judge C. P. Daly.

Van Demark vs. Smith.—Complaint dismissed. Judgment ordered for defendant.

Renton vs. Barrows.—Order granted.

Tighe vs. Jures; Morgan vs. Morgan.—Motions denied.

Crawford vs. O'Conner.—Order granted.

Goodwin vs. Erie Railroad Company.—Application granted.

MARINE COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Sinnott.

Curtis vs. O'Halloran.—Judgment vacated and defendant allowed to answer in six days; no costs to either party.

Lawrence vs. Ramsay.—Motion denied; no costs.

Tucker vs. Sheridan.—The order for a bill of particulars is denied on condition that plaintiff accepts answer if offered in two days; otherwise, granted; no costs.

Ellis vs. Winchester.—Findings settled and filed.

Kissam vs. Richards.—Commitment refused, &c.

Kay vs. Whitney.—Motion denied; decision of April 9, 1877, must stand.

McClure vs. Mitzchertin.—Mr. J. Canda appointed receiver.

McIntyre vs. Underhill.—Motion for allowance granted.

Wharton vs. Landon.—Motion for leave to amend answer, &c., granted on payment of costs

Hewitt vs. Steinmerz.—Motion denied.

Wasmer vs. Mendelsohn—Motion granted; order of arrest vacated.

Sanborn vs. Powers; Weil vs. Clark.—Motion to overrule demurrer and for judgment granted, with costs.

Nelson vs. Elkins; Wilson vs. Tate.—Motions granted.

Smith vs. Levy.—Motion for leave to amend answer granted and judgment vacated.

Reid vs. Price.—Motion to open default granted on conditions.

McCabe vs. Quinn.—Application refused.

Low vs. Ely.—Referred to Mr. William H. Warring.

Lindsay vs. Prior.—Prisoner discharged.

Sloan vs. Eastman—Bond approved.

Kilgour vs. Lockwood—Judgment for plaintiff.

By Chief Justice Shea.

Frothingham vs. Disbecker.—Case settled; filed.

GENERAL SESSIONS—PART 1.

Before Recorder Hackett.

THE JUVENILE CONSPIRACY CASE.

Alexander Ray, the youth who, in company with the lads Jones and Trask, assaulted Mr. Thomas W. Gerard in his store, at Nos. 225 and 227 Eighth avenue, on the 23d of March last, with intent to rob him, was again placed at the bar yesterday morning. Ex-Judge Busteed, in his behalf, addressed the jury at some length, Assistant District Attorney Russell replying on the part of the prosecution. The jury found the prisoner guilty, and he was remanded for sentence.

ANOTHER BURGLAR DISPOSED OF.

John Ledwith was arraigned for trial on the charge of burglary. It was alleged that on the 30th of March he broke into the premises of Wild Brothers, No. 51 Murray street, and stole a quantity of cigars and champagne, valued at $275. The prisoner pleaded guilty and was sent to the State Prison for the term of two years.

GENERAL SESSIONS—PART 2.

Before Judge Gildersleeve.

A RABBIT ON ITS TRAVELS.

A very amusing case came up for trial yesterday illustrative of the danger to which youthful sportsmen may once in a while be subjected. Frederick Miller, a ruddy faced boy of eighteen, who has a fancy for well-bred dogs, was arraigned for trial by Assistant District Attorney Herring, charged with having entered the chicken coop of B. F. Fairchild, in Fifty-seventh street, near Ninth avenue, with the intention of purloining some of the feathered inhabitants. It was stated by Mr. Uran, a stepson of the owner, that he found the prisoner in the coop about eight o'clock in the evening, his suspicious companion being an old pillow case, the inference to be drawn therefrom being that he intended to carry off some of the plump fowl that slumbered on their respective perches. Colonel Spencer, who defended the prisoner, put a new phase on the damaging appearance of matters generally, and by two witnesses showed that the prisoner was chasing a rabbit when he was overhauled and arrested. The prisoner's brother testified that, in company with the prisoner and another boy, he was walking through Fifty-seventh street, when a rabbit was espied in the middle of the street; that the prisoner and the other boy followed it into Mr. Fairchild's quarters; that the rabbit ran into the coop; that it ran out again; that the little boy caught it and decamped. This statement was corroborated by the prisoner and the little boy. But the climax was not reached until the identical rabbit was produced on the witness stand, amid peals of laughter. Mr. Herring, in the course of a searching cross-examination, was anxious to ascertain whether the rabbit had not been sent into the hencoop on an exploring expedition—sent in as an excuse for the invasion by the prisoner; but it would seem that the rabbit was taking an evening promenade and proceeded to the coop to avoid arrest. The jury gave the prisoner the benefit of any doubts that might exist and acquitted him. As he was leaving the bar District Attorney Phelps remarked, good humoredly, "Well, it was a 'hare'-breadth escape." "Yes," said Mr. Herring, "on a 'rare-bit' of evidence." The case created considerable merriment.

ILLS AND SENTENCES.

John Harry Thomas, alias Tinker, was arraigned by Assistant District Attorney Robins on the charge of negotiating forged checks on the Bull's Head Bank, and was sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment.

James Ford, clerk, twenty-three years old, residing at No. 419 East Ninth street, against whom there were several indictments for forgery, by which his employer, E. C. Richards, No. 110 East Nineteenth street, was defrauded to the amount of $877, pleaded guilty and was sent to the State Prison for two years and six months.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Held by Judge Donohue.—Nos. 44, 46, 57, 83, 111, 132, 138, 142, 148, 149, 152, 155, 182, 183, 202, 209, 221, 227, 232, 238, 242, 248. Assessment Calendar—Nos. 52, 57, 68, 74, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Held by Judge Van Vorst.—Nos. 197, 275, 287, 396, 105, 298, 302, 303, 306, 49, 310, 312, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—Part 1—Held by Judge Lawrence.—Nos. 3009, 1583, 3579, 3205, 3127, 2895, 3103, 3153, 3155, 3157, 3173, 3271, 3275, 2985, 4073½, 777, 3175, 2719, 3835, 99, 3285, 135, 2721, 1381, 1003½, 1038½. Part 2—Held by Judge Barrett.—Case on—Hewett vs. Wood. No day calendar. Part 3—Held by Judge Van Brunt.—Nos. 2089, 2096, 1247, 1611, 328, 2237, 4783, 3161, 1558½, 2778, 4363, 148, 2159, 1341½, 3349, 3065, 1182, 1147, 1026½, 2552, 4493, 418, 418, 433, 1710.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part 1—Held by Judge Freedman.—Nos. 573, 745, 653, 777, 1009, 256, 1214, 930, 313, 861, 122, 340, 341, 766, 414, 847, 620, 569, 886, 529, 244, 755, 971, 972, 248, 760. Part 2—Held by Judge Spier.—Nos. 836, 997, 539, 540, 605, 645, 644, 474½, 311, 565, 785, 825, 552, 534, 787, 395, 1183, 778, 1069, 779, 354, 977, 568, 969. Part 3—Held by Judge Sedgwick.—Nos. 690, 799, 813, 804, 806, 815, 593, 1093, 1096, 54, 638, 596, 930, 792, 835, 1039, 1042, 679, 905, 1050, 1045, 1048, 1063, 1074, 1076, 684.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Held by Judge Sanford.—Nos. 10, 44, 50, 59, 67, 14, 49, 9, 18, 19. Demurrer—No. 3.

COMMON PLEAS—EQUITY TERM—Held by Chief Justice C. P. Daly.—Case on. Nos. 13, 2, 24, 34. Demurrer—No. 7.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—Part 1—Held by Judge Van Hoesen.—Nos 695, 1568, 1217, 846, 1518, 1519, 705, 661, 27, 1186, 1592, 698, 1148, 571, 1254, 381, 627, 998, 506, 675, 1050, 629, 512, 1163, 1047, 820, 1198, 702, 1142, 1107, 1008, 362, 1219, 1223, 1182. Part 2—Held by Judge Larremore.—Nos. 735, 736, 737, 738, 1123, 740, 1067, 932, 143, 1511, 1129, 860, 1068, 175, 587, 1040, 1769, 560, 954, 1679, 789, 516, 1080. Part 3—Held by Judge J. F. Daly.—Nos. 1145, 1258, 1053, 1054, 1247, 1735, 1188, 1266, 403, 1078, 1279, 1115, 493, 1120, 1284, 42, 1029, 389, 1766, 1267, 1268, 924.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part 1—Held by Judge Alker.—Nos. 7459, 8045, 7934, 8167, 8239, 8439, 8565, 2691, 8219, 8311, 8053, 8797, 8676, 7352, 8657. Part 2—Held by Judge Sheridan.—Nos. 7911, 8541, 3827, 826½, 6489, 8317, 8693, 8666, 8662, 8689, 8631, 8641, 8642, 8483, 8651, 8643, 8648, 8710, 8611. Part 3—Held by Judge Shea.—Nos. 7745, 2719, 8958, 7970, 5189, 3326, 5468, 4531, 7691, 412, 8566, 8678, 8620, 8606, 8744.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Part 1—Held by Recorder John K. Hackett.—The People vs. Mary Gibbons, burglary; Same vs. John O'Neil, grand larceny; Same vs. Henry Loco, false pretences; Same vs. Ignatz Offner, adulterating milk; Same vs. John McGinnis, assault and battery. Part 2—Held by Judge Gildersleeve.—The People vs. George Krick, homicide; Same vs. James Blake, homicide; Same vs. Ellen Brehler, receiving stolen goods; Same vs. Stephen Fields, Loring M. Black and William Marston, gambling.

BEATING A SERVANT GIRL.

Suit was brought by Virginia Butler in the Brooklyn City Court, before Judge Neilson and a jury, to recover $5,000 damages against William L. Goldstein for assault and battery. The plaintiff was employed as a domestic in the household of the defendant, No. 490 Grand street. On the night of December 9, 1876, he returned home at half-past nine o'clock, and was unable to gain admission, the door being locked. He finally forced open a window and gained admission. Virginia was found asleep on the floor, and she alleged that her employer kicked her in the back and side, causing her severe injury. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of $200.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, April 18, 1877.

In the Court of Appeals to-day, present Hon. Sanford E. Church, Chief Justice, and associates, the following business was transacted:—

No. 291. Henry P. Green, appellant, vs. William H. Green, respondent.—Argued by John C. Hunt for appellant, and Frank Hiscock for respondent.

No. 288. Catherine Taylor, respondent, vs. George Barnes and another, appellants.—Argued by Frank Hiscock for appellants, and Daniel Pratt for respondent.

No. 298. The First National Bank of Toledo, Ohio, respondent, vs. Leander B. Shaw and others, appellants.—Argued by William Allen Bissell for appellants, and Edward Bissell for respondent.

No. 309. The Village of Gloversville, respondent, vs. William Howell and another, appellants.—Argued by H. B. Churney for appellants, and H. E. Smith for respondent.

CALENDAR.

The following is the calendar for Thursday, April 19, 1877:—Nos. 311, 312½, 305, 458, 287, 95, 285 and 44.

SUPREME COURT CALENDAR.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 18, 1877.

The following is the Supreme Court, General Term, Fourth Department, day calendar for Thursday:—Nos. 99, 104, 106, 108, 112, 101, 118, 122, 124, 23, 94, 95, 120, 129, 131, 132, 134, 135 and 138.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH FAIR.

RARE EXHIBITION AND BRILLIANT SUCCESS—TO-NIGHT THE CLOSING NIGHT.

One of the most successful and extensive fairs ever held in this city will come to a close this evening. It is that of St. Ann's Church, and has been under way at Tammany Hall since the 5th of this month. The fair was undertaken for the purpose of obtaining funds for the liquidation of the church debt and that of the parochial school. Tammany Hall, the scene of the fair, is elegantly decorated, and the arrangement of the booths, tables and works of art was highly creditable to the Committee of Management. Every day, at eleven o'clock the hall is thrown open, and until ten o'clock in the evening, the closing hour, a dense throng of ladies and gentlemen pass to and fro, admiring the countless curious things and the many really beautiful works of art. There is little in the ordinary church fair to attract one that is not in some way interested in the particular church for which the fair is given, and St. Ann's committee were fortunate in their arrangement of special attractions, aside from the bright eyes and pretty faces of the attendants. There are to be seen, of course, the almost innumerable pieces of dainty needlework, worsted work and the thousand and one knick-knacks fashioned and formed by fair hands, and destined to be the rocks upon which many a greenback should go to pieces; but the fair boasts of some specialties that are deserving of more than a passing glance.

THE ART EXHIBITION.

One of the most important and certainly most pleasing features of the affair is the Album of Art offered for sale. Its pages are covered with a large number of most charming sketches and pictures by well known artists, among them being Harry Beard, J. G. Brown, William Hart, J. H. Beard, James M. Hart, Ed. Moran, J. F. Cropsey, Mrs. Greatorex, Miss Greatorex and B. T. Reinhart. A marble medallion profile of the Rev. Thomas T. Preston, the pastor of St. Ann's, by Mr. H. Park, also excites much favorable comment. There are many paintings of note loaned by their owners, and the messrs. Leavitt also contributed to the store of art. On every side are samples of wood carving and painting, and the stock of elegant proof engravings seems almost unlimited.

The fair will remain open until ten o'clock this evening.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society was held yesterday afternoon, in the University Place Church. Dr. Booth presided and read the reports, covering the work of the society in Syria, Persia, India, China, Siam, Japan and Africa, as well as Mexico and New Mexico on this continent. Mrs. Calhoun, who spent a quarter of a century in Syria with her husband, who has recently died while she was here, has gone back again to end her own life in that mission field. Miss Lyons is also under appointment for that country and will leave New York early in the summer. They go under the auspices of this society. At Oroomiah, Persia, and villages adjacent, a great revival has taken place during the winter, and 30 converts have been added to the Church, while others are receiving instruction before being received. In one of the suburbs the congregation increased from 35 to 200 in one week, and similar results are noticed in other places. Twenty-five native preachers are ready to go into the field, but the society has not money to send them. The report spoke of the success of the mission schools at Lodiana, Lahore and other places in India where Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Newton, M. D. are laboring; of those in Pekin, Nankin, Cha-Foo, China; of those in Siam, where in one station a church of 67 members has been recently organized by Mr. McFarland, and in the mission schools there are 109 pupils, and a new building is being erected for the Howard School. In Tokio, Japan, Miss Youngmans and Miss Hewlett are laboring; in Gaboon, Africa, Mrs. Bushnell, and in Kotisco, Mrs. Rodrigue. In and around the city of Mexico there are 31 Presbyterian congregations and 15 native preachers are employed by this society. The society began its work ten years ago in New Mexico, where there had not been a Presbyterian church or minister. Now there are five ministers and three schools supported by the ladies' society. The ladies have also recently sent their missionaries to Utah and have established six scholarships in the normal school in Salt Lake for the preparation of women to act as missionaries among their Mormon sisters. The cost of all this mission work during the year by this society was $32,671, and the ladies have now a balance on hand of $3,484 to begin the ensuing ecclesiastical year with.

Dr. Field, of the *Evangelist*, gave the ladies an interesting account of his trip around the world, as it related to the missions of American churches in the different countries. Dr. E. N. White, of this city, and others, also addressed the meeting.

REV. MR. M'KELVEY'S CASE.

The Presbytery of Elizabeth, N. J., has been in session two days in Cranford, and much of their time and talents have been devoted to the hackneyed controversy between Rev. Mr. McKelvey and the church and congregation at Westfield. The subject was introduced by the friends of Mr. McKelvey in a report setting forth Mr. McKelvey's claims to the parish and pulpit, Mr. McKelvey still holding the parsonage. Then the minority presented a petition asking the Presbytery to enjoin the further occupancy of the parsonage by Mr. McKelvey as tending to defeat the precious judgment of the superior court, the Synod, which was of opinion that Mr. McKelvey should not continue his ministerial labors in Westfield. The whole matter was referred to a committee, who had not reported at a late hour.

WELCOMING A PASTOR.

The welcome greeting to Rev. William Lloyd, the new pastor of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, corner of Fifty-seventh street, will take place this evening at the church. Several of the leading clergymen of the city take part, and the singing will be by the new quartet, now heard for the first time—Miss L. Barry, soprano; Miss Thomas, contralto; Mr. Conklin, tenor, and Mr. Newbegin, bass.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION COMPANY.

It seems, at last, that there is to be a settlement of the affairs of the Industrial Exhibition Company. The officers of the company have requested Mr. John R. Fellows, of No. 291 Broadway, to prepare a list of all persons having claims against it, or holding stocks or bonds, and to this end that gentleman desires such to communicate with him. Mr. Fellows requests each creditor to state the amount of his claim, whether stock or bonds held, of whom purchased, price paid and date of acquirement.

BROOKLYN THEATRE FIRE FUND.

A meeting of the Brooklyn Theatre Relief Association was held yesterday afternoon. The sum of $1,447 was expended at the last semi-monthly payment. The total subscriptions thus far amount to $47,128 81. The expenditures amount to $26,108 03, leaving a balance on hand of $27,020 78. A large number of frivolous claims have been presented and rejected by the committee.

INGLORIOUS M'GLORY.

William H. McGlory, the alleged proprietor of a low drinking saloon called the "Burnt Rag," was taken to Jefferson Market Court yesterday on a charge of abandonment. His wife, a delicate looking woman, appeared to prosecute him. She said she was married to the prisoner on the 29th of January by Rev. Alfred B Beach, of the Protestant Episcopal Church. About two weeks ago he deserted her, and has absolutely refused ever since to give anything toward her support. Mrs. McGlory also stated that when she married him she had $1,000, which she gave him, and besides abusing her shamefully he had failed to return to her any part of the money. Judge Otterbourg required McGlory to find $500 bonds to insure his paying to his wife $6 a week toward her support. The mother of the prisoner, Mrs. Mary McGlory, filed the requisite bond.

BERGH'S HOBBY.

John Biegg, driver of car No. 20 of the Bleecker Street and Twenty-third Street line, who was arrested by Superintendent Hartfield on Tuesday night for driving a lame horse attached to an overcrowded one-horse car, was brought before Judge Otterbourg yesterday and held in $300 bail, which bail was furnished by Mr. George Terry, superintendent of the company.

Three more drivers of the Bleecker street one-horse cars were arrested yesterday by Superintendent Hartfield for overloading their horses.

THE EXCISE ALARM.

THE LIQUOR DEALERS LOOKING TO SENATOR MORRISSEY—A MEMORIAL FROM THE NATIONAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The brewers, wholesalers and retailers in the liquor interest, it seems, have met with a rebuff, and they are now anxiously looking for Senator Morrissey to redeem his pledge—viz., to pass through the Senate by unanimous consent the bill that was published in the HERALD a few days ago. The writer yesterday met Commissioner Morton, of the Excise Board, in the Comptroller's office and questioned him closely as to the bill. Mr. Morton stated that the position of the Excise Commissioners had been well understood ever since the interview a representative of the HERALD had had with him some days ago. The Excise Commission were waiting anxiously the developments at Albany, and were as anxious as any persons interested in the liquor traffic to have the dispute and discrepancies between the laws of 1857 and 1870 harmonized by the present Legislature.

THE AGITATION COMMITTEE.

This committee, which is empowered to proceed to Albany and in the interest of the lager beer breweries of this and other cities secure the most favorable legislation, has had but a few meetings, and it is feared that they do not act in unison. A HERALD reporter yesterday met Major George W. Sauer and Mr. Hollender, of the committee. These gentlemen stated that the subcommittee of the Agitation Committee will leave for Albany on the eight o'clock train this morning, and that they will remain at the capital so long as there is a prospect of passing a law that will relieve the dealers.

A TEMPERANCE MEMORIAL.

The Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society, Mr. William E. Dodge president, have addressed to the Legislature at Albany the following memorial:—

TO THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:—

Whereas the traffic in intoxicating liquors is the obvious, unquestioned source of a very large proportion of the increasing crime, pauperism and taxation of this and other cities and towns in this state, and is therefore inimical to the welfare of its citizens; and, whereas, by a recent decision of the Court of Appeals a large part of that traffic, as hitherto conducted, is now rendered illegal and may be suppressed by due process of law; therefore your memorialists of the National Temperance Society respectfully and earnestly pray that you will in newise legislate to give additional facilities to a traffic which ought to be made wholly illegal throughout the Empire State.

WM. E. DODGE, President.

J. N. STEARNS, Corresponding Secretary.

NEW YORK, April 18, 1876.

WALL STREET EVENTS.

MORE FALSE RUMORS—A FEW FAILURES AND AN APPROACHING RESUMPTION.

Some excitement was created in Wall street yesterday by the circulation of a rumor to the effect that the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company would probably default on the guaranteed interest and dividend of the Morris and Essex road. Under the influence of this rumor the stock of both corporations suffered a sharp decline, the Morris and Essex stock, however, being most affected, falling rapidly from 76 to 66¾. The Delaware and Lackawanna stock declined from 51 to 47¾. Inquiry at the office of Mr. Samuel Sloan respecting the floating rumors resulted in obtaining from him an emphatic denial of their truth. Such a report, he said, did not even have about it the semblance of probability. This contradiction was communicated to the street shortly after noon, and there was a sudden recovery in the attacked stocks, which closed at a considerable advance on their lowest figures.

Mr. Sloan also authorized the statement yesterday that only 75,000 tons of coal, instead of the 100,000 tons heretofore announced, would be offered at the coming sale of Wednesday next.

The only other event of any particular interest was the reported preparations of Messrs. Kennedy to begin early an effort to resume on a basis of dollar for dollar. They say that if their stock held as collateral in some of the banks is not forced on the market they can start with payments of thirty-three and one-third per cent, and give four, six and twelve months' notes for the remainder.

In the Gold Room it was announced that Mr. Russell A. Hills, No. 7 Exchange court, and Mr. R. W. Martin, could not meet their contracts. Their liabilities are considered very small.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Rothschilds, Heymans & Co., dry goods importers, at No. 371 Broadway, have failed with liabilities estimated at over $100,000. They had just moved into their new store, and the announcement of their embarrassment caused considerable surprise in the trade. A member of the firm stated yesterday that they had been compelled to suspend suddenly and they could not tell the amount of their liabilities and assets. The clerks are preparing a statement and making an inventory of stock, which will be submitted to the creditors as soon as completed. They expected to be able to make a satisfactory settlement, and in the meantime their effects will be administered for the benefit of the creditors by Leopold Bernheimer and Marcus A. Bettman, to whom they had assigned everything.

Joseph Mackey, the publisher of the *United States Economist and Dry Goods Reporter* and other trade journals, at No. 3 Beach street, has made an assignment. Deputy Sheriff O'Callaghan has a judgment against him for $327, obtained in the Supreme Court by Alling & Cory, of Rochester, on a note given by Mackey to Rev. B. T. Roberts, but the Sheriff has not yet been able to satisfy it. The publication of the paper will be continued as heretofore.

Charles Marks, tailor, at No. 201 William street, has failed, with liabilities amounting to about $3,000.

THE OIL TRADE.

A meeting of the oil trade was held in the Produce Exchange yesterday at eleven o'clock A. M. Rules for the government of the trade in all its branches were prepared and adopted after some discussion. Their approval at this meeting, however, does not make them binding, as the Board of Managers must first decide upon their approval. Thereafter they will be promulgated and a committee will be appointed to represent the trade on the floor of the Exchange under these rules.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday afternoon, President Wood in the chair. The City Superintendent, Mr. Kiddell, presented his report for March.

The condition of the building occupied by Primary School No. 41 is reported to be such as to imperil the health of its occupants, owing to imperfect drainage in one of the adjoining buildings. The apartments occupied by Primary School No. 28 are also reported very unwholesome.

The Committee on Teachers offered the following report for adoption:—That, having considered the charges reflecting upon the character of Mrs. C. V. Franklin, principal of primary department of Grammar School No. 12, with the view to her removal should she be proved guilty of the conduct alleged, they unanimously find that said charges have not been sustained. But in regard to the question as to whether her reputation is so much impaired as to render it impossible to retain her services the committee was divided, and two members thereof voted in the affirmative; the majority, however, decided otherwise, and so go report herewith. The report was adopted, notwithstanding a strong opposition from Commissioner Goulding, who attacked the report of the Committee on Teachers and became quite heated during his remarks. Mr. Halsted, in reply, branded certain statements made by Mr. Goulding as false.

The same committee, in considering the complaint made by Mrs. C. V. Franklin, principal of primary department of Grammar School No. 12, against the Board of School Trustees for the Seventh ward, reported that the charges were not sustained and recommended that they be dismissed. The report was adopted.

The resolution offered by the Bylaw Committee in reference to a reduction of three and a half per cent from all payrolls for the month of May, except those of the Superintendent, was adopted.

A communication was read from Hon. Smith Ely, Jr., Mayor of New York city, appointing Hon. William H. Wickham as Commissioner of Common Schools, in place of J. Grenville Kane, resigned.

The contract for the supply of coal for the next year was given to Mr. J. D. Leary at the rate of $3 99 a ton.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

A meeting of the Commissioners of the Dock Department took place yesterday afternoon in the department offices, Duane street. Commissioners Wales and Westervelt were present.

The weekly statement of the treasurer for the week ending April 10 showed the amount of cash to the credit of the Board on April 3 to have been $143,505 55. A corresponding statement for the week ending April 17 exhibited at the commencement of the week the amount of credit with the Finance Department to have remained unaltered up to the 10th, but the expenditures during the last week amounted to $138,818 05, consisting chiefly in vouchers transmitted to the Comptroller for payment. During the last week the Dock Department, acting in a fiduciary capacity, collected the sum of $2,641 89 for dock and slip rents, against $458 75 received from the same sources the week before.

After disposing of some unimportant routine business the Board adjourned till ten o'clock this morning, when a meeting will be had to fix an upset price on the following ferries:—Staten Island, Chambers street, Houston, Desbrosses and Forty-second streets; all of which are to be sold at auction on the first day of May next.

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

Mayor Ely has approved the Aldermanic resolution giving permission to the standing committees of that board to occasionally visit the different city departments in order to make examinations as to their working.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held this afternoon. The ordinances for paving certain streets and regulating our canine population still hang fire.

Comptroller Kelly yesterday paid $25,000 to the Trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge, and $6,443 to the Society for Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled

WAS IT HYDROPHOBIA?

The post-mortem on the body of Robert M. Dickie, who died at Bellevue on Tuesday, seems to have given rise to some doubts as to the cause of death. It is believed that he died from fear, for many of the symptoms of hydrophobia were wanting. Samuel Richardson, who was bitten by the same cat as Dickie, on the same day died of fright also, it is claimed, and not of hydrophobia. Still the fact of the death of the horse bitten by the same cat would indicate that the bite could produce hydrophobia. It appears that the horse after the cat bit it was seized with spasms, muscular contractions and frenzy. It tore the sides of its stall and died in convulsions.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BIRTH.

MARLOWE.—On March 30, at Homedale, The Avenue, Gypsie Hill, London, S. E., England, the wife of Gorge F. Marlowe, Jr., of a son.

MARRIED.

GARDNER—SELDEN.—On the 18th inst., by the Rev. William Wylie, A. D. GARDNER to ELLEN L. SELDEN, both of this city. No cards.

HALL—WESTON.—At the First Congregational Church of Montclair, N. J., by the Rev. Mr. Bradford, on Tuesday, April 17, Mr. EARNEST R. HALL, of New York, to Miss JENNIE H. WESTON, of Montclair.

LITTLE—CLARK.—On Thursday, April 17, at the residence of the bride's parents, Norwalk, Conn., by Rev. J. A. Hamilton, ANDREW LITTLE, Jr., of New York, to M. FLORENCE CLARK, daughter of O. S. Clark.

LOPEZ—MORRISON.—On April 4, by Rev. C. C. Tiffany, J. LOPEZ and GEORGINA MORRISON.

THOMAS—TOLFORD.—On Tuesday, April 17, at the residence