

PLYMOUTH CHURCH

Elaborate Project Is Now Well Under Way to Honor Brooklyn's Great Preacher. Museum for Relics.

BEECHER MEMORIAL

A New Parish Building, a Park and a Second Statue Planned—Beecher's Old Pulpit Chair.



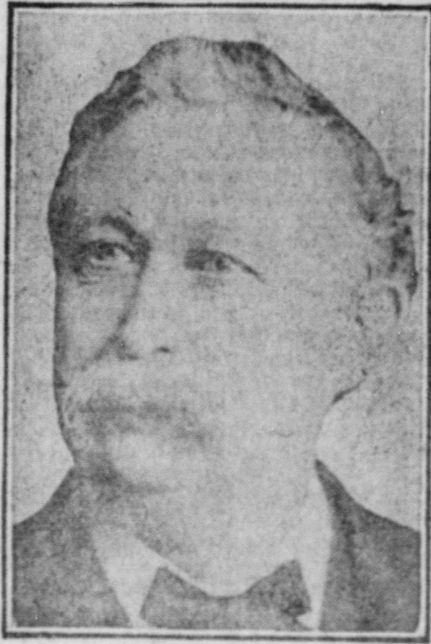
REV. DR. NEWELL D. HILLIS.

It is about five years since the long cherished dream of friends of Henry Ward Beecher regarding a suitable memorial to the great Brooklyn preacher began to take tangible form. It is over twenty years since Mr. Beecher's death. In the winter of 1903 a mass meeting was held in the old Brooklyn Academy of Music, since burned, at which the ideas of the promoters of the memorial were submitted to the public. Addresses were made by ex-President Grover Cleveland, Mayor Seth Low and other noted men, friends or admirers of the man who did so much in the course of his remarkable career for the cause of human liberty and liberal ideas. This meeting gave the project a good start. About one-half of the desired sum of \$200,000 has since been raised, and some features of the proposed memorial have already been transferred from the realm of fancy to that of fact. Among the latter are the memorial windows depicting scenes in the history of the Puritans which were recently unveiled in Plymouth church, the scene of most of Mr. Beecher's ministry.

The memorial project has several phases. It is proposed to erect on a plot adjoining Plymouth church a fine parish building to be a center of work for the large population in the vicinity of the church. It will contain library, gymnasium, club and society rooms and a large auditorium for public meetings and lectures. One of its rooms will be a museum for souvenirs and relics connected with the history of Mr. Beecher and his family. A crypt will

career of Henry Ward Beecher in Brooklyn."

At the time Dr. Hillis wrote these words the memorial project had not taken definite form, but the authorities decided not to acquire the land for the purpose proposed, and fortunately it was thus left for use as the site of the memorial building. To carry out all the features of the plan will require some little time. Meanwhile the objects associated with Mr. Beecher's life work are being collected with the view of placing them in the museum

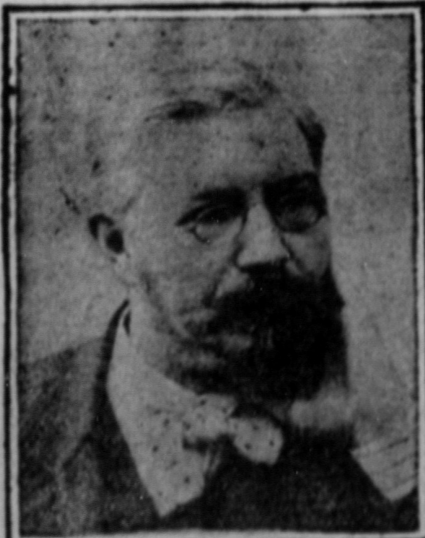


GENERAL HORATIO C. KING.

or memorial room when it is completed. Prominent in this work is General Horatio C. King, one of Brooklyn's first citizens, a lifelong friend of Mr. Beecher and noted as civil war veteran, lawyer, orator, musical composer, writer, lecturer and after dinner speaker. He has in his own home numerous articles once owned by Mr. Beecher or in some way associated with his career. When the stained glass windows illustrating the history of the Puritans and their influence upon American institutions were dedicated in the old church recently those who attended the service noted on the platform a chair which to many had a familiar guise. It was the old chair which the freed of the slave and the exponent of freedom of thought in religious matters occupied in the pulpit for twenty years previous to 1869. It was in the latter year that the present pulpit and pulpit furniture were placed in the church. They were made out of a tree brought from the Mount of Olives, in Palestine, by Moses Beach, once owner of the New York Sun. Twenty years after its removal from the pulpit a search for the old chair once so familiar to attendants at Plymouth was instituted by Stephen M. Griswold, and it was found in the cellar covered with dust and almost crushed beneath the weight of several old and discarded pews. It was rehabilitated and placed temporarily in the Brooklyn Museum of Arts and Sciences. When the memorial room is built it will be placed in it, with the old pulpit desk behind which Mr. Beecher stood on Sundays during the score of years from 1849 to 1869, which formed so eventful a period both in his career and in the history of the nation.

PAUL MILYUKOV.

Leader of Russia's Constitutional Democrats and His American Visit. Professor Paul Milyoukov, who came to the United States in the interest of the liberal movement in Russia, is the leader of the Constitutional Democrats in the douma, Russia's new parliament. By many he is regarded as the man entitled to chief credit for the fact that Russia has today a body which is entitled to some voice at least in the government of the empire. He is not a revolutionist and supports the throne, but advocates a limited monarchy like that of England. He is the



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editor of the Retch, the chief organ of his party, and has been in prison three times because of his liberal views. He was formerly professor of history in the University of Moscow, but was removed because of the liberal ideas he taught the students and was banished to Bulgaria, where he became a professor in the University of Sofia.

Secretary to The President.

The Office Has Been a Stepping Stone to Higher Honors—The Case of William Loeb, Jr.

THE position of secretary to the president has come to be regarded as a stepping stone to higher honors or more lucrative posts. George B. Cortelyou stepped from this position to that of first secretary of the new department of commerce and labor, later becoming postmaster general and then being promoted still further to the highly important post of secretary of the treasury, one of the most honorable in the gift of the chief magistrate. Mr. Cortelyou is now in the list of presidential possibilities.

Dan Lamont, as everybody used to call him, stepped from the position of private secretary to that of secretary of war in the cabinet of President Cleveland. Retiring from political life, he became a street railway magnate and when he died was worth millions. William Loeb, Jr., has been President Roosevelt's secretary since Mr. Cortelyou, in 1903, surrendered the post to accept a higher one. He was secretary to Mr. Roosevelt when the latter was in the executive chair at Albany, just as Colonel Lamont was secretary to Mr. Cleveland when our only ex-president was governor of the Empire State. When Mr. Roosevelt became vice president Mr. Loeb continued as his private secretary and on his accession to the presidency became assistant secretary to the president, serving under Mr. Cortelyou at first and thus demonstrating his ability to fill a higher position when the latter's promotion left a vacancy.

Mr. Loeb's tact has sometimes been questioned. But a man cannot always please everybody in a post so trying as that of secretary to the nation's presiding officer. The fact that for five years he has stood off those who like to take the president's valuable time unnecessarily and has made few enemies proves him a man of diplomacy. To help Mr. Roosevelt in the preparation of his 30,000 word messages, not to mention the voluminous state papers and correspondence of every description incident to the daily routine at the White House or the interviews and statements given out to the numerous press correspondents at the capital, requires no small amount of executive ability. There has been talk recently to the effect that Mr. Loeb would leave Mr. Roosevelt's service before long in order to take up duties as head of a Washington traction corporation. There has also been gossip about the probability of his

being promoted to the cabinet the next time a vacancy occurs.

Mr. Loeb draws the comparatively modest sum of \$5,000 a year as secretary to the president. It has been said that he might now be receiving \$25,000 a year instead of \$5,000 if he were doing the same work for a corporation that he is doing for Mr. Roosevelt and the nation, for he is a sort of "deputy president." Mr. Roosevelt himself is a tremendous worker. But he could hardly accomplish what he does were he not seconded in his efforts by a man who is able to be his second self, who is able, like himself, to lead a strenuous life, to stand as a buffer between the chief executive and a thousand and one persons and things pressing upon him and in danger of leaving him no time or energy for his most important duties.

Secretary Loeb is at his work so early and so late that he does not have much time for exercise, yet he keeps up to the mark physically and at forty-one is a good specimen of robust manhood. His favorite method of getting air and exercise is horseback riding, in which he indulges as often as he can. Though he calls himself only a "park rider," he can do a few tricks in that line as well as the president. When he was making preparations for his first trip with Mr. Roosevelt on a hunting expedition he heard the guides planning to give him for a mount a horse that in trotting would have shaken one of the pyramids from its foundations. But Loeb never gave the nag a chance to trot. He hoped all the way to the president's camp and all the way back again, and the guides had to



WILLIAM LOEB, JR.

lope too. This programme was repeated day after day until the guides were so sore they could hardly walk. One of them went to the secretary and said:

"We picked you for a tenderfoot, but you ain't none. We're the tenderfoot, and if you'll just ride this other hoss and let him trot we'll be much obliged." Loeb sticks closer to his chief than a brother. Vacations for him are few and far between. When he married

the charming Miss Katherine Dorr of Albany the president could spare him less than a week for his wedding trip. After he brought his bride to Washington he tried on three successive evenings to take her to the theater to see a play they both desired especially to witness. Each time an emergency called him back to the White House before he reached the theater door. Yet when asked awhile ago how he liked his office the secretary promptly replied:

"Best of anything I ever did. Wouldn't trade it for any job under the government."

Her Position.

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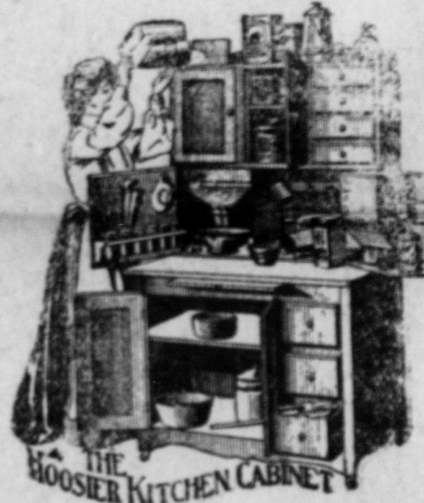
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