

MATTERS IN GENERAL.

The Chinese Mission. It is a perverse kind of ingenuity which would try to make a muddle of the credentials given by the Emperor of China to Mr. Burlingame and his Embassy...

The same journal. A writer in the Army and Navy Gazette (London) has heard that the clothing served out to United States soldiers is often very inferior in quality...

A New Russian Policy. The change in Russian policy from Pan-Slavism to Slavism will be the key to many of the difficulties of the Eastern question of the future...

Reunion of Christendom. The London Times considers it a rather remarkable fact that at this moment three distinct appeals for the reunion of Christendom should be made from such distinct and even opposite sources as the Pope, the Patriarch of Constantinople, and the evangelical preacher, Merle d'Aubigne...

Attacks on the House of Lords. The London Spectator renounces its attempts at backing down that very respectable safeguard of the British constitution, the House of Lords...

A Conjugal Elysium. Indiana is the happy resort of couples anxious for a quiet life, but in some other respects the Isle of Man is superior. A woman has recently been tried for attempting to murder her husband by slow poisoning...

THE LATE MINING ACCIDENT IN CALIFORNIA.

Effects of Experimenting with New Explosive Compounds. (From the Marysville (Cal.) Appeal, Nov. 23.) A fatal explosion occurred in the tunnel of the Pactolus Gold Mining and Water Company...

Their first attempt was in the tunnel of the Blue Point Gravel Mining Company, which was not as satisfactory as they desired. And having to work in a tunnel, they were referred to work in a tunnel where they could enter from the mouth, the descending and ascending the shaft being troublesome...

THE GREAT COUNCIL.

The King of Bavaria and the Pope.—The Catholic Bishops and the Council. The following is the text of the autograph letter addressed by the King of Bavaria to the Archbishop of Munich on the occasion of the recent meeting of the German Bishops...

I wear and solemnly promise on God's Holy Gospel, obedience and fidelity to his Majesty. I equally pledge myself to exercise no relations, to take part in no council, no relations, to take part in no council, no relations, to take part in no council...

CITY BULLETIN.

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES. The members of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States reassembled this morning for the transaction of business...

The devotional exercises were conducted in the usual form. The nominations of delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church was stricken from the report, inasmuch as there was no assurance that such delegates, though cordially received by the New School Association, would be received in the same way by the United Assembly...

The Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church, and the various associations and delegates to corresponding bodies were nominated as follows: Board Home Missions—Revs. G. H. Russell, N. Gehl, S. H. Giesey, D. Grass, D. D. Leitch, J. Schermer, B. Baushman, G. W. Augenbaugh, D. E. Klapp, Elder Charles Santos, Geo. Gelbach, W. D. Gross, Jacob Deitz, Rev. G. H. Johnston, F. C. Prugh, J. J. Brossard, Dr. G. W. Williard, Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, Elder A. H. Baughman, G. G. Prugh, Thos. F. Brook, W. L. Grason.

Sunday-School Association.—The committee recommended that the old board should be continued, and instead of the name of Rev. Dr. H. Harbaugh, deceased, they nominate Rev. Dr. Baushman and Rev. F. W. Kramer. Delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church—Rev. S. N. Callender, Rev. W. H. Snyder.

Delegate to General Synod of the Reformed Church in America—Rev. S. H. Giesey, D. D., Rev. B. Baushman. Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church—Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Rev. G. W. Augenbaugh.

The following were announced as the successful candidates: Board of Missions—Rev. B. Baushman, G. W. Russell, N. Gehl, S. H. Giesey, D. D. Leitch, J. Schermer, B. Baushman, G. W. Augenbaugh, D. E. Klapp, Elder Charles Santos, W. D. Gross, George Gelbach, Jacob Y. Dietz.

Sunday-School Association.—John Beck, D. D., W. W. Augenbaugh, Dr. D. Zacharias, Dr. J. Brossard, Elders—Charles Santos, W. D. Gross, George Gelbach, Jacob Y. Dietz. Delegate to General Synod of the Lutheran Church—Rev. S. N. Callender.

Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America—Rev. B. Baushman. Triennial Synod of Moravian Church—Rev. J. H. Good, D. D. The report of the committee to which was referred the subject of the revision of the hymn book, then called up, Rev. Dr. Baushman deferred until the next triennial meeting of the General Synod, in order to give more time for the preparation of a new collection of hymns. The motion to defer was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Alle then offered the following: Whereas, The General Synod has adopted a provisional use of two hymns in the Church. And whereas, It is desirable that a selection of hymns should be inserted in this Liturgy; therefore Resolved, That permission is hereby given to the Eastern Synod to issue a selection of hymns and charts for provisional use in the church in their respective liturgies. Adopted.

Rev. Dr. Baushman offered the following: Whereas, The German hymn-book fund donated by Dr. Schaff, for the publication of German Sunday School books, is not at present being properly administered. And whereas, The Western Synod is now engaged in publishing a series of German Sunday School books under proper supervision. Therefore, Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be instructed to pay over to the above-mentioned establishment the interest of said fund for the above purpose, and further instructions. Provided, That all books so published are properly examined before their publication by the Board of Publication, by both the Board of Publication west and Board of Examiners east.

The resolution was laid on the table for the present. The committee to whom was referred the request of the classes of the Westmoreland, Clarion and St. Paul and West New York, to be formed into a Synod, reported that the classes named, being the proper number, and having been regularly dismissed from their respective Synods for this purpose, there was no cause why their request should not be granted. They therefore recommended the following resolution: Resolved, That the classes of Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul and West New York, are hereby constituted a Synod, to be known as the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the claims of the Home Missionary cause was presented. The report was recommended. The committee appointed by the General Synod, at Dayton, to examine the Trigate edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, submitted a report, endorsing the work.

THE EDUCATED BLIND.—At a recent informal meeting of a number of the graduates of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind, held in our city, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, We of the educated blind, and especially those of us who are pursuing literature or music as a profession, have acquired much valuable experience peculiarly fitting to grapple with those problems which affect so vitally the welfare and usefulness of the educated blind; and whereas, We hold it to be one of our first duties to employ our talents, acquirements, and experience in advancing the interests of those who, like ourselves, have peculiar difficulties to combat, and peculiar difficulties to surmount; therefore, Resolved, That this object can be best accomplished by an effective organization; therefore Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to issue a call for a meeting of the educated blind of our own and adjacent States, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, at such time and place as they may designate. And be it further Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be published in the daily papers of the city, and that the press throughout the United States be requested to copy the same.

The following gentlemen were constituted a committee: Prof. Walter S. Fortescue, A. M., President of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Young Ladies; D. D. Wood, Esq., Organist of St. Stephen's P. E. Church; Mr. A. Nesmith, Jr., Instructor of Music.

PHILADELPHIA TRACT AND MISSION SOCIETY.—The Forty-second Annual Report of the Society has been received. The record of the Society for the year ending Oct. 1, 1893, is thus given: In reviewing the work of the Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society for the year, we report one General Agent, six Missionaries and 760 Visitors who have been engaged during the year, from home to home, over the city, in circulating 618,431 English, 99,723 German, and 1,503 French Tracts; also, 39,333 tracts in different languages among the season and boatmen along the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers. 469 religious books have been given away, 56 Bibles given to the destitute, 840 Mission visits made, 148 sick and distressed relieved, 212 meetings held in different sections, 297 persons persuaded to attend church, 171 children gathered into Sabbath and other schools, and 212 induced to sign the Temperance pledge.

A legacy of \$3,000 from Mrs. Ann Hertzog, has been received; also, from churches and individuals, \$1,340 83. The expenses of the Society for the same time were \$4,047 25. The General Agent of the Society is Mr. H. Schreiner, No. 1234 Chestnut street, the Superintendent, J. H. Schreiner, First District, St. O'Connell, Second District, and A. G. Rowland, Third District; the Missionaries, Miss Mary Anderson, and Miss Mary Matlack; and along the Delaware and Schuylkill, Mr. E. R. Anderson.

DIRTY STREETS.—The Board of Health endeavors to have the streets properly cleaned, but the contractors do not seem to keep up to the work. Many of the streets are in a very filthy condition, and their appearance would indicate that they have not received visits from scavengers for a long period. Yesterday High Constable Curley reported to the Board of Health a long list of streets which need early attention.

FOUND OPEN.—Notwithstanding the frequent notices in the newspapers, people will continue to leave their doors and windows unfastened at night. Such neglect is placing a premium upon robbery. This morning nearly all of the burglars and reporters were found open. Among the reports were four stores in the Tenth District and seven houses in the Eleventh District.

Military Transfers.—The following order follows the transfer of the Philadelphia City Guards from the Third to the Fourth Brigade has been issued: H. H. HANCOCK, Major, Nov. 27, 1893. The commanding officer of the Philadelphia City Guards having petitioned that his regiment be transferred from the Third Brigade to the Fourth Brigade, and his petition having been approved by all the intermediate commanders, and it being agreeable to the commander of the Fourth Brigade, therefore the Philadelphia City Guards are hereby transferred from the Third Brigade to the Fourth Brigade from the date of this order.

A Homeless Boy.—The Delaware Harbor Police, at the request of the Vagrant Detective, yesterday took into custody a little boy, named Frank Quinn, three years of age. In consequence of the loss of his parents, by death, the youth has been left homeless and friendless. He has subsisted upon food furnished him by some of the residents in the neighborhood of Beach and Coates streets, and at nights has slept in an old boiler. A dog has been a faithful companion to him, and last a large weaver, loaded with iron, and which he had attempted to approach the boiler. The dog followed his master to the Station House, whining and occasionally barking and snapping at the officer. Quinn is to be provided with a home in one of the charitable institutions.

ANOTHER BOOTLACK IN TROUBLE.—Phillip Griffin, aged 15 years, a bootblack, was arrested yesterday at Sixth and Chestnut streets by Special Officer Edward Burns, of the Fourth District, upon the charge of having been concerned in the robbery of the hardware store of Buchler, Howard & Co., No. 27 Market street, a few days ago. A fine cutlery was stolen at the time, and some of the missing knives were found on the person of Griffin. The accused will have a hearing at the Central Station this afternoon.

TRAVELER TO ANIMALS.—Charles Haidar yesterday, by Policeman Foster, of the Eighth District, upon the charges of malicious mischief and cruelty to animals. He was driving a horse and carriage, and was driving over the foot of a horse which was standing on the street. He was taken before Ald. White, and was held in \$1,200 bail to answer at court.

LOOK OUT FOR THEM.—Two men representing themselves as collectors for the Moya-mensing Soup Society are going around collecting money for that charity. The benevolence are requested by the committee of the society to be on their guard, as none of their spare cash upon these fellows, as they are impostors.

THE HAYTIN MINISTER.—Gen. Alexander Tate, Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Egypt near our government, is in this city, and will be present at the Union League this evening.

ERONEOUS.—The statement that John Beers, who committed suicide in the Schuylkill on Wednesday, had only been married about two weeks, is incorrect. He has been married since the 10th of June last.

CITY NOTICES. SOMETHING NEW.—SWEET SARATOGA ROLLS at 28th & Green Sts. WEDDINGS, PRIVATE AND SOCIAL PARTIES catered for and supplied by G. Byron Morse, 502 Arch street, Confectioner. Quality and style not to be excelled.

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WANTED.—A MAN WITH \$5,000. This amount as silent or active partner in a business. The General Agent of the Society is Mr. H. Schreiner, No. 1234 Chestnut street, the Superintendent, J. H. Schreiner, First District, St. O'Connell, Second District, and A. G. Rowland, Third District; the Missionaries, Miss Mary Anderson, and Miss Mary Matlack; and along the Delaware and Schuylkill, Mr. E. R. Anderson.

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