## OITY BULLETIN.

Institute con Colonico Yourus, The fifteenth Annual Commencement of this institution took: place last week, Thursday and Friday, and de-Annual Commencement of this institution complace last week, Thursday and Friday, and deplace last week, Thursday and Friday, and degree the force that a passing notice. This Institute or High School for our colored youths was incorporated under the laws of our Commonwealth in 1842—the corporators being exclusively members of the Orthodox branch of the Society of Friends. It was not, however, opened as a High School until 1851. Within the past two years the corporation have purchased the fine location opposite Ronsidson's cemetery, in Shippon street, west of Ninth street, upon which they have erected a commoditions three story brick building, which is in no way inferior in size, appearance or modern conveniences or appliances to our best and most costly school structures. The number of pupils in attendance is about two hundred, about sixty per cent being girls. The pupils' ages range between eleven, and twenty years—none being admitted under the former age. The course of study is, in the main, the same as that of our Central High School. The fund of the Institute, derived from contributions and bequests made almost entirely by members of the Society of Friends, amounts in the aggregate, including value of property occupied for the chool for about one hundred and fifty thousand cluding value of property occupied for the school to about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. There are eight teachers employed, four of each sex, and all colored. The present Priu-cipal Mr. E. D. Bassett, has been twelve years

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The first day of the fifteenth annual commencement was devoted to a public examination of classes at the Institute Builting. The attendance was large, and among the audience we noticed some of our most distinguished citizens. Classes were publicly examined in the usual English branches—arithmetic, grammar, geography, etc.; in geometry, trigonometry, plane and spherical, in the Latin of Cicero's orations, Virgil's Abacid, and Gesar's Bellum Gallicum, and in the Greek of Xenophon's Anabasis and the Greek Reader, etc. In nearly every instance the pupils acquitted themselves well, and questions from the audience were repeatedly solicited by the Principal. At the conclusion of these exercises, prizes were presented by Mr. Marmaduke C. Cope, Secretary of the corporation, as follows:

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Pliny I. Locker and Sarah L. Iredell. \$15 cach for excellence in the Greek and Latin languages.

J. Wm. Cole and Frazelia Campbell, \$15 cach — the Mathematical prize.

Eugene R. Belcher and Lucretia C. Miller \$15 cach — the English prize.

Richard E. De R. Venning and Olivia A. Carney, \$10 cach — prize for diligence, good conduct and general excellence.

There were also awarded "honorary prizes" of \$5 cach to Horace F. Owens, George W. Potter, Charles N. Thomas, Narcissa George, Laura H. Iredell and Mary J. Hawkins. A list of ten boys and eighteen girls was read as including the names of those entitled to "honorable mention."

The oratorical exercises took place at National Hall, on Friday evening. Although none were admitted except by tickets, gratultously distributed by the teachers and managers, the large Hall was crowded in every part by an intelligent and interested audience, about one-fourth of whom was of our white citizens. The exercises opened

interested audience, about one-fourth of whom was of our white citizens. The exercises opened with a Latin salutatory, by Pliny I. Locke, which was prettily and gracefully delivered. "The Future of Italy," by Miss Sarah L. Iredel; "The Popularity of Queen Elizabeth," by Miss Frazelia Campbell; "The Divina Comedia," by Fanny V. Camp, were all well received, and evinced much breadth of thought and literary taste. A couple of spicy

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the valedictory were rather limpid. But, as a whole, the exercises were exceedingly finteresting, and were in no way inferior to the communement exercises of our Central High School for boys, or other institutions of similar grade. At the conclusion, Prof. Henry Hartshorae, one of the Board of Managers, presented diplomas to J. Wm. Cole, Pliny I. Locke, Toussaint I. Martin, Horace F. Owens, Richard E. De R. Venning, Frazelis Campbell and Sarah L. Iredell, who make the number of the Alumni of the institute about fifty.

RECEIPTS OF THE THEATRES.—The following shows the gross receipts at the various places of amusements in this city during this year, up to Dec. 1, as officially reported to the Assessors of Internal Revenue:
Walaut Street Theatre...
New Chesinut

Arch Street Theatre.
Caracras & Dixcy's Minstrels.
New Amorican Theatre.
New Beyenth Street Opera House. Street Opera House was not opened until September 18.

The receipts of the different lessees of the Aca-

demy of Music were as follows:

January. A. Birgfeld.

February | Japanese Troupe

April. Benefit Charles Durang. Japanese Troupe
Benefit Charles Durang
Hichings Opera
Gara Wolfsohn
Benefit Barton Hill
Mrs. & W. Lander
Benefit George Hood
Benefit O. Marlowe
Leonard Grover
Closed.
T. Black Crook:
J. Grau (Ristori),
J. Richings Opera

Oct. 28 to Richings' Opera....

PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET, Dec.23,1867. The cattle market was very dull this week, but prices were without any material change. About

prices were without any material change. About 2,100 head arrived and sold at 9%@10c. per pound gross, for extra Pennsylvania and Westera steers, 7@9c. for fair to good do., and 4@6c. per pound gross for common, as to quality. The following are the particulars of the sales.

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110 Own Smith, Western, grs. 6%@9% 100 A. Christy & Bros., Western, grs. 84@9% 100 A. Christy & Bros., Western, grs. 86@9% 100 Heatin, Fuller, Western, grs. 86@9% 100 Mooney & Bro., grs. 100 Mooney

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL.

-The Continental Hotel made a narrow escape from destruction on Saturday night. A gas light from destruction on Saturday night. A gas light in the kitchen department of the hotel set fire to the adjacent woodwork. The flames worked their way between the ceiling and floor, and continued to burn stubbornly for upwards of half an hour. A stream of water from a hydrant in the building was poured through a hole cut in the flooring, and it was not until the space had been flooded that the flames yielded. Many of the employes of the hotel, who slept in the rooms over this part of the building, had retired, and the consternation among them was for a few minutes very great. But few of the guests were aware of the fire having occurred.

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DEATH OF AN AGRD WOMAN.-Jane Moulden, s colored woman, residing at No. 508 Hirst street, died yesterday at the advanced age of 100 years.

A VISITING FIREMEN'S DELEGATION .- A .... mittee of the Hope Engine Company, No. 17, will leave this city on Friday next, for Boston, taking with them a massive frame containing the like-nesses of those members who participated in the excursion to that city last summer. The frame was made by Mr. Ehrenburg, Second street, above Catharine, and the photographs by Groom, 270 South Second street. The frame will be on exhibition in Passyunk road, opposite Monroe treet.

SUPPOSED ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY. Frank Donohue was arrested at Broad and Olive streets, upon the charge of attempted burglary. He and another man went into the cellar of the West End Hotel, kept by Wm. Quaney, at the southeast corner of the streets named. The police observed the movements of the men and captured Donohue. His companion escaped, not with randing three or, four shots were fired at him. The prisoner was taken before Ald, Fitch and was committed.

LOCOMOTIVE ON FIRE, - The locomotive Quaker City, belonging to the P. G. & N. R. R. Co.. was discovered to be on fire last evening bout eight o'clock, in the engine-house at Germantown. Before the flames could be extinguished all the wood-work on the locomotive was destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, as all the fires in the engine were carefully extinguished when she was put up Satruday night.

CIDER. American Cider takes the place, in this locality, of the light and wholesome wines that are so popular in France and Germany, Among the varieties of eider the crab is the most esteemed. Mr. P. J. Jordan, the well-known bet-tler of Pear street, below Third, has on hand a large stock of very superior crab cider, which he furnishes, either bottled or on draught, to his

ALLEGED WIFE BEATER .- Patrick Collins, reiding at Fortieth and Pratt streets, West Philadelphia, was arrested yesterday upon the charge of beating his wife. When Mrs. Collins entered the police station she was covered with blood and showed evidence of a severe beating. Col-lins was committed by Alderman Maule.

CHRISTMAS TREES.-Mr. A. Powell, Florist, has just received some of the prettiest "Christmas Trees" yet seen in this city. He has them nicely placed in suitable boxes, so that they are ready for trimming. The trees can be purchased at the northwest corner of Eleventh and Chestnut, and northwest corner of Ninth and Arch.

Press Club.-A special meeting of the Press Club of Philadelphia will be held to-morrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock, for the transaction of general business, reading of essays, &c. Several new members are to be elected, and the memoir of John Mason Grier. deceased, prepared by Wm. H. Fisher, Jr., will be read.

A HOAX.-The police have thoroughly investigated the report that Wm. O'Hara, of New York had been robbed of \$1,200 at a house near Front and Dock streets, and have concluded that his statement was false, and that he never had that amount of money with him.

SHOPLIFTING, Mary Castor and Ellen Givett, hailing from Chester, were arrested on Saturday while purloining different articles from stores on South street. Alderman Tittermary committed them for trial.

STOLEN GOODS RECOVERED .- A considerable quantity of goods, alleged to have been stolen by Miles McFarland, whose arrest was noticed on Saturday, were recovered this morning at several different pawnbroker establishments.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS .- During last night wenty chickens, two geese and several house hold articles were stolen from the house of Mr. George Ditlow, at Germantown avenue and Township Line road.

OITY NOTICES.

[For Additional Notices See Sixth Page.] No Buyen of Confections can wisely omit an examination of the rich bon-bons and French confections produced at the manufactory of Messrs. Leeds & Haines, No. 906 Market street. The factory is fitted with the most elaborate machinery, and both in quantity and quality its production is excelled by no city in the Union. Messrs. Leeds & Haines supply parties, caterers and the trade to great advantage. STATIONERY.

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