(For the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.)

PREFERENCE.

I'd rather have one cuckoo for my clime,
Dropped from the drooping fringe of thy sad eyes,
Than bask in light of all fair eyes that shine,
Or win those smiles that lovers mostly prize

I'd rather have one and sweet look of thine,
From full-orbed eyes, but semi-security on me.
Than catch the rays of all the stars divine,
Or win the heart of each fair form I see.

I'd rather have one word of love from thee,
The music of whose voice I long to hear,
Than listen to heaven's perfect melody,
Where angel-voices sing, divinely clear.

I'd rather have one tender sigh of thine,
Breathed through thy perfect lips, that rarely smile,
Than hear the sweetest song of love and joy,
From any laughing lips, whose arts beguile.

I'd rather have that noble heart of thine,
Whose love and friendship would a canon be,
Than own the wealth of all the worlds that shine—
Or wear the robes and crown of royalty.

ANNIE E. CLARK.

THE EARLY HOME OF WHITTIER.

BY CHARLES H. BRAINARD.

In the parish of East Haverhill, in Northeastern Massachusetts, three miles distant from the beautiful village of Haverhill, on the Merrimac river, stands the old farm-house in which John Greenleaf Whittier, the Quaker poet, was born, and in which he resided much of the time for nearly twenty years. Midway between the village and the locality made famous by the Whittier winter idyl of "Snowbound" lies that "fair mirror of the woods and skies," Kenoza Lake, formerly known by the prosaic name of Great Pond. Its present appellation, which was given to it by the poet, signifies "Lake of the Pickerel!"

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On a byway which intersects the main road to the village stands the little schoolhouse in which the poet completed his primary training, previous to entering the Haverhill Academy, for the dedication of which he is said to have written an ode. This edifice closely resembles one of those diminutive shops, numbers of which may be seen on the roadside in almost every village in the eastern section of New England, and will comfortably seat about twenty scholars. The facilities it offers for intellectual culture were in the time of my visit improved by nearly that number of farm-boarding urchins, whose wondering gaze seemed to indicate that the face of a stranger was a rare sight in that secluded region.—*Independent.*

A Strange Character.

The San Francisco *Herald* gives the following history of a species of vagabond that seems peculiar to that city:

"Early in the morning, rainy or pleasant, Sunday not excepted, we behold a stranger, looking like an old-clothes man, or a tinker, or a peddler, or a cross-cut old man, pattering along like a badger, near the outer edge of the sidewalk, with his eyes fixed intently upon the gutter. His gait is quick and business like, and his air the very essence of diligence and independence. On his head is an old-cloth hat of many summers; and over his back and shoulders is thrown a dark and well-patched oil-cloth coat. With this water-proof habit, which he never changes, he may be seen venturing forth in a tempest. Who is that strange creature? The bystanders will tell you he is the San Francisco 'Gutter-snipe;' who besides the garbage-gathering Celestials and the uncouth Digger Indians is the only one in the city he loses of. What he has been is shrouded in remote mystery. It is thought by some that he is a cousin, or nearly old monomaniac, who hoards away his gold. Others suppose that he was once a millionaire, and that he lost everything in wild speculations at Frasier river, while still others assert that he was reduced to poverty through the treachery of a friend, and that he now abstains from man's society and his monopolies in fulfilment of a vow. In the line "My Old Schoolmaster" the poet alludes to the "smoked and dingy room" in which the district school was held, and that in a part of the winter. This room is about ten feet square, with a low ceiling, the north side being occupied by an enormous fireplace. On windy days the smoke came down the chimney in clouds, blinding the eyes of teacher and pupils, and rendering a dismissal of the school an absolute necessity. Imagine a dozen youthful pedagogue and his pupils were disturbed and frightened by domestic squalls in the adjoining room, which occasionally became so violent that they were obliged to quit the premises and hurry to their homes. The landlord was a man of intemperate habits, and, when intoxicated, poured out the vials of his wrath upon the devoted head of his wife, "who," to quote the language of my informant, "swore humans, couldn't stand everything," and therefore asserted her inalienable rights in terms and tones more emphatic and sonorous than soft and low. For many years she has been a widow, and still occupies the home of her youth. She spoke of John as "an amiable and quiet boy;" and of his younger brother, Matthew, as "a roguish little chap, up to all sorts of fun." Matthew, in humble imitation of the saint of that name, now "sits at the receipt of custom," and in his daily life and conversation, "among those who know and esteem him, beautifully illustrates the saint's motto, 'Worldly worth—'The child is father of the man.'"

CITY BULLETIN.

CITY COUNCILS.—A stated meeting was held yesterday afternoon.

Select Branch.—The President presented a communication from Strickland Kennedy, Esq., Chief Engineer and Surveyor, stating that he had prepared the designs for the bridge across the Schuylkill at Fairmount; that the plan had been approved by the Board of Survey. The cost of the proposed bridge will be $75,000.

Also, a communication from Thomas J Barger, City Solicitor, announcing that the Court of Common Pleas had decided that the city has a right to lease the Girard lands for a longer period than five years.

Mr. Bonner presented a communication from Patterson & Lippincott relative to the case of Thomas Wharf. Referred to the Commissioner of City Property, with instructions to collect the rent due.

Mr. Francisca presented a communication from Dr. W. C. Swazey, President of the Philadelphia Pomatum Society, asking permission to erect a building containing about sixty stalls to be selected, and for authority to connect with the water main. Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. Fox presented a remonstrance against the removal of the precinct house in the Eighth division of the Seventeenth Ward. The remonstrators state that the election held by the people was not according to law. Referred to the Committee on Election Divisions.

Mr. Fox presented a note from City Treasurer Paine, inclosing a communication which he had received from the Superintendent of High ways in the Twenty-second Ward, stating that he is to William R. Fox, Treasurer of the road fund, all the moneys collected from the Twenty-second Ward for the repair of highways and for street-cleaning purposes. Referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Water Works reported a resolution to lay water pipe on Market, Race, Apple, Mary and Poplar streets. Adopted.

The Committee on City Property reported an ordinance appropriating $425 for the purchase of a stalling pump on the office of City Controller. Passed.

Also an ordinance appropriating $425 for the erection of a public pump on the City Jail, corner Green and Parrish street. Passed.

The Committee on Railroads reported a resolution to authorize the Green and Coates Streets Passenger Railway Company to construct a siding on Coates street, east of Sixth street. Adopted.

Mr. Fox, of Committee on Cash Accounts of City Treasurer, reported:

Cash balance on hand April 1	799,616 86
Cash received during month	1,279,068 62
	2,711,312 48
Payments made during the month	1,868,684 78
Cash balance	842,627 70

Appropriated as follows:

For the payment of interest on city debt	344,881 70
For the payment of Sinking Fund certificates	110,973 78
For the payment of warrants under ordinance	386,469 13

Mr. Cochran presented an ordinance so amending the City Law as to make it applicable to the entire city, and to keep it in force during the whole year. Referred.

Mr. Kang offered a resolution repealing the resolution directing the opening of "Seventeenth street, from Susquehanna avenue" to the Lansdowne Tavern road. Referred.

Mr. Duffy offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of a satisfaction on the part of the city of twenty-five per cent. of her interest in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the new stock proposed to be issued by that company. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Barlow called up the resolution from Common Council to rearrange the election divisions in Seventh Ward, which was passed.

The nuisance from Common Councils authorizing the location of the Lincoln Monument at Broad street and Girard avenue, which has given considerable length, a strong opposition being made to the obstruction of Broad street. The matter was finally postponed for one week, by a vote of 13 yeas to 10 nays.

The resolution from Common Council for the paving of Filbert street, from Thirty-fourth to Thirty-ninth street, was concurred in.

Also, the ordinance regulating the laying or repairing of brick footways by the city.

Also, the bill making an appropriation of $100 for damages caused by the opening of Willow Grove avenue.

An ordinance appropriating $100 to pay John W. Bardsley for services in procuring the English sparrows was returned to Common Council, not being in proper form.

The resolution from Common Council for the opening, grading and paving of streets were concurred in. Adjourned.

Common Branch.—A communication, signed by the residents along Cottrillite avenue, was received. They remonstrate against the location of the dog pound on that thoroughfare, as it would be a nuisance to all property holders and residents in that vicinity. Referred.

Mr. Hetzell presented an ordinance directing the Philadelphia, Germantown and Norristown Railroad Company to place a flag-man at the intersection of Ninth and Poplar streets. Referred.

The Committee on Election Divisions reported ordinances rearranging the boundary lines of the divisions of the Twelfth and Twenty-fifth Wards. Passed.

The Committee on Highways reported a resolution for the paving of Haverford road, and Mary and Apple streets, which was agreed to.

Also, a resolution for the opening of Thomas, Diamond, Jasper, Ninth, Stiles and Twentieth streets, and Powelton avenue.—Agreed to.

Mr. Cadwalader offered a resolution for the paving, with Belgian pavement, of Delaware avenue, from Noble to Beach, and from Shippen to Spruce streets. Referred.

A bill was passed appropriating $100 to John C. Bardsley, for services in procuring the sparrows which were distributed in the public squares.

A bill passed for a reorganization of the Fire Department, and creating a paid Fire Department, was offered.

Mr. Evans moved to refer to the Committee on Fire and Water.

Mr. Hetzell moved to lay the whole matter on the table.

The yeas and nays were ordered on the latter motion, and are as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Blackburn, Bowker, Caldwell, Campbell, Evans, Gwinner, Hetzell, H. Hubn, Jenner, Judge, McClain, W. F. Miller, Nickels, Shaine, Shinler, Souder, Stockdale and Marcer—19.

NAYS—Allison, Farcis, Gates, Hall, Harns, Harmen, H. Hubn, Leighton, Omen, Parker, Shoemaker, Smith, Stewart, and Wagner—11.

Absent or Not Voting—Bardsley, Canning, Creely, Curtis, Dillon, Ellis, Fagan, Grant, Griffith, Hanna, Hay, Hess, Hill, Lamb, Lutz, Mann, Miller, Mountain, Myers, Ray, Rice, Seiler, Shelin, Stockham, Stohl, Vanhorne, and Wilkins—23.

Mr. Evans offered a resolution directing the retastenment of the Spring Garden Engine Company to service without loss of pay.

A motion to refer to the Committee on Fire and Trusts was voted down by a vote of 17 yeas to 20 nays.

Mr. Shaine moved to amend by inserting, "And the South Penn Hose Company."

This led to a long and exciting debate. Mr. Hetzell moved to indefinitely postpone, which was agreed to. Messrs. Ellis, Evans, H. Hubn, Jenner and Parker voted in the

The following bills from Select Council were read, or received their first reading: Ordinance, Race and Orkney streets; one relative to running of dogs at large, and one permitting the Green and Coates Streets Passenger Railway Company to construct a siding. Adjourned.

HOMICIDE.—An affair which resulted in the death of a man named William Hudson occurred late yesterday afternoon at the Commercial Ale Vaults of Dredwood & Greenlaugh, No. 213 Lodge street, Fifth Ward. It appears that the deceased, in the company of a number of others, was drinking at the place of the latter, when a dispute arose between the parties, which finally resulted in a fight, in which Hudson was knocked down and kicked in the head, from the effects of which he died in a few minutes after the affair. The deceased is said to be a native of Philadelphia, and to have lived in Kensington for some time. The prisoner is a native of Ireland, and has lived in this city for some time. He was taken before Alderman Beitler, and committed to prison to await the action of the Coroner.

Whereas, The eighth day of July, 1870, will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Order of United American Mechanics; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Representatives of this State Council to the National Council be instructed to respectfully urge upon that body at the next session, the consideration of setting apart—through the Grand Lodge of the United States—a day of observance—by the Order, the manner of celebrating which to be left—optional with each Council.

PHILADELPHIANS IN PARIS.—The following is a list of Philadelphians registered at the American house of Drexel, Harjes & Co., Paris, for the week ending April 22, 1869: Mr. Henry Dudley, Mr. Maxwell Sommerville, Mr. Iron B. Miller, Mr. William Sussinn, Mr. G. C. Francisca, Dr. W. D. Lewis, Dr. W. M. King (United States Navy), Mr. Osgood Welsh, Mr. J. K. Walker, Mr. J. S. Walker, Alfred Ellis, M. D., Mr. Washington Butcher, Mr. Henry Smith, Dr. Jacob P. Ington Butcher, Mr. Henry Sinton, Mr. Louis Meyer, Jesse, Mr. Richard J. Jones, Mr. John Hodge, Mr. F. Wm. Breer, Mr. L. J. Cooper, Mr. H. Hoch, Mr. Charles Pepper, Mr. Leo Landreth, Mr. R. N. Rathbun, Mr. Charles H. Whetham, Mr. J. S. Toppan, Mr. James C. Brewster.

THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY BUILDING.—Mr. Thomas Woods, of the city, has purchased the Mercantile Library building, at Fifth and Library streets, for the sum of $65,000. It is expected that the new building of the Library Company will be ready for occupancy in the course of the next month.

—An enterprising American in Paris has prepared the following politic to the prefect of the Seine and Seine and Marne, urging in raising international postage arrangements:—"We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States, resident in Paris, feeling that the existing rate of postage between our country and France are excessive, especially on the carriage of newspapers, and that the postage charged in Paris on the delivery of American newspapers, in addition to the United States postage, is excessive, we, in exculpation when compared with the United States, have to request, respectfully, to pray that the United States government will take this subject into serious consideration, and give the view to our speedy relief."

—Isabella has been in trouble about her Paris Exposition. The Commissioners engaged in the Champs Elysees on condition that certain improvements should be made by the end of January. She has paid a half year's rent in advance. Afterwards a body of workmen, to the number of thousands promised were not completed refused to fulfill her part of the contract, and the Commissioners would not refund the amount of rent paid in advance. The Commissioners have entered a suit against the Baroness Montalleur-Ruffet, the owner of the building, and claimed the full amount rent, deducting therefrom the amount they have paid, and have already expended towards the desired improvements.

IMPORTATIONS.

Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

LIBRON—Brig Marianna etb, Gonzalves—gum bonbons to order.

CADIZ—Brig Ellen Jane, Hall—salt to Jas Barratt.

Sailed from Cadiz 19th ult, Brig Ellen Jane, Hall, for Philadelphia.

SAVANNAH—Schr Stephen Morris, Beaman—120,000 ft lumber to order; 20 M shingles to Jas Barratt.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

Departs	From	Date
Perthshire	New York	April 22
Cuba	New York	April 22
City of Boston	Liverpool	New York via H	April 24
Germania	Southampton	Bremen	April 24
Berlin	Southampton	Bremen	April 24
Hibernia	Liverpool	New York	April 24
Cambria	Liverpool	New York	April 24
Scotia	Liverpool	New York	April 24
City of London	Liverpool	New York	April 24
Europe	Liverpool	New York	April 24
Tarifa	New York	New Orleans	May 8
Ariadne	New York	Liverpool	May 8
City of Paris	New York	Liverpool	May 8
City of Baltimore	New York	Liverpool	May 8
City of Boston	New York	Liverpool	May 8
Java	New York	Liverpool	May 8
City of London	New York	Liverpool	May 8
Helvetia	New York	Liverpool	May 8
Vera Cruz	New York	Havana	May 10
Ville de Paris	New York	Havre	May 12
Cuba	New York	Liverpool	May 12
Russia	New York	Liverpool	May 12
Palmyra	New York	Liverpool	May 12
Cleopatra	New York	Havana	May 12
Manhattan	New York	Aspinwall	May 15
Ansonia	Philadelphia	Savannah	May 15
Ariel	New York	Aspinwall	May 15

BOARD OF TRADE.

PRIC. STEBBINS, } MONTHLY COMMITTEE.
SAM'L G. STORES, }
CHAS. LEAGUE, }

MARINE BULLETIN.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA—MAY 7.

SUN RISES 5 44 SUN SETS 7 32 HIGH WATER 11 35

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Ship Ann Rogers, Pierce, 1 day from New York, in ballast to A Wetherill & Co.

Brig Ellen Jane, Hall, 20 days from New York, with gum to W Baird & Co.

Brig Ella Ward, Ward, 5 days from Gonaives, etc, days from Liscombe, with logwood to Jas Barratt.

Schr Perseverance (Br), Lamb, 27 days from Pernambuco, with sugar to master.

Schr Mary Hilles, Parker, 7 days from New York, in ballast to master.

Schr Ann Eliza, Smith, 5 days from Savannah, with lumber to J P Hinkle & Co.

Steamer J W Everman, Snyder, Charleston, E A Souder & Co.

Steamer Diamond State, Webb, Baltimore, A Groves, Jr.

Steamer Decator, Webb, Baltimore, A Groves, Jr.

Barge Susquehanna, Evans, Havre de Grace, Tyson & Co.

Barge Chas Miller, Gilsey, Denver, Hammett, Neill & Co.

Barge Jas Cooper, Cooper, Havre de Grace, do do.

Barge Jas Hay, Brewer, Havre de Grace, do do.

Schr Anna Sheppard, Bowditch, Providence, do do.

Schr Fred Lincoln, Adams, Rockland, do do.

Schr Geo Green, Lawrence, Boston, do do.

Schr Gerard Fowler, Horton, NB, C G Van Horn.

Schr Ann Eliza, Smith, Boston, Jas Barratt & Co.

Schr Abbie Davis, Seaton, Gloucester, Gordon & Co.

Schr Ada Ames, Ames, Boston, Jas Barratt & Co.

Schr Ada Anna, Smith, Providence, Pennsylvania Coal Co.

Schr Geo Amos, Martin, Boston, Wm Sparks & Co.

Schr Ida, Bonsall, Providence, Wm Sparks & Co.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

The following boats from the Union Canal passed into the Schuylkill Canal, bound for Philadelphia, yesterday, reported as follows:

Boats Ellen, Lehigh, to A H Dyer; Mary Hope, Jones, to Dobson and Vos Brunner; do Caroline, Reed, to McCorg, do to H A B Dean; Frank Rebecca, do to Sam'l Wright; Lewis, Lewis, to Jas Dunlap; Lewis, Lewis, do to Patterson & Lippincott; Leslie, Ann, do to James Dunlap; Ann Eliza, Lewis, do to Patterson & Lippincott; Lucy Ann, Seyfert, McMahon & Co; Tro Tipe, to Jas Swarts.

MEMORANDA

Ship Wm Cumming, Thompson, hence up at New Orleans 22d inst.

Steamship orbite, Platt, hence at Richmond 5th inst.

Steamship Ariadne, Pierce, hence at Baltimore 5th inst.

Steamship Tarifa, Pierce, from Copenhagen 16th ult. with passengers, at New York yesterday.

Steamer Palmyra (Br), Watson, cleared at New York yesterday for Havana.

Steamer Power (NG), Kraut, for Bremen, cleared at New York yesterday.

Steamer Cuba, Lee, for Havana, cleared at N York yesterday for Havana and Nassau.

Steamer Ulrica (Br), Lyons, from Liverpool via Queenstown 21st ult, at New York yesterday.

Steamer Deutschland, Schwarze, from Bremen April 14, at New York yesterday.

Steamer Cities, Hockley, from Liverpool, at Boston yesterday.

Steamer Germania, Harriman, from Bremen Arrive, at Boston 5th inst.

Steamer Ariel, Nelson, 6 days from Rio Janeiro, at New York yesterday, with coffee.

Steamer Ansonia, Sparks, hence at Washington, D. C. 5th inst. for Philadelphia, loaded coal for New Castle, Del.

Schr Mary E Van Gilsal, Jones, at New York 5th inst. from Rockland.

Schr E & L Martin, hence below Boston 4th inst.

Schr Ann Eliza, Smith, hence at Boston 4th inst.

Schr Ada Anna, Smith, hence at Providence 4th inst.

Schr R H Nye 72, hence at Norwich 4th inst.

MARINE MISCELLANY.

Schr L Q C Wright, Hickman, hence at Wilmington, NC, for New York, with a cargo of lumber, sailed from the latter place on the 29th inst. Also on the 29th inst. sailed the schrs Ann Eliza, Smith, for Philadelphia; Ada Ames, Ames, for Boston; Ada Anna, Smith, for Providence; Abbie Davis, Seaton, do; Dart Mingle, from Boston for Wilmington, NC.

The increased orchestra will play, previous to the opera, the overture to the Marriage of Figaro.

Tickets at the Academy and at Trumpler's.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT! Reserved Seats in the Dress Circle and Parquette Circle will be ready on MONDAY EVENING, May 10, Mr. RICHINGS' Benefit Season commences on Monday, May 17.

Mr. JOHN DREW'S ARCH STREET THEATRE.

Begins at 7½.

BENEFIT OF LOTTA.

TO-NIGHT, FRIDAY, MAY 7th, 1869.

Lotta's Great Comedy, Jilt, or Jealousy.

Fyeles Morris, Madcap Lotta.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, MATINEE AFTERNOON.

AT 2 O'CLOCK, Doors open at 1½.

TO-MORROW NIGHT, LOTTA—PERTINA.

W. ALBAUGH'S ARCH STREET THEATRE.

Begins at 7½.

BENEFIT OF MISS ROSE HOUGHAM.

THIS EVENING, May 7th,

Will be presented the Comedy of

THE BEAUTIFUL WIDOW.

Or, Love and Law.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Wallack, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Wheatleigh, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Jones, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Wallace