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WEDDING INVITATIONS ENGRAVED IN THE NEWEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL MANNER BY H. H. MOSE AND ENGRAVER, 123 Chestnut Street.

MARRIED. BRUCKNER-SIEMON. In Brooklyn, N. Y., at the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday, January 2nd, 1869, the bride, Mrs. M. A. Siemon, daughter of George H. Siemon, of Philadelphia, to Miss Henrietta, daughter of George H. Siemon, of Philadelphia, Pa. and Miss Marie L. Crawford, daughter of John Crawford, of Philadelphia, Pa.

DIED. BEHLE. This morning, 9th inst., Dora Howell, wife of F. H. Behler, in the 52nd year of her age.

VALUATION OF PERSONAL ESTATE. The report of General Harrison, the Auditor General, just issued, contains the following statement, showing the valuation of Personal Estate in the several counties of the Commonwealth for the year 1868.

BLACK MIXED WATER-PROOF CLOTHS.—JUST received, Black Mixed Water-Proof, at 25 to 35 a yard. Moulting Dry Goods House, 209 Chestnut Street.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES. THIRTY-NINTH & CHESTNUT STREETS. Rev. J. W. Humphries, pastor, will preach on Sunday, January 10th, at 10 o'clock.

ST. ANNE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, N. E. corner Broad and Arch. Rev. Dr. Block, Pastor. Services on Sunday, January 10th, at 10 o'clock.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Washington Square. Rev. Herbert Johnson, D. D., Pastor. Will preach to-morrow at 10 A. M.

EPHRAIM GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, Third and Arch Streets. Rev. J. W. Humphries, Pastor. Will preach to-morrow at 10 A. M.

MADEIRA. Rev. Dr. Block will preach on Sunday, January 10th, at 10 o'clock.

MUCH FORGIVEN. MUCH LOVE.—SERMON by Rev. H. Brown, Pastor, at Loan Square Church, on Monday, January 10th, at 10 o'clock.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SEVENTH and Spring Garden Streets. Professor J. F. Bortz, D. D., will preach to-morrow at 10 A. M.

DAILY UNION PRAYER MEETINGS ARE held on Sunday, January 10th, at 10 o'clock.

FIRST DAY, OR SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY. The annual meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday, January 13th, at 10 o'clock.

ALEXANDER KIRKPATRICK, Secretary.

THE SEVENTH SCHOOL OF EMANUEL M. E. Church, 4th and Arch Streets, will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on Sunday, January 10th, at 10 o'clock.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIANITY IN PENNSYLVANIA will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, January 10th, at 10 o'clock.

SPECIAL NOTICES. ACADEMY OF MUSIC. A STRUGGLE FOR LIFE. MISS ANNA E. DICKINSON, On Friday Evening, January 15th.

THE SOCIETY FOR SUPPLYING THE POOR with clothing, will hold a sale of goods on Monday, January 12th, at 10 o'clock.

A FAIR HIT. The Wilmington Commercial Weekly writes to the Gazette about the whipping-post, saying: "If every one would sweep behind his door the street would be clean."

OFFICE OF THE HAND IN HAND MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 113 South Fourth Street.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26, 1868. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, will be held on Monday, January 12th, at 10 o'clock.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—LECTURES AT CONGRESS HALL, COMMENCING MONDAY, JAN. 11, 1869.

WILLS OF PHARMACY HOSPITAL. HAS ABOVE OFFICE, 127 N. 5TH STREET. Open daily at 11 A. M., for treatment of disease of the eye.

PHILADELPHIA JANUARY 8, 1869. An adjourned meeting of the Commissioners for the Public Health, to be held at 10 o'clock, at the City and County of Philadelphia, at the City and County of Philadelphia, at the City and County of Philadelphia.

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OUR WHOLE COUNTRY.

PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1869.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

DR. NEVIN'S COMMENTARY ON ST. LUKE. "Popular Commentary on the Gospel according to Luke." By Alfred Nevin, D. D., Philadelphia. Published by William Flint.

There are many considerations why a good careful, scholarly yet popular elucidation of the Gospel of St. Luke should be more needed and more successful in interesting the world at large than that of any other book in the Bible.

Settling aside for the moment St. Luke's warm plea and missionary earnestness for the cause he had espoused, there are reasons of history and criticism which make his Gospel the favorite, even with sceptical investigators, among the four great Christian histories. He was probably a heathen convert; if so, with the exception perhaps of Job, the only chronicler outside the pale of Judaism allowed to contribute to the books of the Bible.

He was a scholar, and his style is more elegant, more striking, and more like that of any of the classic historians than that of any other of the Bible authors. He was a physician; this fact, besides indicating his literary cultivation, gives special fullness and interest to his account of the miracles of healing, and makes him dwell with minute attention on the extraordinary births of the Saviour and the Baptist. He has the intellect and method of the compiler; he is the only evangelist who arranges the events of his history in an artistic chronological sequence.

His inspired labors have given us one of the most exquisite of the parables, unrecorded by other evangelists, such as those of the Prodigal Son, Dives and Lazarus, the Pharisee and the Publican. He appreciated Paul, traveled with him, probably cherished and saved that frail bodily constitution for his immense work, and lay with him in prison when Paul told Timothy, just before his martyrdom: "Only Luke is with me."

What Dr. Nevin has done for his author has been to arrange in one handsome octavo volume, I, the text, verse by verse, with parallel passages, II, his Exposition of the Gospel, which is very artistic and taking, with a combination of the archaeological method of Kitz and the moral method of Scott. III, having Sabbath Schools, Daily Lessons, &c., in view, to divide the Gospel into portions of suitable length, with questions, IV, a table to assist in harmonizing the four Gospels, V, another Table, giving the Saviour's life by Chronological Events. VI, an Appendix, with minute details which would have confused the notes.

The book is neatly and conveniently issued, with a map and a good many illustrative cuts. We heartily commend it as one of the very best compromises we have ever seen between Bible criticism, which tears apart, and Bible elucidation, which harmonizes and strengthens.

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OBITUARY.

John Minor Botts. The news of the death of the Hon. John Minor Botts of Virginia flashed along the wires yesterday and filled the whole country with most unfeeling sorrow.

During the passage of the rebellion, when treason in the South was merited and fully a cause of abhorrence, Mr. Botts was one of the noble few who maintained that the act of Secession was not a justifiable one, and that the preservation of the Union was the only course to be pursued.

John Minor Botts was born at Dumfries, Prince Edward County, Virginia, on the 16th of September, 1802. Soon after his birth his parents removed first to Fredericksburg and afterward to Richmond, where they resided in the great congregation of the theatre in 1811.

After the death of his father, he was educated at the early age of 18 was admitted to the bar. After devoting six years to the practice of his profession he retired to his farm, at Henrico, Virginia, and engaged in agricultural pursuits and study.

In 1833 he was elected to the Virginia Legislature, and in 1834, when the Whig party assumed definite form, he became one of its most ardent and prominent supporters.

In 1839 Mr. Botts looked upon the Union as a political union, and he was returned to the Virginia Legislature, and in 1841, when the Whig party became an earnest advocate of most of Henry Clay's measures, among which may be mentioned a protective tariff, and a distribution of the public lands to the general States.

In addition to the political apportion which he advocated Mr. Clay, he was also his warm, personal friend, and to the day of the death of the great Congressman he remained a devoted friend.

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