## CITY BULLETIN.

MEETING IN DEHALF OF THE FREED-MEN.—A large congregation assembled at St. Luke's P. E. Church, last evening, to participate in the exercises of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Protestant Episcopal Freedmen's Commission. Evening Prayer was read by Rev. R. Heber Newton and Rev. R. B. Smith. Rev. Dr. Howe, Rector of St. Luke's, presided. At the conclusion of prayers, Dr. Howe stated the purposes of of prayers, Dr. Howe stated the purposes of the Society, organized in that church a year ago to send among the freedmen of the South teachers who, while imparting secular education, should lead them to the true knowledge of God. This the Protestant Episcopal Church proposes to do, and called upon its congregations and all sympathizing Christians for their contributions and their prayers. He wished it distinctly understood that it was the purpose of the Society to treat the freedmen, not as if they were mere serfs to be remanded into a condition of semi-slayery, but as men who were free indeed, slavery, but as men who were free indeed, and before whom there was now a wide door and an open field, and a scope for improve-ment and elevation, only to be limited by their own capacity for mental and moral

their own capacity for mental and moral development.

Rev. Dr. Newton made an address in his most felicitous and telling style. He said that we were to go to the Bible for all our best illustrations of good things, and he cited two cases from the Old and New Testament to illustrate the negro's loyalty to right, and his capacity for acquiring the truth. His sketch of Ebed Melech, the Ethiopian who was alone faithful and loyal to the persecuted servant of God, Jeremiah, was given with great force and eloquence, and the parallel between him and the modern slaves in their ministry to our loyal soldiers at the their ministry to our loyal soldiers at the South, was capitally sustained. His second soluti, was capitally sustained. This second illustration, drawn from the Ethiopian eunuch, of their simple, unquestioning thirst for the truth, was equally happy. Dr. Newton concluded with a forcible application of the well-known story of Michael Angelo finding "an angel" in the unlewn block of marble, buried amid rubbish and dirt. Rev. Dr. Watson declared his belief that

on the fulfillment of the duties of educating and Christianizing the freedmen, depended the present and future prosperity of our na-tion. Thus we would see a nation born, not

in a century, but in a day.

Major General O. O. Howard next addressed the meeting. He said: I have been deeply interested in the remarks made by the clergymen who have preceded me, and as I have learned the fact that as a rule the people of this country are as far advanced as their teachers, I hardly think there is much need of urging this subject further. I would heartly say Amen to all that has been said, and yet I think I detect a spirit in what has been said here this even-ing that needs to be corrected. It will not do for us to look upon these freedmen from too high a stand-point. We must not arrogate to ourselves everything and regard them as having nothing. We must not hold ourselves as the highest and them as the lowest of all God's creation. If it were so, it would still be our data following our Lord's expense. still be our duty, following our Lord's example, to labor to raise them to our level. But I have been among them so much that I cannot but think that you have yet to learn somewhat about them. Morally, perhaps, they are not so much degraded as some may think. In the neighborhood of Beaufort. S C, these people were as poor and ignorant as they are anywhere, and yet when our forces first advanced in that direction, and the booming of our big guns first reached their ears, the slaves on those plantations met together and prayed all through the

long night for our victory. Did any of you do better than that? Whenever go before audiences of these colored cople, and explain to them the principles and purposes of our work among them, there is not a single sentiment that I express, that they do not earnestly and heartily en-dorse, We have something to learn ourdorse, We nave summany selves in this matter. There is undoubtedly selves in this matter. There is undoubtedly superstition, ignorance, false teaching and the want of any literature among them, but we have oppressed and degraded and mal-treated them. We are not, as a people, yet fully ready to come forward and receive them, to take them by the hand and recognize them as our brothers. This prejudice must be overcome before we can hope to see them rise. They are poor and helpless, not because they have not worked all their lives, but because they have had no return for their toil. Perhaps it is better that they should be "God's poor," that christian men and women maylearn their duty by them. They need everything, aid, sympathy, care, education, and our plain duty is to spare no effort, to exert every energy in their behalf. But we are asked, "why does not the Government take care of them?" The Government is doing much, but its work has been very im-perfectly understood. The Freedmen's Bureau has been regarded as a mere insti-

tution for feeding poor people. Not so. It was established to give practical information to the freedmen of the fact that they were free. Next it was designed to protect them in their new found liberty, and next to afford them such relief as they need, not merely in giving them rations, but in teaching them how to support themselves and to make themselves men. Another important work was to transport them from points where they had accumulated, to places where they could find employment. In Washington alone 27,000 freedmen had In Washington alone 27,000 freedmen had accumulated, while there was not employment for 15,000. We have already transported 6,000 of these to other desirable points. Then there was the great work of their education. Our schools followed our armies, and their success has been wonderful, far exceeding the efforts of France or England in their emancipated colonies. Already 150,000 children ore in colonies. Already 150,000 children are in our schools, and colored soldiers and other adults are rapidly preparing in their turn to instruct the more ignorant of their own race. What has already been done must be multiplied tenfold, and this is the work your organizations have before them.

But I am continually asked about the feeling at the South in regard to this work. I should be false if I were to say that the South holds back entirely from it. There are noble men there who have taken me by the hand and are ready to do all they can to help us, and I am glad and thankful for it. Your own Bishop of Virginia has shown great interest in the work, and I have had long conversations with him concerning it.
But with regard to the general feeling at the
South, it is not that good Christian
people there do not wish to have the colored population educated, but they say they do not want the work done by Yankees. They stick to the idea that they are hostile to their interests and wish to create divisions between them and their former slaves. They imagine that our Northern teachers will only stir up strife. This is their idea, but the very contrary is the truth. The teachers that have been sent out are, for the most part, noble, pure, high-minded Christian men and women. In many places they have been received with freezing colds, refused all white association, and compelled to confine themselves entirely to the society of the people among whom they have gone to labor. But they are enduring everything, and have stayed at their posts in spite of all discouragement. You ask, "Is spite of all discouragement. You ask, "is this what we are to expect for our teachers?" I tell you that it is, and must be, so as long as this false idea exists at the South. We must remember that they have been trained up to believe that slavery was right, and they have not yet got over that idea. They know that we came among them with different idea, and they cannot yet about ifferent idea, and they cannot yet aban-a their old prejudices.

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Here General Howard read an extract a a letter from one of the teachers, attended the present want of sympathy tods the operations of the Freedmen's mmission at the South.)
He continued: I want to look this fact

quare in the face and see it as it is. I believe that the majority in all the Southern States eel in this way, and the time has not ye come when we can safely commit this important trust entirely into their hands. The great need now is for normal schools. The great need now is for normal schools. The colored people of the South must have their own teachers raised up among them, and in no way can the regeneration of the whole race be so speedily effected. They are capable of high intellectual attainment, as you have so well demonstrated in your own city. Send them all the good teachers you can and as long as you can continue to do it. Send a good loyal-hearted woman into any part of the South, a woman who has been earnestly loyal all through the war,

has been earnestly loyal all through the war, and no matter what reception she meets with, she will stay. If she can get no other protection and assistance the colored people themselves will protect and assist her. Many of our best teachers now in the field have gone from the best families of the North Often heted and correcined by all North. Often hated and ostracized by all around them, but with hearts on fire with a true love for the Master's cause. The work is a Christian work and must be done by Christian teachers. Send an infidel to do such a work and how long do you think ne will stay?

I have been careful not to say anything in favor of one organization over another. I had hoped that all the various Commissions might have been concentrated in one grand organization, but this seems imposgrand organization, but this seems impossible. Now that the Episcopal Church has taken hold of the work I hope much from it. It is strong, wealthy and able to do a great work. If the same liberality is now extended which was displayed by its members all through the war, instead of 150,000 scholars in our schools, we shall soon have four or five times that number. Your Com-mission has my entire confidence. Give freely and confidently of your means and there will be a great impulse given to the

It may be inappropriate for me as an humble layman to say much of the Christian character of this whole mission, but my great strength in the country has been in the sympathies and prayers of Christian people. We dare not confine our views to the mere material education and administration of the colored people, but we vancement of the colored people; but we must look beyond this life for a full understanding of our responsibilities. Our present life is but a preparation for a future eternity and we are bound to work in the Master's cause with all the energies God has given us. Not white men alone, but red and black and men of every hue will stand together before the bar of God, and we must there meet face to face those who we must here here face to face those who have here been committed to our care. Let us as a people and in view of this solemn eternity ask ourselves soberly and with prayer, as before God, "Are we doing our whole duty towards the colored people of this land?"

Rev. Brinton Smith, Secretary, stated that the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey had lately been erected into a special department, with Philadelphia as a headquarter, styled the Pennsylvania Branch of the Freedmen's Aid Society. Their object was to fit the freedmen to be men, capable of wielding the talents God had given them. The Society was not fitting them for serfdom, but for equal man

The meeting closed with a collection in aid of the noble undertaking.

CONCERNING POLYNESIA.- M. Quatrefages has just published a book on "The Polynesians and their Migrations." His conclusions are these The Polynesians were not created on the spot. No: And they the last remains of pre-existing pepulations, voluntary migrations have brought them into the archipelago of Oceanica. From their type, we may gather their origin, it is to be found in the Asiatic archipelago. In some of these migrations they would fall in with some families of the black race, who might have been cast away on the same island by the chances of the sea. He considers that none of these nigrations are of a date anterior to the first Olympiad: and the great majority occurred about the commence ment of our epoch." These facts are interesting and so is the fact that the best and cheapest coal in Philadelphia is sold by W. W. Alter, 957 North Ninth

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