RELIGIOUS NEWS.

Eastern German Conference.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

The afternoon was taken up by various committees in preparing business for the Conference by carefully considering the many varied interests referred to them. Among these, a special interest is felt in the circulation of their own literature, the *Christian Apologist*, published at Cincinnati, Ohio, under the editorial supervision of Rev. Wm. Nast, D. D., has reached a circulation of sixteen thousand. His able assistants in Rev. A. Lickhart, A. M., the *Sonntags School Bote* has a circulation of over 20,000. The publications of this body are met with all over the Union.

Conference Sermon.—By the appointment of the Bishop, at the preceding Conference, Rev. A. Grimm, of Schenectady, New York, preached before his brethren, Sunday evening, in the church where the Conference convenes. His sermon, a masterly effort, was delivered from II. Timothy, 4th chapter, 5th verse. "Do the work of an Evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." It was, in the judgment of all, one of the best ever preached before the body. A copy was asked for publication.

The brethren in attendance on this Conference have acquitted themselves well, showing their efficiency on the platform as well as in the pulpit. This is the judgment of those who have made admirable addresses at the missionary meeting from Rev. A. C. Wallinger, Rev. Dr. Wolf and Rev. F. Mueller.

Rev. J. W. Freund, a devoted minister, so well known for his loyalty to his country, is the pastor of the church where the Conference meets. His period of service closes, and by the economy of the churches he will be assigned a new field. The church during his pastorate has been completed, it is a suitable block does not exceed, being 65 persons; the membership is 110; the value of the church is $18,000; the parsonage, $8,000. In recent year but they have met all claims, and have averaged from each member $5.

The high esteem for this faithful pastor is seen in the accompanying resolutions, passed by the ministers of the M. E. Church of Philadelphia, in their weekly meeting, and formally presented to the Conference, with addresses by Rev. C. Mc-Cauley, pastor of Tabernacle M. E. Church, and Rev. John W. Jackson, Presiding Elder of M. E. Church:

To the Rev. Bishop Simpson, Presiding, and the Members of the East German Conference—DEAR BRETHREN: The undersigned, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having for the last three years enjoyed intimate relations with the Rev. J. W. Freund, a member of your body, have appointed a committee to express to you their high appreciation of his Christian character and ministerial greeting, their prayerfulness of his continued ministry, their unfailing fraternal and pastoral co-operation, and their efforts to evangelize the increasing German population of this great city.

C. McCAULEY, C. MERRY,
P. COOMBS,
Committee.
J. WALKER JACKSON, President.
J. F. MEMINGER, Secretary.
April 8th, 1869.

The Rev. W. H. Pearne, a member of the Tennessee Conference, has been appointed to the Superintendent of Police in Memphis.

At Amoy, China, there are now eight churches, under the care of the Reformed (Dutch) Church.

One of the editors of the Washington said in a religious meeting recently that there never before was such a corrupt collection of men in Congress as now.

Rev. Wm. J. Gaston, of this city, has received and accepted a call to the Episcopal church in Pleasant, New Jersey. He will enter upon his pastoral duties to-morrow.

The Rev. Joel E. Bradley, for more than eleven years pastor of the Presbyterian church, Dover, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church, Moorestown, N. J.

On Monday evening, March 29th, the Rev. Alexander Gilmore, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in the city.

BISHOP RANDY, of the Methodist Church South, is over 83 years of age. At the late Baltimore Conference he preached a sermon of two hours, showing vigor of mind and body.

The new Methodist church, in course of erection in Cincinnati, will be one of the most complete of the kind in our country. It will cost $60,000, and will contain an accommodation for 1,200 persons.

The new Bethel, now in process of erection in Chicago, will cost $100,000, and will be one of the kind in our country. It will cost $60,000, and will contain an accommodation for 1,200 persons.

The Rev. Dr. Starkey, for many years rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Cleveland, Ohio, goes to the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C., made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Hall.

The British and Foreign Society have engaged to print one million separate gospels for circulation in Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Dutch and a like number of the New Testament Scriptures.

In London the increase of the Baptist congregations within the last five years has twice been of the Independents, or Congregationalists, and three times that of the Wesleyans, a fact largely ascribed to Mr. Spurgeon's efforts.

THERE is a tendency among a portion of the Kentucky Presbyterians, who separated from the Old School General Assembly on account of the resolutions of the Assembly in relation to slavery and loyalty, to return to the old fold.

The church of Hermon, Indiana, Presbytery, in this State, composed of anti-Reformed Presbyterians is without a pastor, and has been for a period in the suspension of Mr. Stuart, recently built a church and completed it for use in a few weeks.

The Rev. A. D. Gillette, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Georgetown, D. C., has been unanimously elected pastor of the Mount Auburn Presbyterian church, Cincinnati, Ohio. He is also the editor of the Cincinnati *Herald of Presbyterian.*

In the western coast of Africa there are now fifteen thousand communicants connected with the various churches. In Sierra Leone, 1,000 heads of families will become missionaries, and go forth among their people and labor for the regeneration of the country.

To send a missionary to each million of the human race would require a thousand years, and the outlay of at least a million of dollars. Three quarters of the world's population are now accessible to the religious character. To do all the "waste places" with churches and schools is now the great work before the religious world.

The twenty-fifth anniversary meeting of the Spring Garden Bible Society will be held at the Oxford Presbyterian Church, corner of Broad and Oxford streets, Rev. Mr. Boulton, pastor, on Monday evening next, April 12th, at a quarter before eight o'clock. Several addresses may be expected. A collection will be taken up in behalf of the Society.

The Protestant Episcopal Church of the interesser, on Spring Garden street, below Broad, under the charge of the Rev. J. W. Bonham, was declared by the Bishop of the diocese, on and after the 1st inst. The seats will now be free to every comer. This church was formerly ministered by Mr. Bonham, who has zealously labored to increase the membership and usefulness of the church.

REV. J. HOUSTON ECLESTON, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Zion, in this city, has obtained six months' leave of absence in which to recruit his health. He has by ardent devotion to his duties and a faithful ministration of his large charge, won the warm affection of his people, and he will carry with him in his search for health the sincere sympathy and their earnest wishes for his speedy recovery.

TO-MORROW will be the fiftieth anniversary of the elevation of Pope Pius IX to the priesthood. This event will be commemorated in the cathedral by a discourse at the last mass on the illustrious virtues which have established during his long priesthood and pontificate, and by a solemn Te Deum, with the benediction of the Pope, the discourse will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Hosmer, and the Te Deum will be sung by the pastor, chant by the Seminarian. The Rt. Rev. Bishop will sash and mitre.

The Rev. Mr. Lowrie, pastor of the Bethany Mission Church, corner of Twenty-second and Shippen streets, has accepted a call to the Bishop Church, left vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Withrow, the pastor of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church. Mr. Lowrie will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday, the 18th inst. The reasons for his departure are satisfactory to his late flock and unanimous. During the four years of his pastorate at Bethany he has given back a great portion of his salary to the church, and has been instrumental that the Bethany Mission has attained such a marked success.

The Rev. Mary Rogers, of Newark, New Jersey, bequeathed seven hundred dollars to the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Newark, to aid in the education of indigent young men in the Union Theological Seminary, New York, and two thousand dollars for constituting an endowed and independent scholarship in the same seminary. One thousand dollars were bequeathed to aid indigent young men in obtaining a theological education.

ANNUAL SABBATH SCHOOL Institute, under the management of the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association, will be held at the Bethany Sabbath School hall, Twenty-second and Shippen streets, beginning on Sunday, April 18th, and continuing until Thursday, the 22d. Several of the most prominent laborers in the cause will be present and address the meetings. The children of the Bethany school will contribute their share of the singing, and the occasion promises to be one of great interest.

On Sunday, the 4th inst., Rev. Albra Wadleigh, rector of Christ Church, Williamsport, Pa., held his last service in that parish. During his three years he has been connected with the congregation he has bound himself very closely to them by his diligence and faithfulness, and also by his social qualities. He was universally popular among the young, in whom he took a great interest. He has, by his energy and perseverance, been the means of building and completing several fine churches in and around Williamsport.

AT a meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, held on Monday, the 5th inst., the following action was taken, on motion of Rev. Dr. Musgrave, and unanimous vote: *Resolved*, That while this Presbytery, as a body, is in favor of an organic union with our New School brethren on the basis of the standard adopted, it is decidedly in the opinion of the General Assembly of any plan of union which does not secure to the Presbyteries the right first to vote thereon, and it desires and requests its Commissioners to the next General Assembly to vote against any such plan.

The Presbyterian church of this city has suffered a severe loss in the death of Daniel L. Collins, Esq., who died on Monday, the 5th inst. He was a ruling elder of the West Spruce Street Church, and was widely known for his piety and benevolence. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Managers of the Home of Aged Ladies, Asylum for the Blind and Presbyterian Board of Publication. He occupied law for nearly forty years in Steubenville, Ohio, before he came to Philadelphia, and was a prominent citizen there. Hon. M. Bloom, Judge W. F. Johnston, of Connecticut, Hon. O. J. Morris, of Ohio, and other distinguished men. He was a man of great gentleness and kindness of heart, and his death will be a bereavement to what he believed to be right.

CITY BULLETIN.

THE CONTESTED ELECTIONS.—Messrs. Wm. P. Meseick and R. M. Batture, Examiners, held another session yesterday afternoon.

ROSS McCLOSKEY, deceased—Reside 2109 Filbert street; don't know Michael Carlin [assessed there and so on for about four years; don't know there fifteen or sixteen years.

Wm. A. Miller, 2220 Market street: David M. Hess, 2041 Chestnut street; James Lynch, 20 North Twenty-second street, identified as twice voted for Republican ticket in the Eighth Division, Ninth Ward, at the October election.

Thomas B. Breyer, clerk in the office of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, produced the papers of the November election, of the Seventh Division, Fourth Ward; Third Division, Fifth Ward; Second Division, Fifth Ward; Eighth Division, Ninth Ward; Seventh Division, Twelfth Ward; Sixth Division, Twelfth Ward; Seventh Division, Seventeenth Ward, and Fourth Division, Twenty-fifth Ward.

Mr. Mann offered in evidence the lists of voters, county returns and tables of officers.

Mr. Rawle called attention to the list of voters of the Sixth Division, Seventeenth Ward, which, after No. 573, the voters appear to have voted in alphabetical order. The list shows 714 names and the hourly returns 715 votes.

Mr. Graham, on the part of the respondents, objected to the reception of the papers in evidence.

Mr. Reeves—I was required to bring in the papers of the Seventh Division, Fourth Ward; the Eighth Division, Fourth Ward; there are no lists of voters of those divisions. I did so in the office. I have brought the returns and oath of officers of those divisions.

Mr. Rawle said the returns of the Seventh Division, Third Ward, show 1,129 votes polled; 100 on the last hour; in the Eighth Division, Third Ward, 1,016 votes; 719 [all Democratic] the last hour; in the Eighth Division, Twelfth Ward, 1,400 votes; 221 the last hour.

Joseph Grew testified—I live at 1013 Somerset street; voted in the Fourth Division of the Twenty-fifth Ward at the October election; was not asked for a naturalization paper; I was not one; I am an Irishman; have been in this country twelve years; have lived in the Twenty-fifth Ward about four years. I Assessed and on list of voters.

John McCullough, recalled—I have compared the list of voters of the Seventh division, Fourth Ward, at the October and November elections; found ninety-five names on the October list, and on the November list; was unable to make any examination in the Seventh division of the Third Ward, and the Sixth and Eighth divisions of the Fourth Ward, as no November lists were filed in the office; examined, in the Eighth division, Ninth Ward, I found one hundred and four names on the October list who did not vote at the November; in the Seventh division, Seventeenth Ward, I found ninety-one names on the October list not on the November list; in the Sixth division, Seventeenth Ward, I found ninety-six name; in the Fourth division, Twenty-fifth Ward, I found forty-three names; in the First division, Ward, ninety names.

John L. Hall, Secretary of the Republican City Executive Committee of Philadelphia last October, testified that the Committee had printed and distributed the Republican tickets, and then he gave a list of the candidates for city and county offices.

E. C. Markley testified that the Republican tickets had been printed in accordance with the Executive Committee.

William H. Kimmell, clerk in the office of the Prothonotary of Common Pleas, produced a certified copy of the record of votes polled at the elections from 1860 to 1868 in the divisions of the wards in question, and was offered and received in evidence.

Mr. Gorham objected to the reception of the papers.

Mr. Mann then announced that the case of the contestants was closed. Adjourned.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO BURGLE.—A young man who represented himself to be of the firm of J. L. Farnham & Co., bankers and brokers, called on Thursday afternoon at the office of Chas. H. Elliott, No. 40 South Third street, and engaged desk room, saying that he was a son of Mr. Farnham, of New York, and he is a partner in the new firm. He further alleged that he had ordered a safe, which was not delivered, requested permission to use the desk of Mr. Elliott meanwhile, which was given. Very soon after a box of business cards was received, and then a hat from Warburton's, and a coil of rope from Heal & Co's, which had been ordered by the young man at J. L. Farnham. As it was not convenient to pay for the articles, the messengers refused to leave them, and the young man was obliged to leave them, and goods was obtained. The police learning of the affair, Detective Gordon was detailed to watch the young man, and yesterday he had a hearing before Alderman Kerr. When asked to give his name he said he was William H. Wagoner. The foregoing facts were then given in evidence, and the accused was held in $1,000 for his appearance at Court.

THE ALMSHOUSE.—The annual statement of the Board of Guardians of the Poor and employment of the Poor of the city was, on Thursday, submitted to the Council. The following table shows the number of paupers in the building from January 1, 1868, to December 31, 1868:

Months.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
January	1,197	1,287	1,000	3,484
February	1,197	1,287	1,000	3,484
March	1,254	1,287	1,000	3,541
April	1,197	1,287	1,000	3,484
May	1,197	1,287	1,000	3,484
June	1,197	1,287	1,000	3,484
July	1,197	1,287	1,000	3,484
August	1,134	1,170	990	3,294
September	1,141	1,170	990	3,301
October	1,148	1,170	990	3,308
November	1,154	1,170	990	3,314
December	1,154	1,170	990	3,314
Total	14,383	14,703	12,000	41,086

During the year six thousand two hundred and two patients were treated; three thousand nine hundred and twenty-five were cured; four hundred and twenty-five were discharged; five hundred and sixty-nine died, and eight hundred and eight remained under treatment at the end of the year.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The annual report of the Board of School Controllers has just been published. It states that there are nearly 120,000 children in attendance at the public schools. The expenses of the year have been $1,500,000, the salaries of teachers, $681,260 56; rents, $29,554 64; ground rents, $36,486 16; books and stationery, $20,167 86; repairs and additions, $95,263 89; fuel, $84,265 76; furniture and stoves, $13,119 36; housekeepers, $62,022 62; furniture, $19,449 26; janitors, $70,000; incidentals, $22,222 36; chairs, $2,775; new school lot, $14,191 81.

Receipts—Balance, $19,666 71, colored night schools, $1,250. Total, $1,078,316 76. Appropriations, $1,000,000. Balance, $78,316 76.

The following shows the appropriations and expenditures for the last three years in the different sections during the year 1868:

Sections.	Appropr.	Amount Expend.	Balance.
First	49,262	49,262	49,262
Second	37,000	37,000	
Third	52,000	52,000	
Fourth	52,222	11,162	12,446
Fifth	40,000	40,000	40,000
Sixth	16,000	15,653	1,000
Seventh	52,000	52,000	52,000
Eighth	52,000	52,000	52,000
Ninth	19,000	9,938	16,938
Tenth	52,000	52,000	52,000
Eleventh	52,000	52,000	52,000
Twelfth	19,000	8,370	11,200
Thirteenth	52,000	52,000	
Fourteenth	52,000	52,000	
Fifteenth	51,445	51,439	
Sixteenth	52,000	52,000	
Seventeenth	49,000	32,565	16,435
Eighteenth	52,000	52,000	
Nineteenth	52,000	52,000	
Twenty-first	2,500	2,500	
Twenty-second	4,000	4,000	
Twenty-third	2,000	2,000	
Twenty-fourth	2,000	2,000	
Twenty-fifth	2,000	2,000	
To reimburse the City Treasury	48,678	6,611	48,678
Contingencies	10,000		10,000
Total	1,000,000	938,000	1,000,000
Balance in Sections	15,000	14,979	24
Total	1,015,000	952,979	1,015,000
Balance 31, 1868	78,316	78,316	78,316
Total	1,093,316	1,031,295	1,093,316

Second Section.

The cost of the new school-houses was as follows: Sixth street, Lehigh and Carpenter streets, $35,190; third section, Second and Christian streets, $25,000; fourth section, Twelfth and Sth) pen streets, $22,926 89; sixth section, northwest corner Ninth and Lombard streets, $19,000; eleventh section, Seventeenth and Pine streets, $52,000; twelfth section, Nineteenth and Chestnut streets, $40,565 05; tenth section, Nineteenth and Cherry streets, $52,000; fifteenth section, Twelfth and Maris streets, $14,729; thirteenth section, Sixth and Spruce streets, $47,396 25. fourteenth section, Eleventh and Wood streets, $14,000; fifteenth section, Twelfth and Cedar streets, $15,238 40; fifteenth section, Seventeenth and Wood streets, $26,000 00; also Twenty-second and Brown streets, $33,663; sixteenth section, Fourth and George streets, $20,000; seventeenth section, Twelfth and Lombard streets, $32,685; eighteenth section, Marlborough above Thompson streets, $47,000; nineteenth section, Fifth and Montgomery avenue, $22,415; twenty-third section, Willow Hall $6,000; twenty-fourth section, Oregon avenue and Forty-first street, $34,750 56; twenty-fifth section, Frankford road and Somerset street, $22,185; also at Edgemont and Nef streets, $14,587 10; twenty-sixth section, Fairmount water and Fifteenth streets, $8,705.

The report concludes with a statement from the Public School Building Inspector, Lewis H. Eyler, who remarks:

In conclusion, the Inspector may be permitted to call the attention of the Board to the security and comfort of our public and irreponsible contractors. The present system of awarding contracts to men not known as good mechanics or responsible and reliable men, merely because they are the lowest bidders, and can produce, from among the men who expect to furnish them the material, sureties for the performance of their contracts, has largely augmented the labors of the Inspector and Superintendent, and has resulted in several instances in failures to finish the building within the time specified, and has made in several sections, and which the Inspector has been powerless to prevent.

VOTE AGAIN.—Owen Shields appeared yesterday before Ald. Kerr as prosecutor of Patrick Coyle, charged with breaking the law of the peace. The complainant had his jaw bandaged, and told his story with great difficulty. It appeared that the assault was committed after Shields had paid a fine of four dollars and a half for the same offence, and he had told the police stations. Held for trial.

FATAL RESULT.—John McPeak, who was burned on Thursday morning, by some fluid ignited by a lamp, at the door of Lombard street, wharf, Schuylkill, died at the Pennsylvania Hospital yesterday.

NEW JERSEY MATTERS.

SENT TO TRENTON.—The prisoners who were convicted at the last term of the Camden County, Court, sentenced to the State Prison for penitentiary taken to that institution by Sheriff Morgan. The prisoners had been convicted of four or five cases of petty larceny, and being mere boys, they received mere sentences. They had commenced their career of crime at an early age, and from the evidence produced in court against them, had made a good start on a pretty successful career. They exhibited no compunction for their misdeeds, and manifested no signs that the imprisonment which they were to undergo was anything more than a diversion in the course of their bad career. It is astonishing how early some children become hardened in crime. Even when receiving the sentence of the Court they exhibited no emotion, and seemed to feel it to be hoped that their punishment will be a salutary one, and prevent them from their late course, and also a warning to others who have entered upon or contemplate a career of crime.

TRIAL OF A STREAKER.—The trial of the new steam fire engine, which was just been brought to the Independence Steam Fire Company No. 1, of Camden, gave the most satisfactory results. In three minutes after the hose had been kinded steam was indicated; in 4½ minutes a pressure of 20 pounds was obtained, in five minutes it was a good playing order, and, with a 1½ inch nozzle, a stream was thrown 207 feet; with a 1 inch nozzles two streams were thrown 178 feet; three nozzles were thrown 150 feet; four one-inch nozzles played 160 feet; five one-inch nozzles played 142 feet; one open inch, two and one-fourth inches, played 182 feet; one open butt, two and one-fourth inches, 150 feet. The engine was manufactured in Newark, N. J., and is decidedly the most powerful one belonging to the Camden Fire Department.

HOLE PITTING.—The new law just passed by the New Jersey Legislature, providing for the punishment of those who post bills over or deface others, before the time given in said notices has expired, is being rapidly enforced in Camden. Those who engage in that business should be careful in this matter in order to save themselves from trouble and expense. A penalty of five dollars is imposed for each offence.

REAL ESTATE.—Real estate in Camden is rapidly advancing in price, and the demand for it is greatly on the increase. The table of improvements elsewhere to be seating eastward, is fine and eligible lots are being built upon in that direction, and the improvements will be made commensurate with the necessities of those who are building.

TO BE REMOVED.—An informality, it is asserted, in the sale of the large Machine and Iron Foundry Works, at Kaighn's Point, which took place a few days since, will cause a resale of the same. It is thought that the Works will resume operations soon.

ON A STRIKE.—Some of the workmen, constituting of the helpers to the puddlers, employed in the Rolling Mill at Bridgeton, are on a strike for higher wages.

SHAD.—Shad are now being quite extensively caught in the Delaware, and are said to be unusually excellent in quality.

Coal Statement.

The following is the amount of coal transported over the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad during the week ending Thursday, April 2, 1869:

	Tons. Cwt.
From St. Clair	30,337 16
" Mahanoy	5,871 11
" Pottsville	9,879 15
" Schuylkill Haven	22,222 05
" Auburn	1,000 00
" Port Carbon	10,471 12
" Harrisburg	1,000 00
Total Anthracite Coal for week	85,654 04
Bituminous Coal from Harrisburg and Dauphin for week	6,168 06
Total for week paying freight	92,022 09
Coal for the Company's use	4,635 19
Total of all kinds for week	96,657 08
Previously this year	878,239 18
Total	974,896 07
To Thursday, April 9, 1869	979,099 19

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS—First Session.

SENATE.—The consideration of the bill for the reconstruction of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas was continued.

On motion of Mr. Edmunds, the sixth section, authorizing the commanding general to suspend until the action of the Legislature all laws that he may deem unjust and oppressive, was stricken out.

Mr. Edmunds offered an additional section, which was adopted, declaring that the proceedings of any said States, when they shall have complied with the conditions, shall their action shall be approved by Congress.

Mr. Sawyer offered an amendment to the first section, which was agreed to, striking out the words "being qualified electors under the laws," and inserting instead the words, "Voters of said State shall be qualified electors of such association."

The bill was then passed by a vote of 44 yeas to 9 nays. Nays—Messrs. Bayard, Cassidy, Davis, Fowler, McTroery, Norton, Sprague, Stockton and Thurman.

The President *pro tem.* laid before the Senate the President's proclamation; calling an extra session of the Senate, beginning on Monday next, for the transaction of executive business.

At the evening session the resolution to protest against the interference of the Government in the Union Pacific Railroad was taken up, the following form:

That the stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, at a meeting to be held on the 22d day of April, in the city of New York, with power to adjourn from day to day, shall elect a board of directors, consisting of seven, and said stockholders are hereby authorized to establish branch offices in any part of the United States as they may select at the said meeting, and that the officers of said company in this resolution shall not confer any other right upon the board of directors than shall compare than to hold such election, or be held in any manner to take advantage of or interfere with the exercise of any right, power or any act or neglect of said Union Pacific Railroad Company, heretofore or hereafter entitled, wherein the rights of the general Government have been, or may be, violated or disturbed, or the terms or conditions of the Union Pacific Railroad and the grants and subsidies of land and money to Ogden; and the said Union Pacific Railroad Company shall pay for and own the railroad from Ogden to the Pacific Ocean, and the lands, and the money, and the property, and the rights, and the franchises, and the property, and the rights, and the franchises, and the property, and the rights, and the franchises