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An American Lectureship, at Cambridge.

(From the European Times, Feb. 17th.)
The proposal of Mr. Henry Yates Thompson, M. A., for the establishment and equipment of a lectureship in American literature at Cambridge University, afforded the chief matter of university discussion during the past fortnight. The terms of Mr. Thompson's proposition have already been published in these columns, and it is therefore unnecessary to repeat them. The acceptance of Mr. Thompson's offer, having received the approval of the council of the senate, a grace proposing its adoption also received the sanction of the council; but Mr. Vice-Chancellor called a meeting of the university in the Arts School for Saturday afternoon, so that the subject might be well ventilated and opportunity given for the expression of opinions pro and con in this matter. That the subject excited unusual interest was evidenced by the "fly sheets" published, the most important of which was one by the Professor of Modern History, Professor Kingsley. It was felt that Prof. Kingsley's opinion was the one necessary, and it was delivered as under:

"I trust that it will not be considered as impertinent if I, as Professor of Modern History, address a few words on this matter to the Masters of Arts in this University. My own wish is, that the proposal be accepted as frankly as it has been at Harvard University—an offshoot, practically of our own university—is a body so distinguished, that any proposition coming from it deserves the most respectful consideration; and an offer of this kind, on their part, is to be looked on as a very graceful compliment. The objections are obvious, but after looking them through fairly as they suggested themselves to me, I find that they are fully met by Mr. Thompson's own conditions, by the Vice-Chancellor's vote, and by the clause empowering either university to put an American lecturer in when they like. But they are best met by the character of Harvard University itself. Its rulers, learned and high-minded gentlemen, painfully aware of our general ignorance, about them, and honorably anxious to prove themselves (what they are) our equals in civilization, will take care to send us the very best man whom they can find; and no one person suggests himself to my mind, whom if they choose (as they would be very likely to choose) I would gladly welcome as my own instructor in the history of our country. I should myself the honor of lecturing in this University on the History of the United States, I became painfully aware how little was known, and how little was known, on the subject. This great want has been since supplied by a large addition to the University library of American literature. I think it most important, like I should have further removed by the presence among us of an American gentleman. If there should be, in any mind, the fear that this University should be 'Americanized' or 'democratized,' they should remember that this proposal comes from the representatives of that class in America which regards England most with love and respect; which feels in increasing measure, and which is swamped by the lower elements of a vast democracy; which has of late years withdrawn more and more from public life, in order to preserve its own position; which has of late years which now holds out the right hand of fellowship to us, as one of the most conservative bodies in this country, because it feels itself a part of the general life of the country, and looks to us for just recognition in that character. It is morally impossible that such men should go out of their way to promote a revolution which would overthrow principles against which they are honorably struggling at home. And if there be (as there is) an attempt going on just now to 'Americanize' England, it is a part of certain Englishmen, a better part, against such a scheme can be devised than to teach the educated young men of England to think as we do, and to be patriotic to us, when they hear the truth from worthy American lips, and judge for themselves. But I deprecate the introducing into this question any names drawn from general American politics, or managers. We have no more right to judge of Mr. Harvard by our notions of the New York Herald, or the Black Republican, than they have to judge of us by their notions of Reynolds's Mysteries of London, or Bell's Life. It is simply a question between two dignified and learned bodies. Let it remain between them. There are as great differences of civilization, rank, learning, opinions, manners in America as in England; and if we are not yet convinced of that, let us refer to the fact that a highly educated American gentleman should come hither and prove it. Of the general importance of the scheme of the great necessity of it, we have no need to know as much as possible of a country destined to be the greatest in the world, I shall little. I shall only ask, if in the second century before Christ, the Roman Republic had offered to send a lecturer to Athens, that he might teach Greek gentlemen of what manner of men this new Italian power was composed, what were their aims, what were their intentions, and their notion of their own duty and destiny—would Athens have been wise or foolish in accepting the offer? In conclusion, I allude to one argument, which, in my course have no weight with the university in question of right and wrong, but which may weigh in our minds. The Vice-Chancellor's expediency. If we decline this offer, we shall give offence, not of course to gentlemen like the rulers of Harvard, but to thousands who are not so well informed as they do for our own Cambridge, and who are as sensitive people like the Americans, instinct with national feeling, among whom news is spread far more rapidly than in England, will be but likely to take up our offer as a national insult. The lower portion of the American press will be too likely to misrepresent and vilify our motives; and a fresh senseless hatred, and a party spirit may be caused (by no real fault of our own) at the very time when we should be doing all in our power to promote mutual good-will and good understanding."
"C. KINGSLEY."

This paper was generally accepted as exhaustive of the subject; but nevertheless there was a lingering feeling of opposition, and a numerously attended meeting in the Arts School was the consequence, the opponents of the scheme, however, constituting a very small minority. The Vice-Chancellor presided, and amongst those present were the Rev. the Master of St. John's, the Master of Trinity Hall, Mr. Public Orator, Professors Light, Thompson, and Babington, Mr. Ferrers (Clerk), Mr. Phear (Emm.), Mr. Gray (Trinity), Mr. Martin (Sydney), Mr. Dodd (Magd.), &c., in all about fifty.

TRIAL OF ANOTHER ANDERSONVILLE PRISON SAVANNAH, Ga., March 3.—W. Duncan, an officer of the Commissary Department at Andersonville, was assigned before the Military Commission yesterday to the charge of murder, robbery and cruel treatment of Union prisoners. The prisoner was a suffering and emaciated man, who will be sent for trial in a few days. The trial will probably commence in a week or ten days. Several of the former prisoners at Andersonville, witnesses in the Wirt trial, have already arrived.

THE INSTRUMENTS FOR THE NEW TELEGRAPH LINE between Columbia and Reading, Pa., were put in the use of the Reading and Columbia Railroad Company, but at the same time it will accommodate the public, and transmit messages to all parts of the United States and Canada.

CITY BULLETIN.

DEATH OF A VENERABLE MERCHANT.—Our obituary columns have contained the announcement of the death of Mr. James Martin, the oldest commission merchant in the city. He died on Saturday, at his residence, in his 73rd year. Mr. Martin had long been connected with the firm of Thomas & Martin, the well-known Front Street commission merchants. He was a director of the United States Bank, and once elected President, but declined to serve. In the early days of the Bank of Pennsylvania he was a director of that institution. In every relation of life Mr. Martin was a sterling gentleman, an enterprising citizen and a merchant whose record was of the highest and most honorable character. In his death Philadelphia has lost a citizen of whose reputation she might well be proud.

PERSONAL.—Our young fellow citizen, Dr. Henry B. Butcher, has received an appointment as Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., and sailed a few days since for Galveston, by way of New Orleans, on a "scientific expedition" to the frontiers of Texas. The Doctor is one of four brothers who in 1861 took the field against rebellion, and took conspicuous positions in the Army of the Potomac, he then being Captain of Company H, 9th Pennsylvania Volunteers. In the spring of 1863 he resigned his position on account of ill-health, but soon afterwards served again as Assistant Surgeon, and was assigned to duty at Harewood General Hospital, Washington, D. C., where he remained until the close of the rebellion. He however, has now entered upon a new scene of action and we wish him success.

IMMENSE SALE OF MIRRORS.—One of the finest sights we have seen for a long time was at Scott's Art Gallery, 1020 Chestnut street, last Saturday evening. Both sides of the store were lined with mirrors of a small, medium and large size, of the finest quality, mounted in gold, walnut and rosewood frames. These mirrors were manufactured expressly for the occasion, and were about to be sold, without reserve, on Thursday morning, the 8th inst., at 10 o'clock. The above are from the well-known establishments of H. C. Campbell, E. Newland & Co., and J. B. Reiskauf.

DISTRESSING CASE OF SUICIDE.—A young man named Edward Birch was found yesterday afternoon hanging in the loft of the stable in the rear of his house, No. 317 Shippen street. He had been in the navy and had been engaged in a long and arduous career. He had been married and endeavored to procure employment in the Navy Yard and at other places, but was disappointed. On Saturday afternoon he told his wife that he was going to New York and left the house. He was not seen again until his dead body was found in the stable. He had fastened one end of a rope to a beam and after adjusting the other around his neck, jumped from a barrel. Coroner Taylor held an inquest in the case yesterday afternoon.

CORSETS AT REDUCED PRICES.—Great reductions.—Mr. John M. Finn will open to day a sale of his "Venus Corsets," at prices far below the retail rates. French corsets, at 40 per pair. French whalebone corsets, at 75 per pair. French corsets, at 50 per pair. First quality, embroidered top, at 40 per pair. Remember the name, Southeast Corner of Arch and Chestnut streets, and by druggists and dealers in toilet articles.

DELICIOUS JAVA COFFEE.—For sale by MITCHELL & FLETCHER, 140 Chestnut street, between Second and Third streets.

THE FENIANS.—A meeting of a number of the Fenian Circles was held on Saturday evening at Twelfth and Chestnut streets. The result was the adoption of a resolution "all true Irishmen at once drop all minor considerations and assist their struggling brethren in Ireland to open their prison doors, and to send them such supplies of aid as will enable them to overthrow their enemies." A grand demonstration will be made to-morrow evening in front of Independence Hall, by several hundred members of the F. B. are announced to deliver addresses.

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ALLEGED LOTTERY DEALERS.—Alderman Lutz has held to bail the following named persons, to answer the charge of selling lottery tickets: Daniel Shuman, Thomas Britton, Cooper McClain, Benjamin Young, Joseph Harper, Henry Perry, Henry Will, James Joseph Gallagher, Irvin Porter, John Hollick, Pauline Snyder, Frederick Renner and Rosine Fultz. John J. Collins and Alfred Bamber were held by the same Alderman as principals in the business.

THE FINEST CARAMELS and Roasted Almonds are those manufactured by E. G. Whitman & Co., 215 Chestnut street. Dealers supplied.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.—Mr. John E. Potter, publisher, was accidentally shot a few days ago, in his office in Sanson street, below Seventh. He was a conversant with General Baker, and when the latter got up from his chair, a revolver dropped from his pocket. The weapon was discharged by the fall, and the ball entered the fleshy part of the leg of Mr. Potter, causing a severe wound.

AUCTION SALE OF DAMAGED GOODS.—On Thursday and Friday the immense stock of James Kent, Santee & Co., will be sold at auction by John B. Myers & Co., at Nos. 232 and 234 Market street. Every description of dry goods, notions, &c., is comprised in the stock, which was slightly damaged by a recent great fire on Third street. See the advertisement.

THE SOUTHERN STEAMSHIP LINE.—The Stockholders of the Southern Mail Steamship Company held an election for directors to-day, with the following result: Henry W. Stephenson, Frederick Collins, James A. Wirt, Stephen Flanagan, Winfield Russell, A. F. Chesbrough, Richard Wood.

ROBBERY AT A SKATING PARK.—One of the houses at the Philadelphia Skating Park was broken open on Saturday. Several coats were rifled and skates, boots, &c., were carried off. A valuable skate belonging to Mr. Yates, and a pair which cost \$140, were among the stolen property.

GRAND FENIAN MEETING.—To-morrow evening, in front of Independence Hall, there will be a grand meeting of the Fenian Irish Nationality, at which Col. O'Mahony and other great Fenian orators will be present. See the advertisement.

NATIONAL UNION CLUB.—We call attention to the advertisement in to-day's paper in relation to the members of the Club who desire to attend the State Convention, at Harrisburg, on Wednesday.

FIRE.—The waste room attached to the cotton and woolen mills of Archibald Campbell & Co., in Manayunk, was burned out about half-past three o'clock yesterday morning. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.

PROFESSIONAL THIEVES.—Jack Powell and Reddy Duncan, professional thieves, were arrested on Saturday, on one of the Second street cars, and were committed over to the custody of the police.

RUN OVER.—Thomas Kelley was run over by a carriage at Ridge avenue and Tenth street last evening and had a leg broken.

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.—The Democratic Convention was held on Saturday evening to nominate candidates for their city ticket. The following named gentlemen were selected: For Mayor Dr. Lorenzo F. Fisher; for Marshal, John Lanning; for Recorder, George W. B. Smith; for City Clerk, John H. Smith; for City Treasurer, John H. Smith; for City Assessor, John H. Smith; for City Engineer, John H. Smith; for City Surveyor, John H. Smith; for City Comptroller, John H. Smith; for City Auditor, John H. Smith; for City Inspector, John H. Smith; for City Commissioner, John H. Smith; for City Councilman, John H. Smith; for City Alderman, John H. Smith; for City Mayor, John H. Smith.

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