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A MODEL CHURCH.

THE NEW BUILDING OF THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION.

An Interesting History of the Organization and Growth of this Church, of Which Rev. Dr. Pitzer is the Pastor—Distinguished Divines Who Have Occupied Its Pulpit.

The completion to-day of the steeple to the handsome new building erected by the Central Presbyterian congregation upon their lot at the corner of Third and I streets northwest, marks an epoch in the history of that organization which recalls many points of interest to its founders and the general Washington public. This church is the only representative in the National Capital of the southern general assembly of the Presbyterian church, and was organized May 31, 1868, after an eloquent sermon by Rev. Dr. T. V. Moore, of Richmond, Va., moderator of the general assembly south, by Rev. A. W. Pitzer, with Gen. John McCalla and Dr. O. M. Muncaster as ruling elders. The following-named were original members of the organization: Mrs. Susan M. Birch, Dr. Bedford Brown, Mrs. Mary E. Brown, William G. Busey, Mrs. Elizabeth Busey, Miss Mary E. Coyle, Miss Laura V. Coyle, John Galt, Mrs. Sarah M. Holcomb, Miss Rebecca Harmon, Mrs. Elizabeth Kinsey, Miss Ella Kinsey, Mrs. Jane T. Miller, Mrs. E. J. Nourse, C. H. Nourse, Miss M. R. Nourse, Mrs. Laura Pitzer, Mrs. Rachel A. Polkinhorn, L. J. Rothrock, Mrs. Maria H. Speer, Alex. Speer, Mrs. Olivia L. Smith, Mrs. E. A. Skillington, J. C. Whitwell, Mrs. M. S. Whitwell, Mrs. Jane Wade, and Miss Emma Wade.

In the January prior to this formal association the first meeting of the founders, twelve in number, had been held in the Columbia Law building, on Fifth, between D and E streets, the rent of which was for a long time guaranteed by Gen. Thomas Ewing. This building,

ORIGINALLY THE OLD "TRINITY,"

was at different times also occupied by the Calvary Baptist and the Congregational societies until their own buildings were erected. The object of this new enterprise having been defined as not inimical to other churches, the pastor met with encouragement and help from various friends and well wishers in the community. Rev. Dr. P. D. Gurley, then the pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, remarked, "You have done right; this is a good move, and I am glad of it. Doubtless it will save to Presbyterianism many who would have gone to other churches. I wish you Godspeed in building up a pure Gospel church."

It is singular that his successors, Dr. Bartlett and Dr. Pitzer, actuated by this same generous sympathy, have extended both moral support and private means towards advancing other church erection enterprises in the district. The little band at once inaugurated plans for the selection and purchase of a building site. At the head and prominent in the labor of love were Mrs. Ellen Adair Beatty, whose contributions, from time to time, aggregated $2,000, and Miss Mary E. Coyle. The latter lady was a woman of remarkable endowments and Christian activity, whose circle of friends was so great as to afford her a large scope of influence. By November, 1871, a lot had been selected and in the following December it was purchased from James M. Cutts, Robert Williams, and Adela Williams for the sum of $8,676.80. This site, fronting 58 feet on I and 140 feet on Third street, was selected with a view to the prospective growth of the city in that region. Events have justified the choice, and a fine population is now assured to the entire section east of Third street. The immediate neighborhood of the site had been rendered historic by the erection of residences thirty years before by Senators

DOUGLAS, RICE, AND BRECKINRIDGE.

One of these is now occupied by Mr. Justice Bradley, while the one at present owned by ex-Mayor Emery, was presented by friends to Gen. Grant, afterward sold to Gen. Sherman, and then to its present possessor.

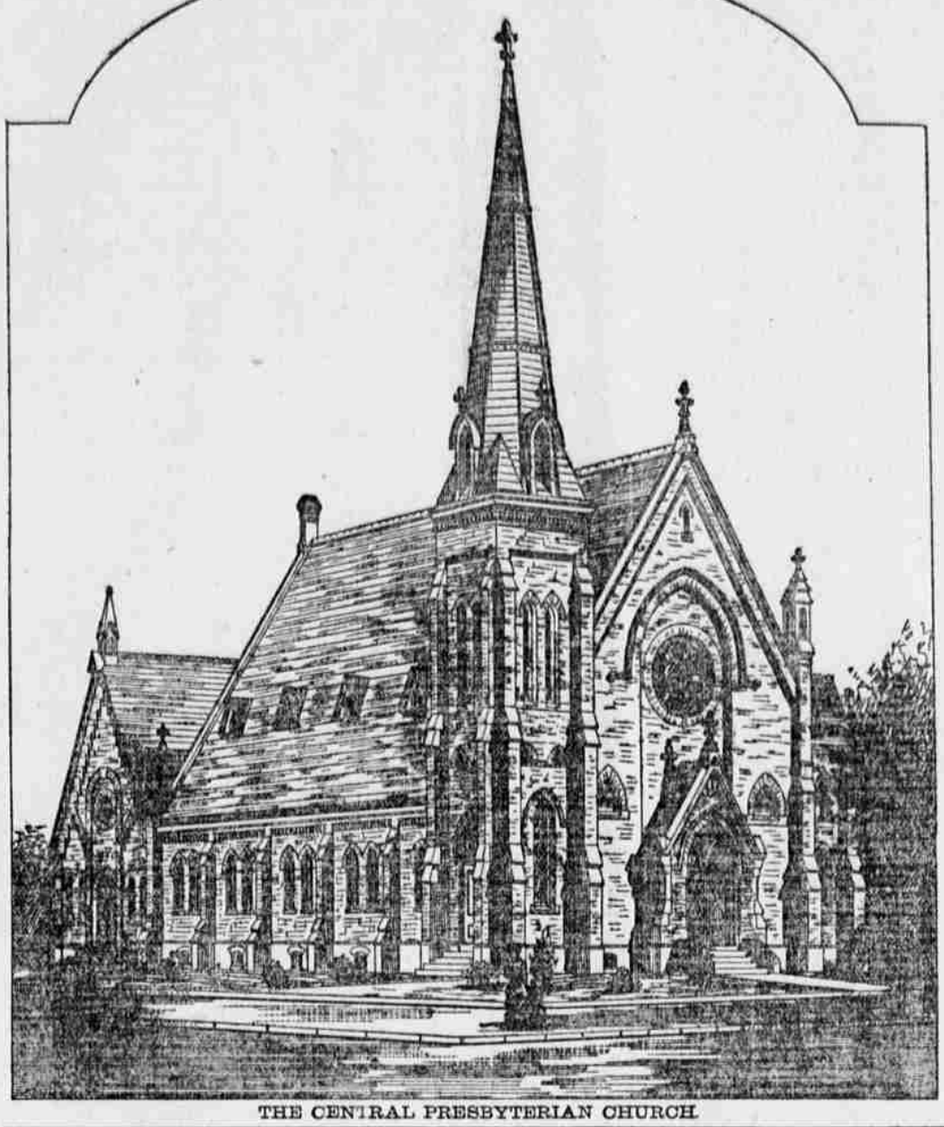
Preparations were at once made for erecting a chapel. Ground was broken July 2, 1872, and the building was dedicated Jan. 19, 1873, just five years after the first service in the Law building. The chapel is 36 by 58 feet wide, and has a seating capacity of 350 people. It cost $8,000, of which $600 was contributed by the Franklin Street and Franklin Square churches in Baltimore. During the first twelve years or formative period of this organization there were erected in the city ten other evangelical churches, while eight of the older ones were remodeled and renovated.

It will be noticed that the original membership of the "Central" was largely from old families of the city. This remains true to-day, although a great many additions are being made from more recent residents of Washington.

A few months since it became evident that the chapel would no longer answer the purposes and demands of the growing congregation. This resulted in the erection of the building a cut of which is given to-day. Its architecture is Gothic, the building being of brick, with stone trimmings. It has a frontage, including the tower projection, of sixty-three feet on I street, and, including the chapel, will extend back 120 feet on Third street. Upon the southwest corner of the building is the steeple, whose height from the ground is 109 feet. The inside wood work of the new church will be of yellow pine, with cherry trimmings. There are to be five double windows, on each side, of rolled cathedral glass. Some of these will be memorials. Five rafters, fifty feet long each and resting on carved stone work, will show from below. The height of the auditorium from floor to roof apex will be sixty-three feet. The floor slopes to the pulpit in the proportion of one inch to each row of pews. Provision is made for a large organ to the right of the pulpit. The seating capacity of the room will be 700, or, including the chapel, which can be thrown into it, 1,200. The arrangements for lighting, heating, and ventilation are perfect, and everything is based on sanitary principles. The plans of the building were drawn by W. H. Baldwin. Langdon & Hope did the brick work, Acker & Co. furnished the brick, G. T. Coleman contracted for the carpenter work, Thomas Smith furnished lumber, W. S. Jenks tin and plumbing, and other Washington dealers the various other materials and labor, the whole being under the general supervision of J. H. McGill. It will thus be seen that the new home of the "Central Presbyterian" will be an ornament to the section of the city in which it is located and a place of comfort for worshipers within its walls.

REV. DR. A. W. PITZER,

the founder and pastor, is a native of Virginia, was graduated from Danville seminary, organized and was pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Leavenworth, Kan.; was in the south during the war, where he served as missionary to the army of Tennessee, and came to Washington in 1868. He was elected president of the Washington City Bible society in 1874, and has been unanimously re-elected each succeeding year. Since 1876 he has been professor of biblical history and literature in Howard university. He is author of "Ecce Deus Homo," "Christ the Teacher of Men," "The New Life, Not the Higher Life," &c. He is fifty years of age, hale, vigorous, and manly. His pulpit utterances are characterized by great force, clearness, and logical acumen. Scathing in his denunciation of sin, he is nevertheless a warm-hearted man, full of generous impulses, forward in every good work, and eminently a spiritual teacher and preacher of the truth. His church membership numbers 150, with a congregation of about 300. During sessions of congress quite a number of members of both houses may be noticed among his auditors. Some of these are Senators Vance, Vest, Cockrell and Representatives Buckner of Missouri, Miller of Texas, Aiken of South Carolina, Ellis of Louisiana, Rodgers of Arkansas, Davidson of Florida, Blount of Georgia, and Halsell of Kentucky. The attendance of these public men probably gave rise to the report that Mr. Cleveland would perhaps make the Central his church home. From time to time such pulpit orators as Drs. Moses Hoge, J. R. Taylor, Jack, Brank, Blanton, Mellwaine, and Reid have addressed the congregation, before whom also many of our local divines have appeared. Messrs. J. V. A. Shields, J. L. Enderle, and Chase Andrews are ruling elders; Rev. A. W. Pitzer, Capt. John Stewart, and J. V. A. Shields, trustees; and Daniel Reigart, Robinson Loving, Dellwood Elliott, William Phillips, and James Compton, deacons. The services are maintained by voluntary contributions; there are no pew rentals. The new building will not be fully completed for some weeks. Meanwhile the services will be conducted as heretofore in the chapel.



THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NAVAL BILL CONFERENCE.

What the House and Senate Insist Upon—A Disastrous Contingency.

In the conference upon the naval appropriation bill yesterday the house conferees, while willing to itemize the next six months' appropriations on the basis of the items for which appropriations have been made for the six months which expire Dec. 31, objected to making the appropriations for the next six months upon new and different items of appropriations from those under which the navy is now being maintained.

The senate plan, they said, would open up for consideration by the conferees the following subjects not embraced in the six months' appropriation of last session: The steel cruisers and completion of monitors, $4,700,000; breech-loading guns, $100,000; machine guns, $75,000, and other subjects, making a total of $5,169,641. The house conferees say that by their stand they eliminate these items from present consideration between two houses, and remit them for struggle on the annual appropriation bill for the support of the navy for the next fiscal year.

The temper of each house appears to be to sustain its conferees, and it seems unlikely that any agreement will be reached before the holiday recess. In this case the navy will be without funds on the first of January.

The position taken by the senate is that it is unwise and inconsistent to make provision for the navy for the next six months upon the basis of an appropriation bill framed two years ago by the house, as the temporary house bill proposes to do. The senate conferees pointed to the fact that the estimates for the present year are widely different from those of the year before, and that no such emergency exists at this stage of the session requiring hasty action as that which made it necessary on the last day of last session. They pointed out items of the house "lump sum" bill in illustration of the inconsistency of the proposed course. One item of the appropriations for the last fiscal year, which amounted to $9,000, was perpetuated for the first half of the present fiscal year by an appropriation of $4,000.

The estimate for the whole of the present fiscal year is only $4,000, and if the house temporary bill is passed making another appropriation for this one purpose the aggregate will be twice as much as the department asks for.

THIRTEEN BODIES RECOVERED.

The Worst Fears Realized Regarding the Brooklyn Orphanage Fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Blackened walls and smoking ruins were all that remained this morning of the St. John's home or Male Catholic Orphan asylum, in Brooklyn, which was burned yesterday. Crowds of spectators gathered there to-day to witness the firemen and police digging in the ruins. The sisters in charge of the asylum were of the opinion last night that all the children had been got out of the building, but persons who assisted in helping the little ones to escape asserted that there were many lives lost. They said they saw little ones in the room on the third floor over the laundry when the flames had made their way to it, and they knew that the avenues of escape had been cut off. Twoor three grown people are also believed to have perished. The assertions of these people are correct, for this morning the diggers came upon the charred remains of a little group of four, who appeared to have huddled together just before their cries for help had been stifled in death. In the dormitory, directly over the laundry, were sixty boys who were sick. It is not known whether all of these were saved. Three more bodies were discovered near where the passage to the main building was located. Some of the bodies appeared to be those of adults. Shortly after 9 o'clock two more bodies were found. They were burned to a crisp, and their possible identity was destroyed. The children are scattered all over the city, and until collected it will not be possible to identify the bodies of those who perished. The police found many of the orphans on the streets half frozen, and took them to the station house. Citizens also took charge of some of them, and it will probably be a day or two before they can be collected together again.

Of the bodies found this morning it is thought that seven were boys, one that of a man, and one a woman. The loss is estimated at $250,000.

The excavators resumed work about noon, and before 1 o'clock discovered the remains of two more persons, which seemed to be those of boys about 14 years old. Later two more bodies were found, making thirteen in all. The exact number of children burned to death can only be correctly determined when all the boys who fled from the building and are scattered pretty well about the city are brought together. The sisters and priests of the city are trying to find them all.

Close examination of the remains found show that there are but ten bodies. Among those who perished was Mrs. Mary McCarren, who was in the asylum visiting her orphan boy.

Beecher as Lowell's Successor.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* publishes, under reserve, a statement from a "well-informed American correspondent" to the effect that the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher will be the successor of Mr. James Russell Lowell as American minister at the Court of St. James.

Suicide of the Vienna Defaulter.

VIENNA, Dec. 19.—The body of Lucas Jauner, director of the securities department of the Lower Austrian Discount bank, who was a defaulter for $1,000,000, was found to-day in the village of Kierling, near this city. He had committed suicide by shooting. Only twenty-four florins were found on him.

Fire in Richmond.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 19.—Wall & Cole's agricultural implement works, Preston Belvin's furniture factory, and two brick livery stables were burned to-night. Loss, mainly by Belvin, is estimated at $30,000 to $40,000.

THE DU PONT STATUE.

It Will Be Unveiled This Afternoon With Appropriate Ceremonies.

The monument to the late Rear Admiral Samuel Francis Du Pont will be unveiled this afternoon with appropriate ceremonies.

Admiral Du Pont, who was one of the most distinguished of the naval officers of the rebellion, was descended from one of the most distinguished families of France, his grandfather being Du Pont de Memours, the great statesman, and was born in 1803 at Bergen Point, N. J., and died at Philadelphia June 23, 1865, after a continuous service of fifty years as an officer in the navy of the United States.

He was appointed a midshipman December 19, 1815, became a lieutenant in 1826 and was promoted to commander in 1843. In that rank he served with great distinction during the Mexican war in command of the famous old frigate Congress. At the outbreak of the rebellion he was commanding the Philadelphia navy yard (having been promoted to captain in 1856), and was one of the first to be appointed a flag officer for active service afloat, and commanded the fleet that attacked and captured the rebel defenses at Hilton Head after one of the most brilliant battles known to naval history.

In the next year (July 16, 1862) he was made a rear admiral on the creation of that grade in the navy, and continuing in command of what had then become the North Atlantic blockading squadron, closed and kept fast the sea gates to Charleston until disease, which he had incurred when on the Chinese station (1857-'9), forced him to relinquish his command.

Few of the families of the early French immigration to this country have made such a prominent record in the military history of the United States, and it is by no means a secret that had his life been spared to the country that he and his distinguished son served so well, he would have rivalled the great Farragut in the choice of the president for the higher rank created in 1866.

Secretary Chandler has issued the following order in regard to the ceremonies to-day: "The officers of the navy and marine corps stationed in Washington will assemble at Du Pont circle at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 20th instant, in service dress and overcoats with hoods, and with side arms, to attend the ceremony of unveiling the statue of the late Rear Admiral Samuel Francis Du Pont, of the United States navy.

The exercises will consist of: 1. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Leonard; 2. The unveiling of the statue; 3. Address by Senator Thomas F. Bayard; 4. A rear admiral's salute of thirteen guns.

Commander Bowman H. McCalla has been placed in charge of all arrangements for the ceremonies, and will be assisted by Lieuts. Aexley, Kelley, Rodgers, Mason, Dyer, Staunton, Sharp, and Potts.

The department specially invites the attendance of the officers and men who served with Admiral Du Pont, either in the Mexican war or in the war for the union.

Representative Hemphill's Condition.

Representative Hemphill, who was slightly injured in a collision of street cars at the foot of Capitol hill Thursday evening, was greatly improved yesterday, though unable to attend the meeting of the house.

TELEGRAPHIC TIPS.

—There was no material change in the condition of Hon. Robert C. Winthrop last night.

—Rev. E. T. Gregory, well known throughout Virginia as a poet and preacher, died at Lynchburg yesterday morning.

—J. C. Mendenhall, professor of natural philosophy at the Ohio State university, has resigned, to accept a position in the signal service at Washington.

—The New York *Tobacco Leaf*, after careful investigation, says the tobacco men of the country are almost a unit in opposition to the Spanish treaty.

—Peter Burns stepped on a piece of fulminate at the Union Metallic Cartridge company's works at Bridgeport, Conn., yesterday and was blown to atoms.

—Dunke Graves, a prosperous farmer of Rush county, Ind., committed suicide Thursday because he feared the country would go to ruin on account of Cleveland's election.

—John McEwen, of the firm of McEwen Bros., cotton brokers of New York, will be expelled from the cotton exchange on the charge of criminal and disreputable business methods.

PRINCETON ALUMNI.

Their Annual Dinner at the Arlington Last Night.

The annual reunion and banquet of the Princeton alumni for the District of Columbia and the southern states was held at the Arlington hotel last evening, the following being present: Dr. Harvey Lindsly, John J. Halsted, John H. Voorhees, Charles Abert, Hon. James B. Everhart, Hon. A. H. Colquitt, Dr. Jas. C. Welling, Hon. A. B. Hagner, Theo. W. Talmage, Hon. Wm. Armstrong, Henry B. Munn, J. F. Davison, Hon. W. Williams, T. H. Johns, Rev. John Chester, Robert P. Thompson, J. L. Hodge, Calvin DeWitt, J. F. Cottrell, Joseph K. McCammon, Wm. Stone Abert, John S. Blair, Jas. M. Johnson, A. B. Kelly, Henry E. Davis, Wm. B. Bryan, Galt Davis, Blair Lee, R. Shellebarger, H. C. Stuart, jr., F. D. McKenney, and John M. Harlan.

Dr. McCosh, Rev. Theodore S. Wynkoop, and A. G. Heaton were present as guests.

At the business meeting held in the parlors, after reading of reports, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Harvey Lindsly; vice presidents, Hon. A. H. Colquitt, J. J. Halsted, Charles Abert, J. C. Welling, LL. D., Hon. A. B. Hagner, Hon. W. H. Armstrong, Hon. J. K. McCammon, Rev. J. T. Kelly; secretary, J. H. Voorhees; treasurer, A. B. Kelly; executive committee, A. P. Morse, Hon. J. K. McCammon, J. S. Blair, J. M. Johnston, H. E. Davis.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Paymaster J. S. Gulick, a deceased alumnus, were reported by Mr. Voorhees, and passed.

Dr. Welling was requested to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of Hon. Heister Clymer, a distinguished alumnus and member of the association at the date of his disease.

The members then adjourned to the dining hall, where an elegant menu was discussed, at the conclusion of which the representatives of the different classes responded to the roll call in well-timed and happily-phrased speeches.

Dr. James McCosh, president of the college, gave during the evening a succinct account of affairs at Princeton, its present status, and future prospects.

FRIGHTFULLY COLD WEATHER.

Below Zero All Over New England and at Many Points in the Middle States.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Extreme cold weather and strong winds are reported to-night from all parts of New England. At Mount Washington the weather is the most severe since 1876. The mercury is frozen, but the minimum registered by the spirit thermometer is 42° below zero, and it is still falling.

The following temperatures are reported: Middlesex, Vermont, 20° below; Bennington, Vt., 10° below and still falling; Lancaster, N. H., 18° below; Plymouth, N. H., 15° below; Peterboro, N. H., 12° below; Laconia, N. H., 15° below; Dover, N. H., 12° below.

All these places report the thermometer as steadily falling. In this city the thermometer registered 5½° below zero at 11 o'clock.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—"The backbone of the present cold snap is broken for good, I think," said the signal officer to-day. "All the reports from the west show that the weather is moderating. Our last report from Cheyenne shows that the thermometer registered 43° above, a rise in the temperature of 41° in twenty-four hours. There was a rise of 16° in Chicago between midnight and noon to-day. Everything points to the fact that the worst of the present siege is over. At 3 o'clock p. m. the thermometer stood 6° above zero.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 19.—A carefully kept record shows the weather today to be the coldest experienced here for ten years. At 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 13° above zero and at 11 o'clock 14° above.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 12:30 a. m.—The thermometer at Hudnut's, on Broadway, now registers 1° below zero.

HARTFORD, CONN., Dec. 19.—At midnight the thermometer registered 3° below zero. The river is closed.

OTTAWA, ONT., Dec. 19.—The temperature throughout the Ottawa valley is from 30° to 36° below zero.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Dec. 19.—This evening the thermometer registered 10° below zero.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

Arrived: At New York—Circassian, Glasgow; Castledale, Shields. At Queenstown—Adriatic, New York.

Passed the Lizard: India, New York, for Hamburg.

THE CHRISTMAS CLUB.

What is Being Done for the Poor Children—A Meeting at Franklin Building This Afternoon.

While the Christmas dinner to be given the poor children on Dec. 30, at the National Rifles' hall, is expected to be a success, the promoters state that the contributions are coming in slowly. Very few articles of clothing have been contributed, and these have all been for girls. The club has about $150 in the treasury, but this is insufficient. The club is put to a great deal more trouble and expense this year than ever, as there is no club on the island, and the poor children of that section will have to be taken care of by the Central club. It is expected that there will be about 800 members of the club enrolled, each of whom is to pay 10 cents. This will swell the fund to more than $200, but the increased number of children to be fed will necessitate more money contributions.

Miss Waite and Miss West, who are the prime movers in this club, are working hard to make the dinner and entertainment a success. The former was seen yesterday, and said that although success was almost assured, still the meager contributions were very discouraging, and she hoped that citizens and merchants would take the matter in hand and assist the club. Last year the merchants were very generous and gave more than was really required. "I expect," said Miss Waite, "that the present busy season is the cause of the small number of contributions, and after Christmas we will receive food, clothing, and toys up to the eleventh hour." Miss Waite states that the majority of the poor children will come from that section of the city lying west of Twentieth street and south of Pennsylvania avenue and from the lower part of the Island.

The club will hold a meeting at the Franklin building at 2 p. m. to-day, when all the members are requested to attend, so that they can be enrolled. Miss Nellie Arthur, the president, is at work, and it is expected that she will preside to-day. Owing to the sickness of Chief Justice Waite those desiring to contribute toys are requested to send them to Miss Marion West, No. 815 Fifteenth street northwest.

CAPITOL HILL NOTES.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the East Washington Christmas club last night at the residence of Mr. Appleton P. Clark, the treasurer, Mr. Robert Laitch, reported that he had already $95 in his hands, and that other collections not yet turned over to him will swell the amount to over $150. The children members are reported as working earnestly. One of the little pupils of Miss Kelly's female second grade school in Brent building collected this week $15, which she turned over to the treasurer. A musical and literary entertainment will be held in Odd Fellows' hall immediately preceding the dinner, which takes place at 1 o'clock p. m. on the 30th instant. The following-named lady teachers of the public schools on Capitol hill, who participated in the duties connected with the Christmas club last year, have kindly consented to act in the same capacity this year: Misses Hawk, Mack, Walker, Little, Rawlings, Stockett, Armstead, Kealy, Nourse, Stromberger, Beers, Forbes, Awkward, E. Kelly, Woodward, Morgan, Garges, Cunningham, Grant, Bock, Dulin, and M. Kelly.

Mr. Blount and Commissioner Loring.

Mr. Blount, of Georgia, rising to a question of privilege in the house yesterday, disclaimed any reference to the present commissioner of Agriculture in his remarks about the department bill, and handed a letter of Dr. Loring's to the clerk, in which a denial of the alleged improper acts was made. Mr. Blount referred to a former commissioner.

The Typographical Union.

The annual election of officers and delegates to the international union, to be held in New York in June next, of the Columbia Typographical union, No. 101, occurred yesterday at St. Joseph's hall. The polls were opened at 1 o'clock and closed at 8 in the evening. The result will be made known to-day.

The Weather To-day.

Fair weather, except in the extreme southern part, local snows, higher temperature, north to east winds.

For Sunday, generally fair weather, with higher temperature.

Yesterday's thermometric readings, 7 a. m., 6.2°; 11 a. m., 10.4°; 3 p. m., 13.6°; 7 p. m., 12.5°; 11 p. m., 8.8°, maximum, 14.4°; minimum 6.1°.

THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

What the Commissioner Asks for the Completion of the Work.

The joint committee in charge of the Washington monument yesterday submitted to congress a report showing its progress during the past year. The report shows that the weight of the monument is 81,120 tons, and that it has cost $1,187,710, of which congress appropriated $887,710. Relative to the completion of the monument, the engineer in charge of the work submits a report with that of the commission. He says: "Two methods of treating the terrace at the foot of the shaft have been suggested. One method proposes to erect a retaining wall of the most beautiful marble around the terrace, which wall is to be surmounted with a marble balustrade. At the center of each face is to be a set of broad double stairs extending from the general level of the esplanade, which is to be paved in marble tiles of approved pattern. The other method of finish proposed is to fill earth about the present terrace, and to extend this filling so far from the monument as to fade the slopes of the embankment gradually into the surrounding surfaces, and this is to be done with so much skill as to give to the mound an appearance so far from artificial as possible.

This mound is then to be planted with trees and shrubs; paths are to be laid out, and a pavement is to be put around the foot of the monument and far enough to prevent the storm waters from washing out the filling.

If the marble wall is decided upon an appropriation of $612,300 is asked to complete the entire work. If the second proposition is adopted but $166,800 is desired. The joint commission favor the latter method.

The Cincinnati Investigation.

First Comptroller Lawrence refused to pass upon the legality of the appointment of non-residents as deputy marshals in the Ohio election when asked by the Springer committee yesterday. Thomas Cavanaugh, an ex-house official, who also testified in the Marshal Wright investigation, said he went to Cincinnati at the instance of Mr. Dudley to watch repeaters. He got about $5,000 from Mr. Hickenlooper, which he was to use at discretion; he reported to Mr. Rathbone. In response to a cross-fire of questions, he said: "Those funds were used to secure an honest vote, regardless of party, in Cincinnati on election day."

In answer to questions from Mr. Follett, Mr. Cavanaugh said men living in other cities were at Cincinnati who might have been serving as deputy marshals.

Mr. George Kennan's Lecture.

Mr. George Kennan, the well-known journalist, told at the Congregational church the story of his camp life, reindeer travel, and village experience among the Koreks of Kamchatka while he was engaged in 1866-9 in exploring a route across the wastes of Siberia for a telegraph line. His story was of decided interest, but rather too long, and he warmed the recital of his wanderings with a vein of dry humor that repaid his hearers for their daring in venturing forth into the cold night. He told of the eccentricities of reindeer sledging, of Korek hospitality and weddings, and with many gestures and several alleged songs, told of a village ball where a Korek belle danced him exhausted to his seat. As a lecturer his style of delivery is attractive, but he is by no means a musician, and should cut his songs.

Carroll Institute Fair.

Masonic temple was crowded again last night, and the Carroll institute people looked happy. Business in the voting line was very brisk, and the articles awarded to the successful contestants were as follows: Grand pyx for pastor, to Rev. Father Tewes; the secretary, to Rev. Father Thomas; the spring balance, F. G. Alexander; the Sacred Heart chapel, to St. Joseph's asylum; the paschal candle to St. Matthew's church; the merchant's or clerk's overcoat, to G. K. Petty; the transfer agent's or driver's overcoat, to Enoch Moreland. The other articles will be awarded to-night, when the fair closes.

To Stop the Coming Cholera.

Mr. McAdoo yesterday introduced a joint resolution in the house providing for the appropriation of $250,000, to be distributed by the secretary of the treasury and expended under his direction by the proper local authorities of New York city, Brooklyn, Jersey City, and Hoboken to prevent by proper quarantine and sanitary measures the entrance of cholera into this country, and to prevent its spread if it should take a foothold.

Reforming the Pension Service.

The house committee on appropriations has decided to report two amendments to the pension appropriation bill—that the number of pension agents be reduced from eighteen to twelve, and that their maximum compensation be fixed at $4,000 annually, and limiting the fees for examining surgeons to $5 for the first five cases and $1 for each additional examination the same day.

Recent Robberies.

J. W. Crewet, of No. 9 K street, has reported that a diamond, valued at $25, has been stolen from his house. A. M. Montan, of 714 8 street, has reported the robbery of several articles, valued at $25, from his house, and J. H. Smoot, of No. 3144 M street, has reported that a bolt of silk, valued at $57, was stolen from in front of his store.

LOCAL BRIEFLETS.

The pump on Sixteenth street, between N and O streets, is out of order.

A brilliant carnival comique was given by Prof. Sheldon to his pupils at his academy, on Capitol hill, last night.

Seven persons were arrested yesterday in Uniontown by Officer Anderson, charged with keeping unlicensed dogs. They procured tags and were dismissed.

Mr. E. W. Hawk, residing at 224 Seventh street southeast, has decided to distribute to the poor of East Washington on Christmas morning 200 loaves of bread and 200 pounds of coffee.

The following officers were installed in Pythagoras lodge, No. 9, F. A. M., last evening: Bernard Robinson, W. M.; H. Sutton Smith, S. W.; Thornton H. Davis, J. W.; Isaac Scott, treasurer; I. Brown, secretary.

Mr. Robert M. Barr has been appointed to succeed Capt. C. C. Simms in the health office. Mr. Barr is a well-known and popular young man. He formerly occupied this desk, but resigned.

Dr. P. J. Murphy, of Columbia hospital, will lecture to-morrow evening before the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence society at its hall, 606 Eleventh street northwest. The Choral union will render a programme, which has been prepared with much care, and the meeting promises to be of unusual interest.

The Enosinian society of the Columbian university yesterday elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Harry W. Smith; vice president and treasurer, W. A. Carrington; secretary, Henry B. Hedrick; librarian, Jesse E. Christy; critic, Chas. D. Rhodes; sergeant-at-arms, Edward D. Roome; editors of the *Enosinian Bee*, Gustav Ravene and E. W. Spalding.

THE WORK LAID OUT.

SUBCOMMITTEES WHO WILL LOOK AFTER INAUGURATION DETAILS.

Second Meeting of the General Committee of Fifty—Full List of the Gentlemen Designated to Serve in Various Capacities—Harmonious and Earnest Work Expected.

The general committee intrusted with arranging for the inaugural ceremonies held an adjourned meeting at the Arlington hotel last evening, and there was a very full attendance of the members. Col. James G. Berret, the chairman, presided, with Mr. James E. Harvey, secretary. The chairman announced having received communications from the national democratic committee, appointing Mr. Frank A. Richardson to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. George Bancroft; Mr. Matt W. Galt in the place of Gen. M. C. Meigs, who declined to serve, and Mr. Robert O. Holtzman, vice Mr. William Galt, who was also excused.

Mr. Martin F. Morris, from the special committee of five to designate the number of subcommittees requisite, submitted a report, which was read by Mr. James P. Willett. It recommends that there be twelve subcommittees, as follows:

A reception committee, to take charge of all the distinguished guests, especially at the inauguration ball.

A finance committee, to receive funds and to turn them over to the treasurer, whose office the committee respectfully recommends should be created.

A committee on public comfort, to proceed and furnish information in reference to the accommodation of visitors.

A committee on public order, to co-operate with the district commissioners and the police department in reference to all matters pertaining to the good order of the city during the period of inauguration.

A committee on transportation, to secure cheap rates of of transportation to the city and to procure and furnish information thereof.

A committee on civic association, to ascertain and report what accommodations such associations can obtain.

A committee on military organizations, to ascertain and report what accommodations military associations may obtain.

A committee on illumination, to arrange for the illumination of the hall for the inauguration ball.

A committee on decoration and music, to provide for the decoration of the hall and for music.

A floor and promenade committee, to take especial charge of the inauguration ball, to receive the guests, and to carry into effect the programme of the entertainment.

A committee on the press, to make suitable arrangements for the members of the press.

A special subcommittee of fifteen persons, to have supervision of all the other committees under the general direction of this body.

The chairman of this body shall be ex-official chairman of each of the foregoing twelve subcommittee, and shall have power to fill vacancies therein."

The committee recommended that the persons whose names are hereto annexed as proper persons to compose the several committees:

Reception committee—The chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court of the United States, the chief justice and judges of the court of claims, the chief justice and judges of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, the commissioners of the District of Columbia, Gen. Sheridan, Gen. Richard C. Drum, Hon. George Bancroft, Rear Admiral Thornton A. Jenkins, Maj. Gen. Horatio G. Wright, Commodore Walter W. Queen, U. S. N.; Surgeon General F. M. Gunnell, U. S. N.; Rear Admiral C. W. Wells, Gen. W. B. Hazen, Rear Admiral Thos. H. Stevens, Commander Alex. A. Semmes, U. S. N.; Col. Thomas L. Casey, Commander H. L. Howison, Hon. George S. Boutwell, Vice Admiral Stephen C. Rowan, W. D. Davidge, John B. Norris, Hon. Horatio King, Rear Admiral C. R. P. Rodgers, Dr. Daniel B. Clarke, Maj. Garrett L. Lydecker, Geo. A. McIlhenney, John W. Thompson, Maj. Frank E. Taylor, Gen. M. C. Meigs, Gen. John G. Parke, Gen. Chauncey McKeever, Robert J. Ingersoll, John M. Sims, George W. Cochran, Col. C. G. McCawley, F. L. Moore, Prof. Spencer F. Baird, Dr. Joseph M. Toner, James C. Welling, LL. D., Dr. R. S. L. Walsh, Charles M. Matthews, Admiral David D. Porter, Commodore S. B. Franklin, Commodore A. H. McCormick, Paymaster Kenney, U. S. N., Commander Robley D. Evans, Hon. R. T. Merrick, Hon. James H. McKenney, M. W. Galt, Hamilton G. Fant, Josiah Dent, James C. McGuire, Ben: Perley Poore, Col. Charles J. Bonaparte, Hon. Joseph H. Bradley, Dr. W. W. Johnston, Dr. A. Y. P. Garnett, Hon. Eppa Hunton, Allen McLane, John A. Baker, A. Gos Hay, Gen. A. St. Clair Denver, Jeff Chandler, Dr. Chas. P. Culver, Hon. Wash. McLean, Columbus Alexander, Henry S. Davis, Commander G. C. Romey, Commander Henry F. Picking, U.S. N., Paymaster A. W. Bacon, U. S. N., H. O. Claughton, Linden Kent, Jas. E. Harvey, John J. Beall, Gen. William McKee Dunn, R. S. Davis, Col. Wright Rives, Gen. Robert Macfeeley, Gen. N. L. Anderson, John Seldon, J. R. McKenzie, Hollingsworth, R. K. Elliott, Edward Clarke, Bennett H. Hill, Anthony Hyde, C. W. Bennet, Mahlon Ashford, Leigh Robinson, Titian J. Coffey, Col. Lorenzo Sitgraves, E. D. Hartley, Robert W. McIlheny, Wm. H. Tenney, Jos. C. G. Kennedy, Thomas Hyde, Alex. Porter Morse, D. R. McKee, M. W. Beveridge, Judge Thos. W. Bartley, W. B. Webb, W. F. Mattingly, W. E. Howard, Jno T. Given, W. R. Riley, E. E. White, Nathaniel Wilson, Theodore Sheckels, Robert Neill, John T. R. Lemman, S. S. Kauffman, Wm. King, sr., B. Blackford, W. W. Burdette, Simon Wolf, E. C. Dean, William Laird, Chas. Worthington, Gen. D. S. Walker, Maj. G. C. Goodloe, Mills Dean, R. Ross Perry, Reginald Fendall, Geo. E. Hamilton, Benj. G. Lovejoy, Col. Jas. G. Payne, Henry Polkinhorn, G. W. Phillips, W. M. Shuster, sr., Michael Talty, J. Hollins McBlair, John W. Drew, G. W. Shutt, R. P. Snyder, R. Robinson, Anthony Pollok, Dr. N. S. Lincoln, A. R. Lowery, Rear Admiral S. P. Quackenbush, Surg. Gen. Robert Murray, U. S. A.; Maj. Gen. John Newton, Dr. George Mauisby, U. S. N.; Gen. S. V. Benet.

The following senators and representatives are also made part of the reception committee: Maine, Senator William P. Frye, Representative Nelson Dingley; New Hampshire, Senator H. W. Blair, Representative J. W. Stewart; Vermont, Senator George F. Edmunds, Representative Ossian Ray; Rhode Island, Senator N. W. Aldrich, Representative Jonathan Chace; Massachusetts, Senator Henry L. Dawes, Representative Patrick A. Collins; Connecticut, Senator Joseph R. Hawley, Representative William W. Eaton; New York, Senator E. G. Lapham, Representative Samuel S. Cox; New Jersey, Senator John R. McPherson, Representative William McAdoo; Pennsylvania, Senator J. Donald Cameron, Representative Samuel J. Randall; Delaware, Senator Thomas F. Bayard, Representative Charles B. Lore; Maryland, Senator James B. Groome, Representative John V. L. Findlay; Virginia, Senator Henry H. Riddleberger, Representative John S. Barbour; West Virginia, Senator Johnson N. Camden, Representative C. Philip Snyder; North Carolina, Senator Zebulon Vance, Representative William R. Cox; South Carolina, Senator Wade Hampton, Representative Samuel Dibble; Georgia, Senator Joseph E. Brown, Representative James H. Blount; Alabama, Senator John T. Morgan, Representative Wm. H. Forney; Mississippi, Senator L. Q. C. Lamar, Representative O. R. Singleton; Florida, Senator Charles W. Jones, Representative R. H. M. Davidson; Louisiana, Senator Benjamin F. Jonas, Representative J. Floyd King; Texas, Senator Samuel B. Maxey, Representative John H. Reagan; Ohio, Senator George H. Pendleton, Representative Benj. Le Fevre; Michigan, Senator Omar D. Conger, Representative Wm. C. Maybury; Wisconsin, Senator Angus Cameron, Representative E. V. Deuster; Indiana, Senator D. W. Voorhees, Representative Wm. S. Holman; Illinois, Senator John A. Logan, Representative Wm. R. Morrison; Minnesota, Senator S. J. R. McMillan, Representative Horace B. Strait; Iowa, Senator William B. Allison, Representative J. H. Murphy; Missouri, Senator Francis M. Cockrell, Representative A. H. Buckner; Arkansas, Senator Augustus H. Garland, Representative J. K. Jones; Nebraska, Senator Charles H. Van Wyck, Representative E. K. Valentine; Nevada, Senator James G. Fair, Representative George W. Cassidy; Colorado, Senator Nathaniel P. Hill, Representative James B. Belford; Oregon, Senator James H. Slater; Representative M. C. George; California, Senator John T. Farley, Representative Wm. S. Rosecrans; Arizona, Delegate G. H. Oury; Idaho, Delegate T. F. Stigleo; Montana, Delegate Martin Maginnis; New Mexico, Delegate F. A. Manzanares; Dakota, Delegate J. B. Raymond; W