State Legislature.

HARRISBURG, May 16.

SENATE.—A joint resolution to adjourn on the 19th inst., was voted down by 17 to 14. A message was received from the Governor vetoing the Linesville Police Company. The veto was sustained by an unanimous vote. A great number of bills on the private calendar were then passed.

HOUSE.—The bill authorizing the City Councils of Harrisburg to pay the debts contracted in the entertainment of Presidents Johnson and Grant and Admiral Farragut, was passed. The Speaker cleared the table of bills messaged over from the Senate with amendments, among which was an act to authorize the liquidation of claims for damages sustained by citizens of Pennsylvania during the late rebellion. The Senate amended by striking out of the House bill the second section, and inserting in lieu thereof the second section of the Senate bill. The amendments were concurred in by the House.

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SENATE.—Mr. Dill reported from Committee, as committed, House bill relative to the town of Mount Joy, Lancaster county. Also, an act relative to primary elections, and to punish frauds therein, in Philadelphia, Lancaster and Crawford counties.

HOUSE.—The House without transacting any important business adjourned, that the Republican convention might have the use of the Hall.

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SENATE.—The Appropriation Bill was called up and the Senate went into Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of general amendment. On motion of Mr. Billingfelt an amendment appropriating $200 to each member of a committee to visit the Marine Hospital at Erie, was adopted. Various other amendments were adopted and the bill as amended reported back to the Senate, and passed by a vote of 17 to 11. The bill to revise and amend the State Constitution, was called up by a vote of 16 to 10, and its consideration for the present postponed, by a vote of 13 to 11. The joint resolution appointing a committee to investigate the condition of the bituminous coal mines was passed after being amended by striking out the Governor, and giving the Supreme Court power to appoint the Commissioners.

HOUSE.—A message from the Governor vetoing an act allowing Patrick Gallagher, Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Ashland, Schuylkill county, to have his office in a ward in which he does not reside, was read. The Speaker laid before the House the General Appropriation Bill as amended by the Senate. The amendments were non-concurred in, and a Committee of Conference appointed. Mr. Mann called up Senate bill No. 860, entitled "Joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania." The first amendment, proposing a change in the manner of electing a State Treasurer, viz: that he shall be elected by the people, was adopted. The second amendment, proposing a change in the representation of the Legislature—a member from each county—and in cities where taxables entitle it to more, they shall have the number commensurate with their taxable population, as now allowed by the Constitution, was not agreed to. Mr. Mann moved to reconsider the vote by which the House agreed to the first amendment. Agreed to. And the question recurring on the first amendment, the yeas and nays were required, and were: yeas 90, nays none. Unanimously agreed to. On the final passage of the bill the yeas and nays were required, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, and were yeas 90, nays none. So the resolution was unanimously agreed to.

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SENATE.—Mr. Billingfelt asked leave to make a statement. He said that a few weeks ago the Senate passed a bill providing for a revision of the Constitution, and that the House concurred in that bill yesterday, but that the yeas and nays on the passage of the bill in the House were not had on the passage of the bill, as required by that instrument. He therefore wished to introduce a bill to cure the defect. On the question shall the Senator have leave to read his bill, it was not agreed to. Mr. Brook offered a resolution for the return of the bill from the House relative to the amendment to the Constitution. Agreed to. Mr. Billingfelt offered the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee of Conference on the Appropriation Bill shall write out at length the changes which may be made in the bill. Messrs. Billingfelt and White supported the resolution. Messrs. Connell and Davis stated that in their judgment the resolution was not necessary, because it will impose upon the Committee of Conference an amount of labor that is not necessary at this late day of the session. Evils that have become so familiar to the owner's eye, as to be no longer noticed by him, are pointed out by his visitors. Defective fences, clumps of bushes and brambles, noxious weeds, neglected buildings and lawns, improper pruning, obstructed drains, imperfect vehicles, harness, farm implements and various other evidences of bad farming, if they exist, are all seen and promptly commented and the proper remedies suggested, all in the most friendly manner. As a consequence of these searching investigations and free comments, the members are particularly careful to have their premises, farms and stock in good condition when they are visited by the club; and as this can only be accomplished by good farming and constant attention, the result is a wonderful improvement in all the farms in that section of the county. Some of the clubs in other sections of the county have we believe adopted the same system, and it should be practiced with advantage by all of them.

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Local Intelligence.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE.—On Saturday last, May 13th, the following Democrats were elected to represent their respective districts upon the County Committee:

Lancaster City.

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Second Ward—Joseph Barnett.
Third Ward—G. E. Sener.
Fourth Ward—Dr. Henry Carpenter.
Fifth Ward—Jacob Gundaker.
Sixth Ward—H. B. Swarr, Esq.
Seventh Ward—William A. Morton.
Eighth Ward—George Wall.
Ninth Ward—Frederick Nixdorf.

Bart—Robert Ferguson.
Coleraine—Samuel U. Swisher.
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" " 2d " S. S. Detwiler.
" " 3d " Samuel Arms.
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Conoy—John Haldeman.
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" " Maytown—J. L. Jacobs.
" " Springville—J. H. Brandt
" West—G. W. Wormley, Sr.
Drumore—Richard C. Edwards.
Earl—Isaac Holl.
Eden—Wm. Dungan.
Elizabethtown—S. L. Yetter.
Epnrata—Dr. Henry Reemsnyder.
Hempfield East—Rohrerstown—David Ringwalt.
Hempfield West—Silver Springs—Henry M. Weller.
Lampeter East—Col. Joel L. Lightner.
Leacock—Dr. S. R. Sample.
Leacock Upper—Benj. Workman.
Manor—Indiantown—Chas. J. Rhodes.
" Millersville—Jacob Gamber.
Mount Joy Upper—John McBride.
Mount Joy bor.—Henry Shaffner.
Marietta—F. K. Curran.
Paradise—A. P. McIlvain.
Penn—Emanuel Keener.
Pilique—Amos L. Ritz.
Salisbury—William Hoy.
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Warwick—Isaac F. Bomberger.
Washington bor—James B. Douglass.

MORE RUFFIANISM.—The notorious ruffian and burglar, Zack Boot, and his congenial companion, George (or Cotty) Hoover, whose names are so familiar on the pages of our police records, have again been engaged in their villainous work.—On Sunday they were both on a "big drunk," and about 6 o'clock attacked Mr. Eli Witmer near the corner of Chestnut and Mary streets, with the evident intention of robbing him. It appears that Mr. Witmer, who lives in Columbia, had come to the city with his wife for the purpose of attending church, and met the ruffians at the point above mentioned. Boot at once proceeded to business by taking Wilmer by the throat with one hand and thrusting the other into his pocket.—Mrs. Witmer attempted to assist her husband and was at once set upon by Hoover, who caught her by the throat and struck her several times in the face. The scuffle brought out Officer Killinger and others residing in the neighborhood, who attempted to arrest the desperadoes, but were unsuccessful at the time, Boot brandishing a bottle and Hoover a knife with which he attacked the Officer, but fortunately only succeeded in cutting a gash in his clothing. The Officer being unarmed, the scoundrels escaped. Subsequently warrants for their arrest were placed in the hands of Officers Killinger, Fisher and Deen, who found them about half-past seven o'clock secreted in a barn near the junction of the Harrisburg turnpike and the Pennsylvania Railroad. They were arrested without much trouble, and safely lodged in jail, where, it is to be hoped, they will be kept till their locks grow gray. The time has not yet been set for a hearing of the case, which will be before Recorder Evans—probably in a few days. The occurrence created great excitement in the neighborhood, some of the women fainting and others becoming ill through fright.

FARMERS' CLUBS.—Much practical good is being done by the various Farmers Clubs throughout the county, and none of them transact their business in a more thorough and sensible manner than the club of Fulton township. The meetings are held at the houses of the different members, where subjects of interest are discussed by them and such invited guests as may be present. The host not only treats his friends to a substantial meal, but gives them a detailed statement of all his farming operations for the past year. His promises are then viewed carefully, and freely criticised, and all his short comings in the management, Evils that have become so familiar to the owner's eye, as to be no longer noticed by him, are pointed out by his visitors. Defective fences, clumps of bushes and brambles, noxious weeds, neglected buildings and lawns, improper pruning, obstructed drains, imperfect vehicles, harness, farm implements and various other evidences of bad farming, if they exist, are all seen and promptly commented and the proper remedies suggested, all in the most friendly manner. As a consequence of these searching investigations and free comments, the members are particularly careful to have their premises, farms and stock in good condition when they are visited by the club; and as this can only be accomplished by good farming and constant attention, the result is a wonderful improvement in all the farms in that section of the county. Some of the clubs in other sections of the county have we believe adopted the same system, and it should be practiced with advantage by all of them.

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Democratic County Convention.

Pursuant to the usual call the Democracy of Lancaster county met in Convention at Fulton Hall on Wednesday last. The Convention was called to order by R. R. Tshudy, Esq., Chairman of the County Committee.

Gen. Wm. Patton moved that Robert Crane, Esq., be chosen Chairman of the Convention. Mr. Crane wished to be excused from serving in that capacity, and Hon. George Sanderson was chosen to preside.

On taking the chair, Mr. Sanderson delivered an appropriate and eloquent speech. He thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him. He assured the members that the people of this country are now on the eve of an election which is unexcelled in importance by any that has occurred since the election of Thomas Kean, as Governor of Pennsylvania, and the defeat of the Federal party in the year which preceded the election of Thomas Jefferson, to the Presidency. He alluded to the great questions now agitating the Nation, and forcibly impressed it upon the minds of those present, that the coming State election is the preliminary skirmish preceding the great political battle of 1872. He urged the necessity for early and perfect organization of the Democratic party in every election district, and throughout the county and the State. Mr. Sanderson was frequently interrupted by applause.

On motion, Messrs. H. G. Smith, Jacob B. Lichty, S. L. Yetter, Ulrich Strickler, Joseph Gumph and Charles F. Young, were appointed Secretaries.

The following gentlemen were elected Vice Presidents—G. E. Sehner, city; Wm. Dungan, Eden; Dr. Jos. B. Downey, city; Andrew F. Stine, Earl; Edward Ambler, Drumore; Samuel Loucks, Columbia; John A. Brush, Washington bor.; Thomas J. Albright, East Donegal; Geo. Wormley, West Donegal; Christian Herr, East Lampeter; Milton Keeler, Columbia.

The list of Election Districts was called over and the following delegates reported:

Bart—Harrison Graham, George Boone, Josiah Byers, John J. Keylor, Hervey Baughman.

Conoy—Fred. Gramm, Henry Nophsker, William Houseal, John Haldeman, Levi Musselman.

Conestoga—Ulrich Strickler, Wm. H. Shober, Henry Hammer, G. J. Hildebrand, Jacob B. Stehman.

Columbia Borough—First Ward—Chas. F. Young, Robert Crane, Samuel F. Eberlein, Joseph M. Watts, R. E. Barricks.

Second Ward—James Schroeder, M. M. Strickler, William Patton, John S. Givens, W. Hayes Grier.

Third Ward—Jacob Armstrong, George Sehner, Frank Shilliot, Henry Royer, Peter Glosser.

Coleraine—Milton Keylor, William Scott, Samuel Eckman, Wm. N. Galbraith, Wm. H. Hogg.

Drumore—E. Ambler, John Hastings, James G. McSparran, Wm. J. Hess, Rob't Hastings.

Donegal West—G. W. Wormley, Sr., Philip Oldweiler, Capt. J. W. Shaeffer, Abraham Forney, Philip J. McGill.

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Ephrata—Jere. Mohler, Jacob W. Leber, Dr. H. Reemsnyder, Martin Gross, Samuel Styer.

Elizabethtown—Geo. W. Boyer, S. L. Yetter, H. T. Shultz, Jos. B. Dohner, John Shaeffer.

Eden—Wm. Dungan, Augustus Myers, Robt. Montgomery, John P. Moore, Wm. Galbraith.

Earl—Isaac Holl, Andrew Stein, W. W. Besser.

Fulton—Washington Whitaker, Samuel Wicks, George W. Miller.

Hempfield West—Eli K. Stoner, James Montgomery, Henry M. Weller, Shultz Rees, Frederick Mummaw.

Indiantown—David Shoff, D. M. Kline, Jacob Bare, Peter Kline, C. J. Rhodes.

Lancaster City—First Ward—H. G. Smith, Col. F. S. Pyfer, John Rees, Wm. McConsey, T. F. McElligott.

Second Ward—E. Schaeffer Metzger, M. Malone, Simon W. Raub, James C. Carpenter, Jacob B. Lichty.

Third Ward—Jacob Ettinger, William Boas, Peter Dommel, Davis Kitch, Jr., John F. Deichler.

Fourth Ward—Dr. Henry Carpenter, Philip Fitzpatrick, Barnett Reynolds, Alex. Harris, William Patton, Jr., John Bear.

Fifth Ward—Samuel Killian, Abraham Erisman, John Frees, George W. Beck, Oliver Hoffman.

Sixth Ward—Charles G. Beale, George Sanderson, Thomas J. Wentz, James F. Downey, Mahlon H. Mercer.

Seventh Ward—John Franciscus, Sr., William A. Morton, Thomas W. Brown, William McLaughlin, John Wittlinger, Sr.

Eighth Ward—Samuel Huber, Lieut. Alex. Gerz, Anton Angermeier, Christian Diehl, Paul J. Smith.

Ninth Ward—Capt. Henry Blickendorfer, Dr. Joseph B. Downey, Frederick W. Coonley, H. B. Springer, John Rose.

Leacock Upper.—Benjamin Workman, Eli Batten, Martin Heller, George Sigle, Martin B. Miller.

Lampeter East—John Dunlap, Christian Erb, Valentino Long, John M. Caruthers, Daniel Erb.

Little Britain—E. C. Swift, B. Patterson, Dr. E. M. Zell.

Leacock—John L. Lightner, S. M. Knox, Dr. S. R. Sample, Jacob Frey, H. M. Neff.

Marietta—F. K. Curran, Benj. Shields, Girard Roath, Samuel Loucks, Jacob Hamlin.

Mount Joy bor.—Henry Shaffner, Sam'l Echard, J. Wood Doughty, Jacob Carter, Michael Brandt.

Manor—Christian Gamber, Conrad Krause, G. D. Brown, Daniel Smith, Jr., Jacob Menold.

Mt. Joy Upper—John McBride, John Nauman, Abraham Sheaffer, Christian Dainty, Geo. Enterline.

Mountville.—David Yohn, Dr. J. A. E. Reed, Joseph Hoover, John M. Weller, Geo. W. Marks.

Maytown—John L. Jacobs, Thomas J. Albright, Jos. B. Brandt, J. L. Hays, Henry Houseal.

Pequea.—John Sehner, L. K. Ritz, Henry Conrad, Geo. Sickman, Geo. Beals.

Paradise—H. L. Eckert, Charles Lavery, A. P. McIlvain, Eli Rutter, Martin Townsend.

Penn—Jacob Busser, B. Keener, Jacob Eberly, Thomas Heath, E. M. Stauffer.

Providence—William McMillin, John Tweed, John Hildebrand, Franklin Brenneman, Albert Smith.

Rohrerstown—Edwin Hopton, Reuben Bowman, Henry Hoffman, John Steward, Christian Keller.

Strasburg—F. Clark, Benj. B. Myers, Emmett Reynolds, Samuel R. Wiker, Aldus Armor.

Strasburg Borough—George B. Eager, Samuel Taggart, Samuel P. Bower, Hiram Skeen, William B. Eager.

Springville—Daniel Bender, Jos. Brandt, Jos. Schlegelmilch, John Stull, William Holmes.

Salisbury—Dr. John Martin, Baxter Black, George Diller, David Kurtz, Lewis Hilton.

Sadsbury—Jacob B. Townsend, Wm. S. Hastings, H. S. Kerns, Wm. Hoy, John Borland.

Warwick—I. F. Bomberger, John W. Hollinger, H. B. Buch, Isaac G. Pfautz, R. R. Tshudy.

Washington—John Charles, John Evans, William Ortman, James B. Douglass, Jno. A. Brush.

It was decided that the portion of East Donegal township which votes at Marietta was entitled to separate representation, and the delegates admitted accordingly.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to nominate delegates to a large scale to represent the County of Lancaster in the State Convention. The following candidates were put in nomination:

Michael Malone, City.
W. Hayes Grier, Columbia.
Jos. M. Watts, Columbia.
W. H. Eagle, Marietta.
Dr. John Martin, Salisbury.
H. T. Shultz, Elizabethtown.
John L. Jacobs, East Donegal.
Dr. S. R. Sample, Leacock.
Hon. George Sanderson, City.
James G. McSparran, Drumore.
William S. Hastings, Sadsbury.
H. G. Smith and J. L. Lightner were nominated, but both declined.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to half-past 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 1½ o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, Hon. George Sanderson in the chair.

The name of William S. Hastings was withdrawn at his request, and the Convention proceeded to ballot with the following result:

1st Ballot.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

Michael Malone, City	36
W. Hayes Grier, Columbia	31
Jos. M. Watts, Columbia	11
W. H. Eagle, Marietta	21
Dr. John Martin, Salisbury	34
H. T. Shultz, Elizabethtown	1
John L. Jacobs, East Donegal	22
Dr. Samuel R. Sample, Leacock	24
Hon. Geo. Sanderson, City	35
James G. McSparran, Drumore	44

Forty-four votes were cast, and James G. McSparran and Michael Malone were declared to be elected Senatorial delegates, and Hon. Geo. Sanderson, Dr. John G. Martin, W. Hays Grier, and Dr. Samuel R. Sample Representative delegates.

On motion the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

PROGRESSIVE FRIENDS.—The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Progressive Friends will convene in their meeting-house, at Longwood, near Hamorton, Chester county, Pa., on Fifth day (Thursday), the 8th of Sixth month (June), 1871, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and continue three days. To this meeting, as usual, all are invited, without distinction of sect or creed. Among the speakers who are engaged for the meeting are William Lloyd Garrison, John W. Chadwick (Pastor of the Second Unitarian Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.), and Mrs. Celia Burleigh. Mary A. Livermore, Editor of *Woman's Journal*, will probably also attend. They give notice that Progressive Friends deem it at once a duty and a pleasure to be hospitable to strangers. Those, however, who prefer not to avail themselves of their hospitality will find a hotel at Kennett Square, and a private boarding-house at Hockessin, the former two miles, the latter less than one mile, from the meeting house.

A LIVE DEMOCRAT.—Mr. William Dungan, of Eden township, rode seventeen miles on Wednesday, through the rain, on horseback, to attend the Democratic County Convention. He was born on Christmas day 1799, and only lacks five years of being as old as the INTELLIGENCER. Mr. Dungan is still full of energy, and in activity of mind and body excels many men who are not half as old.

A Free College.

In accordance with public notice given, a goodly number of citizens met in the Court House on Friday evening last, for the purpose of taking action on the proposition of the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, by which free tuition is offered to all young men in the city of Lancaster at the time to come.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Hayes, who nominated Rev. Dr. John W. Nevin as President, and C. V. Zahm as Secretary.

Dr. Nevin, on taking the chair, stated the object of the meeting to be two-fold, first to advance the interests of the College, and extend its usefulness, and secondly to offer free education to all who choose to avail themselves of its advantages. In 1853, there was much interest and zeal manifested in this city to bring about the union of Franklin and Marshall College, and large meetings were held, and $25,000 raised for that purpose, and success attended the efforts. During the year the College had suffered, but it has recovered from its reverses and is now in a prosperous state. There is no reason that it should not be perpetually maintained. It is of the utmost public importance that it should be. It has already an endowment of $170,000; and is without debt. It has a most favorable location, and it is of immense public account. The present movement proposes the strengthening of the institution in part, by enlarging the fields of its operations, by bringing to Lancaster the Mercersburg Seminary, which will be accomplished this Fall, and add much to the College. We had every reason to go forward. The time had come for renewed local action, like that which was taken eighteen years ago, when $25,000 were raised for the erection of the College buildings. That property still remains and is worth more now than it was then: so nothing was lost even in attempting a new college. The present proposition however does not embrace the proposition of establishing a new college, but only to carry on and enlarge one already established, and make it the most perfect institution of the kind in the State. No people were ever more favorably situated than we to make it all it need be to perfect permanent credit and untold advantages on the community.

The other object of the meeting is to consider the offer made by the Trustees of the College to extend the whole course of its instruction, free of charge, to all who may choose to come, from every section of the country, provided an endowment of $50,000 is raised for that purpose. This is only about 50 cents for each school district. If Lancaster city and township will raise $15,000, a free course of tuition for all time will at once be extended to all who may make application within those limits. Apart from the pecuniary prosperity that must result to the city from the enlarging of the College and the increased number of its students, who could estimate the immense amount of good that would result from its moral and intellectual culture. Let it be understood that the College is for the education of all; the poor as well as the rich; the farmer's son as well as the merchant's or banker's, and every school district would soon furnish at least one student to the College and probably more. These are already twenty from the city—the result of having the College in our midst. And this number largely increased, as it would be under the proposed free system of education, who could estimate the resulting good that would be effected within fifty years. He appealed to men of wealth to lend their influence to the proposition. Nothing of the sort had ever before been proposed by any college in this or any other country. He desired with his whole heart that Lancaster city should have the honor of taking the lead in this great matter. If we seize the opportunity now, it will be our glory for all time to come; we shall be rewarded here, and our good works shall follow us when we depart hence.

Dr. Nevin was frequently applauded, and on concluding, called upon Hon. O. J. Dickey for a speech.

Mr. Dickey said he could add nothing to what Dr. Nevin had so well said. He had found out that those who talked best upon a subject were those who thought most about it. He had not studied the subject, but was impressed with its importance and the practical question to be asked to night was "Is it worth while for a city of 20,000 inhabitants, at a merely nominal cost, to furnish a free education to every struggling boy who may apply for it for all time? Is it worth $15,000 to say to every youth who inspires to a collegiate education, your aspirations shall be gratified? Is it worth while to put up the money for such a grand purpose?" He thought it was, and, after a very entertaining speech, concluded by saying that if he had occasion to be convincing others, he had like most lawyers needed convincing himself, and was therefore ready to put his hand in his pocket in furtherance of the cause of free education.

Dr. Nevin announced that he had received a telegram from Prof. Wickersham, regretting the impossibility of his attending the meeting.

Dr. Greenwald was the next speaker. He said he thought it was being prevented by an appointment which I could not put off, from being present at the opening of this meeting. I have thus been prevented from hearing the remarks of the speakers that have preceded me. I do not pretend to be known character and ability of the gentlemen that have addressed the meeting. I infer that a very few remarks only are necessary to make my meaning. You could simply, but gladly, embrace the occasion to heartily endorse the movement to provide Free College Education for the City and County of Lancaster.

It is one of the grandest conceptions of the age in which we live. Amid the many wonderful evidences of advancement that are witnessed everywhere around us, in almost every conceivable direction of thought, I know of none, either in the old world or in the new, that is more wonderful than this.

Until my friend Dr. Nevin, in his large-heartedness and far-reaching thought—so much larger and farther-reaching than the heart and thought of most other men—conceived this grand idea, I suppose no one throughout the ages, ever dreamed of it before. (Applause.)

But like all grand discoveries, when once known, it appears so plain, and reasonable, and just, that we wonder that it had not been the universal institution and practice of all civilized countries in all generations.

By this system, the poorest child who has talent, may pass from the primary school, through all the intervening departments, up to a complete College education. It is free education from the lowest to the highest grades. It puts a finished collegiate education within the reach of the rich man's son, but of the poor man's son as well. It puts the capstone on the glorious temple of the free school system. It leaves nothing more to be desired, in the organization of the system of popular education extending from the a, b, c class in the lowest primary, to the graduating class in a first-class college.

It is grand. It grows upon the mind as we look at it, until it towers up before us in astounding magnitude. It is honor enough for one man to have conceived the magnificent idea. It will be to the lasting credit of our city that it will go down to other generations as the brightest page in her history, that in Lancaster this system of Free Collegiate Education was inaugurated and successfully carried out.

But some say it is too noble to fail. The opportunity to accomplish so much good, to confer so great a benefit upon the community, and to acquire such a proud reputation for ourselves, must not pass unimproved.

It is cheaply bought at the price that is asked to secure it. There are few more worthy objects for which $50,000 can be expended than this one, and I will confess my only apprehension about it is that the sum is too small. The plan has no doubt, however, been well matured, and let all our citizens unite in bringing it to a successful consummation, by readily furnishing the amount that is required to do it. When the people of Lancaster make up their minds to do a good and noble deed they do it. They can do it, and what is more they will do it. That's all I have to say.

Dr. J. L. Atlee was next called upon, and made a very able speech, but we have not space for even a synopsis of it. He paid a glowing tribute to the faculty and alumni of Franklin and Marshall College, and thought the sum necessary to make it a Free College would be raised within twenty-four hours.

Mr. Elwood Greist offered the following resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure of the offer made by the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to extend to the city and county of Lancaster, on certain easy conditions, the right of general free tuition in the institution for all time to come; an arrangement which, if completed, will place the means of making College education among us as free as that of our Common Schools.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this meeting, the object thus proposed is of the greatest local importance for our city and county; while the offer of the College Trustees, also, in regard to it is eminently liberal, and such as ought to be received with general favor.

3. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as only *Fifteen Thousand Dollars* are required to make the measure at once complete for Lancaster city and township, the money, at the same time all going directly to increase the efficiency and worth of the College itself, whose free use it is to secure, it is hereby earnestly recommended that a vigorous and united effort be made in the place to raise this amount, in co-operation with the special agency now engaged and at work for the purpose in behalf of the College.

4. *Resolved*, That the Presidents of the Common School Board and of Franklin and Marshall College be instructed to appoint a joint committee, whose business it shall be, in conjunction with the agent, to call on the citizens of the city and township and solicit subscriptions to the extent of $15,000, needed to carry into full effect this great public measure.

Dr. Nevin made some further remarks, during which he said that the proposition to make the college free and advance its usefulness, was very dear to his heart. He had for years done all in his power to further the interests of the institution by his labor and his means. He intended henceforth to make it the business of his life. He had already subscribed $500 to the fund to secure free tuition in the College, and he now felt it to be his duty to double his description. (Applause.) He could conceive of no more worthy purpose to which men of means could devote a portion of their fortune.

Dr. Atlee said that in help along this cause he would subscribe $500. (Applause.)

Judge Hayes made a few remarks, expressing his regret at the comparatively small number present, when the object in view should have crowded the Court-House. He felt sure there would be no difficulty in raising the necessary fifteen thousand dollars. The Committee on Collections had been appointed by the Presidents of the College and School-Board. The citizens would be found to respond liberally, and he would do his share.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

ROAD VIEWERS APPOINTED AT APRIL SESSIONS.—To view and lay out a road in Earl township: E. G. Groff, Esq., Levi Hoover and James Diller, all of Earl township.

To view and lay out a road in Salisbury township: R. N. Morton, Thomas McNeil and Nathaniel Ellmaker.

To view and vacate a road in Salisbury township and lay out another in lieu thereof: Robert S. McIlvain, Robert Baldwin and Joshua Linville, all of Salisbury twp.

To view and lay out a road in West Lampeter township: Henry Miller, Aldus C. Herr and Levi Huber, all of West Lampeter township.

To view and vacate part of a road in Providence township: Hon. John Strohm, John Wilson and Isaac Groff, all of Providence township.

To view and vacate a road in Bart township, and lay out another in lieu thereof: David Grosey, Henry Pownall and Wm. Ferree.

To view and lay out a private road in Conestoga township: Casper Hiller, Jacob Fehl, Esq., and Samuel Harnish, all of Conestoga township.

To view and lay out a private road in Rapho township: Geo. W. Mehaffey and Samuel Hiestand, of the borough of Marietta, and Jacob M. Grider, of West Hempfield township.

To view and lay out a street in the borough of Mount Joy: Samuel C. Patterson, A. N. Cassel and Christian Grider.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A sad accident resulting in the instantaneous death of Abraham J. Will, occurred Monday forenoon about 9 o'clock, in Pequea township, near New Danville. He was in the employ of Mr. C. M. Herr, and engaged in hauling stones for the Lancaster and New Danville Turnpike, and while going down a small hill, something connected with the rubber lock of the wagon broke, precipitating the wagon suddenly forward, causing the horses to run. It is supposed that in trying to stop the horses he was caught between the saddle horse and a fence-post which leaned towards the road. The lower part of the breast-bone was crushed in, and he was injured about the region of the heart. A woman near whose house the accident happened, saw it and gave the alarm, but when he was reached life was extinct. He was about 17 years old, a son of Mr. Henry Will, residing on the farm of Jacob L. Hess. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mr. Hess to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Deceased was a promising young man, of unusual physical development, and his death occasions much sorr