



LOOKING TOWARD THE PULPIT.

PRESIDENT'S CHURCH.
Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Will Occupy Their Old Pew in the First Church.

MODERN CHURCH METHODS.
The Historic Past of the Old First Presbyterian Church on Four-and-a-Half Street and Its Fine Equipment for the Work of Today.

HERE IS A GOOD deal of interest manifested in the church by the public in the church which a President attends during his residence in this city. All our Presidents have made a practice of going to some church during their residence here. There has, however, been a marked variation in their attendance and some from one cause and another can be classed as nominal church goers. There have been very few who have been more regular than Mr. Cleveland. He has been seen at the church since his inauguration eight years ago. He selected a pew in the First Presbyterian Church on 4 1/2 street and each Sabbath morning with but few exceptions found him in his usual place. Mrs. Cleveland's wife brought her letter to the church and was enrolled as one of its members. The same day the relations of the President and Mrs. Cleveland will be continued, and they will occupy the pew in the First Presbyterian Church which they formerly had. Eight years ago this church was not in point of numbers, the leading one in the Presbyterian denomination in this city. There were churches which were attended by large fashionable congregations, but were stronger in numbers and were more conspicuous in the religious world. In many quarters the church of the President was not the very first church organized within the limits of the city. Nearly one hundred churches in this city were established, and for a long and not distant past, the church in the city occupying as it did a site in the heart of the city, and in the midst of the origin in the nation, and in the midst of the growth of the population which came with the development of the greater

to her father a fine organ which is valued at \$7,000. In addition to this debt which the congregation assumed the current expenses have increased, but owing to the growth in numbers and the progress of the church the revenues have also expanded. For more than thirty years the building of the church has been the center of the religious work of this congregation and only such repairs were made as were needed to make good the ordinary wear and tear. The organ which is of a rather crude but honest line of the front and with the walls of the auditorium present a somewhat quaint and old-fashioned appearance. The organ is of a century ago and the inconspicuous arrangement of the pipes for the needs of modern church work remained unaltered. The organ is not the very best church organ within the limits of the city. Nearly one hundred churches in this city were established, and for a long and not distant past, the church in the city occupying as it did a site in the heart of the city, and in the midst of the origin in the nation, and in the midst of the growth of the population which came with the development of the greater

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In the rooms at the rear of the church a boys' club is in successful operation. A well-equipped gymnasium occupies one of the rooms assigned to the use of the boys. The names of over one hundred are on the rolls and instead of spending their evenings on the streets or perhaps in the parks, they are in the gymnasium, where they find a cordial welcome to those who may wish to join in their sacred precincts for recreation and physical training. Under the future that is bright and full of promise. The story of how this church has attempted to solve some of the problems which confront all first churches is one full of interest. The beloved pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Strickland, whose long pastorate of forty years is one of the notable incidents in its history, has passed the allotted three score and ten years. He still retains the vigor and vitality of his younger days to a remarkable degree, and

As old as the University.
Mrs. Eliza L. C. Harrison, wife of the late Prof. Gessner Harrison, died Saturday at the residence of her son-in-law, Prof. Francis H. Smith, in Charlottesville, Va. Mrs. Harrison's life was co-extensive with the history of the University of Virginia. Her father, Prof. George Tucker, was one of the original faculty of the university and appointed to the chair of moral philosophy in 1826, at the opening of the first session of the school. Three years later she was married to Gessner Harrison, the young professor of ancient languages, who had just graduated from the university by the resignation of the illustrious George Long. She was descended from the Washington family, and her father was a member of the cabinet through her father with good old English blood.

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This is the Time for Gallery Rifle Practice.

A RUSH PROBABLE MONDAY.

The Gallery Schedule for April—Probabilities Favor E-Revolver Work by Troop A and Light Battery A—How the Second Regiment Will Receive Its Crosses and Buttons.

After a while there will probably be a great rush of sharpshooting talent to the rifle gallery. Scores of men will be falling all over each other in an effort to secure larger facilities so that they may better their records. There is no reason why there should be any such rush. The gallery is open every week now, but only a few men were wise enough to take advantage of the quiet season, and they, of course, are making a great many "possibles" than will be made by the fellows who put in an appearance a month or so later on. Men who are really ambitious and who wish to make a satisfactory showing for themselves and for the commands to which they belong will take advantage of the present extremely favorable conditions, instead of procrastinating as so many of them have done.

NEXT MONTH'S SCHEDULE.
The gallery practice for April will be conducted on the following schedule: The first battalion will practice in the gallery at its armory, under a schedule to be prepared by its commanding officer, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The second battalion, company A, Tuesday, April 11; company B, Saturday, April 15; company C, Tuesday, April 25; company D, Wednesday, April 26. The third battalion, company A, Friday, April 14; company B, Friday, April 14; company C, Friday, April 12; company D, Monday, April 17. The fourth battalion, company A, Thursday, April 6; fourth battalion, company B, Thursday, April 6; fourth battalion, company C, Tuesday, April 4; fourth battalion, company D, Tuesday, April 4. The fifth battalion, company A, Thursday, April 12; fifth battalion, company B, Wednesday, April 26; sixth battalion, company C, Friday, April 26; sixth battalion, company D, Thursday, April 26.

HILLS AND IRREGULAR STREETS IN THE LIGHT OF MODERN ENGINEERING—THE EXPANSION OF THE BUSINESS SECTION OF THE CITY—IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS KINDS.

AS SOON AS CAPT. ROSS' SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN SELECTED THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS WILL BE IN A POSITION TO CONSIDER THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF MARCH 1888.

JULES FERRY'S DEATH.
All Paris Astonished by the Suddenness of M. Ferry's Death, Announced in Last Evening's STAR, was caused by heart disease. The affection of the heart, from which M. Ferry suffered, was due to the effects of a bullet striking a rib near the base of the heart at the time he was attacked by Aubert in 1887. He was seized with spasms early in the morning, and despite the assistance of the physicians who were hastily summoned the convulsions continued to grow in violence until at 6 o'clock in the evening he expired in a terrible convulsion.

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MR. LODGE'S VACANT SEAT.

Senator Lodge's vacant congressional seat is the cynosure of all eyes in Massachusetts. The special election has been ordered for April 25 and nominations under the law must be made on or before April 8. Within the next six weeks two campaigns must be fought—one for the nomination and one for the election. From present appearances both will be sharply contested. There are two democratic and three republican candidates in the field. The republicans are W. E. Barrett, speaker of the house; Mayor Edwin B. Hayes of Lynn and ex-Senator Arthur B. Channing of Chelsea. The democrats are Dr. William Everett of Quincy and W. N. Osgood of Malden.

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IN THE HOTEL CORRIDORS.

"The hanging of Schneider," said Capt. A. W. Barrett of Los Angeles to the STAR representative at the Elliott, "recalls to me the hanging of a man in one time that I witnessed near Fort Mason in Texas about twenty years ago."

"I had been engaged in the railroad business. There was a long time disputes and feuds among the cattle men of Texas and the feeling between the different factions ran very high. Stock stealing and murder were frequent occurrences. In those days the country was very sparsely settled and lawless. There was a German who was engaged in buying cattle. He was suspected, whether just or not I cannot say, of running off stock and rounding them up with his own cattle. He was arrested, together with six of his cowboys, and brought to the jail at Fort Mason."

"Some of his enemies decided to hang the whole lot. They repaired to the jail, broke in (which was not a very difficult matter), and mounting the unfortunate men upon horses made for a big tree about a mile and a half from the jail. A number of men were already in the hotel. A crowd of men gathered and the men were being taken from the jail to be lynched. There was a lively scramble for horses. One mounted the chase began. The lynching party had a good start. We saw our mistakes over the prairie for all the time. The lynching party made the ropes over a projecting limb they strung up the seven helpless victims. Lashing their horses and pulling them up, they cut down the swinging ropes with their bows. It was a gruesome sight. I assure you, to see those seven bodies hanging from that tree, and to see the crowd of men who were so hastily that the rope around one of the men's neck had not been securely fastened to the limb and his toes touched the ground. He fell and was killed. The other men were taken away from the jail and ran four miles to get away from the scene. The scene of the lynching was a terrible sight. The lynching party had a good start. We saw our mistakes over the prairie for all the time. The lynching party made the ropes over a projecting limb they strung up the seven helpless victims. Lashing their horses and pulling them up, they cut down the swinging ropes with their bows. It was a gruesome sight. I assure you, to see those seven bodies hanging from that tree, and to see the crowd of men who were so hastily that the rope around one of the men's neck had not been securely fastened to the limb and his toes touched the ground. He fell and was killed. The other men were taken away from the jail and ran four miles to get away from the scene. The scene of the lynching was a terrible sight. The lynching party had a good start. We saw our mistakes over the prairie for all the time. The lynching party made the ropes over a projecting limb they strung up the seven helpless victims. Lashing their horses and pulling them up, they cut down the swinging ropes with their bows. It was a gruesome sight. I assure you, to see those seven bodies hanging from that tree, and to see the crowd of men who were so hastily that the rope around one of the men's neck had not been securely fastened to the limb and his toes touched the ground. He fell and was killed. The other men were taken away from the jail and ran four miles to get away from the scene. The scene of the lynching was a terrible sight. The lynching party had a good start. We saw our mistakes over the prairie for all the time. The lynching party made the ropes over a projecting limb they strung up the seven helpless victims. Lashing their horses and pulling them up, they cut down the swinging ropes with their bows. It was a gruesome sight. I assure you, to see those seven bodies hanging from that tree, and to see the crowd of men who were so hastily that the rope around one of the men's neck had not been securely fastened to the limb and his toes touched the ground. He fell and was killed. The other men were taken away from the jail and ran four miles to get away from the scene. The scene of the lynching was a terrible sight. The lynching party had a good start. We saw our mistakes over the prairie for all the time. The lynching party made the ropes over a projecting limb they strung up the seven helpless victims. Lashing their horses and pulling them up, they cut down the swinging ropes with their bows. It was a gruesome sight. I assure you, to see those seven bodies hanging from that tree, and to see the crowd of men who were so hastily that the rope around one of the men's neck had not been securely fastened to the limb and his toes touched the ground. He fell and was killed. The other men were taken away from the jail and ran four miles to get away from the scene. The scene of the lynching was a terrible sight. The lynching party had a good start. We saw our mistakes over the prairie for all the time. The lynching party made the ropes over a projecting limb they strung up the seven helpless victims. Lashing their horses and pulling them up, they cut down the swinging ropes with their bows. It was a gruesome sight. I assure you, to see those seven bodies hanging from that tree, and to see the crowd of men who were so hastily that the rope around one of the men's neck had not been securely fastened to the limb and his toes touched the ground. He fell and was killed. The other men were taken away from the jail and ran four miles to get away from the scene. The scene of the lynching was a terrible sight. The lynching party had a good start. We saw our mistakes over the prairie for all the time. The lynching party made the ropes over a projecting limb they strung up the seven helpless victims. Lashing their horses and pulling them up, they cut down the swinging