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He swears that I shall foot his bill,
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I'll foot his Bill by kicking you,
But will not pay a shilling."
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Went homeward on a canter.
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Of "knocking down."—"Give me," said he,
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SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1859.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Death of Rev. John C. Baker, D. D.

The religious community, we feel well assured, will hear with profound sorrow the announcement of the decease of Rev. John C. Baker, D. D., pastor of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Fourth street, above Girard avenue, which took place at 12 o'clock, noon, yesterday. Dr. Baker had been ill for nearly three weeks, of typhoid fever, until death terminated his sufferings. During a period of more than forty years has the name of this eminent Divine been prominently and honorably identified with the Lutheran Church in this State and country. He was a student of Rev. Dr. Lockman, formerly of Lebanon, Pa., and commenced preaching the Gospel when but a youth, first in connection with the German Lutheran churches of this city. Subsequently, he was elected pastor of the Lutheran churches at Whitemarsh, Germantown, and Barren Hill, from whence he was called to the charge of the Lutheran church at Lancaster, Pa. In this congregation he labored, with unwearied assiduity and unexampled success, during a period of [illegible] and German languages. Dr. Baker's name in the city of Lancaster, and all the surrounding region, has passed into a household word, and a part of the public history of the times in which he lived. Naturally of a powerful frame of body, and possessing a mind highly cultivated by extensive reading, [illegible] tion, few men, if any, [illegible] duty, have performed the [illegible] and certainly none with a greater [illegible] zeal and disinterested zeal. The marriages which he solemnized in that city and county reach into the thousands, and the baptismal and funeral services performed by him have scarcely a parallel in the history of any clergyman. As the regular weekly visiter of all the public common schools in the city of Lancaster, the catechist of the young, the friend and patron of every enterprise of charity and benevolence, Dr. Baker was universally esteemed and beloved, not by his own denomination only, but by persons of every religious difference, and by the community in general.

Dr. Baker occupied, at the time of his decease, as he had for many years previous, a prominent position in all the religious and benevolent societies connected with the Lutheran Church. During the last seven years he has served as pastor of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in this city, on Fourth street, above Girard avenue, which church was erected under his ministry. The best commentary on his sincerity and disinterestedness as a minister of the Gospel, is the fact that during the last five years he has served that congregation, in season and out of season, faithfully and laboriously, without asking or receiving one cent of salary, and contributing, meanwhile, largely to its support out of his own private resources. His labors in this field, among a highly deserving but poor people, have been most arduous and unremitting.

Dr. Baker was 67 years old a few days previous to his decease. His death was eminently tranquil and serene, illumined by the consciousness of a useful and well-spent life, and the bright hope of a blissful immortality beyond the skies. Few men have lived a more honorable and useful life. Few leave behind them a memory around which cluster so many pleasant reminiscences. Kind to all, rich and poor, white and black, simple and guileless in his nature as a child, never sparing himself in conferring good upon others, he was both a great and a good man in Israel, whom to know was to reverence and love.

His remains, by his own request, made shortly before his decease, we learn, are to be taken to Lancaster for interment. Long will the recollection of his many virtues be cherished by hundreds of attached and admiring friends.

A Devoted Clergyman.

In a quiet, and, until within a few years, an obscure part of the old district of Kensington, might be seen a plain and simple structure, known to the neighborhood as the "First Presbyterian Church of Kensington."

This edifice was built in the year 1813, for the purpose of religious worship, and the Rev. George Chandler, a graduate of New Haven College, and originally a member of the Presbytery of Hudson, New York, was ordained the pastor. Entering upon the duties of his responsible office at a period in the history of the country when the mechanical interests of that district suffered severely as a result of the second war with Great Britain, this earnest and devoted man continued his self-denying labors, though often surrounded by manifold discouragements, performing, in the language of a religious cotemporary published twenty years since, "fourfold more labor than that of any clergyman within the bounds of the Presbytery of Philadelphia."

In 1832, when the cholera made its appearance, that portion of the then county of Philadelphia suffered severely, the virulence of the disease cutting down hundreds weekly of all classes of citizens. It was no unusual sight at that day to witness his labors of love as, at the head of three to five funeral processions a day, he went forward in faith and devotion to perform the last sad rites of burial. Indeed, on the Sabbath morning last, in the review of his ministerial history, he referred to the fact that, since 1820, he had performed burial service for 5,000 persons. Added to this, he had united in marriage over 3,000 couples, besides performing the baptismal ceremony for thousands of infants and adults.

The desire of his heart for many years has been to erect a commodious house of worship for the people of his charge, and the growing wants of a thriving district. In this wish we are pleased to know he has been gratified, for, on Sunday morning last, he dedicated personally a most beautiful structure, capable of seating 1,100 persons, with every modern convenience, to the service of the great Head of the Church

He has nearly completed a half century as the minister of this church, and since the death of the lamented Rev. Dr. Mayer, of the Lutheran Church, in Race street, is the oldest clergyman in this city.

His usefulness cannot be duly estimated now, though very highly prized by the people of Kensington, but the future history of that church and district will unfold its true value. May his life long be spared—a blessing to his people and the community where he dwells—and may it prove an example for imitation to his younger brethren in the ministry.

Religious Assemblies, Conventions, &c.

The present week has been one of marked interest to the Church, made so by the fact of several important ecclesiastical bodies holding their annual assemblies or conventions in this and other cities. On Tuesday afternoon, the Episcopal Convention met and organized in St. Andrew's Church, Eighth street, below Spruce. The Episcopal Conventions of New Jersey and Maryland are also in session. On Thursday, of last week, the New School Presbyterian General Assembly met in Wilmington, Delaware, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and at the same hour of that day the Presbyterian General Assembly of the Old School branch convened at Indianapolis. On Wednesday evening of the present week also, the Reformed Presbyterians met in General Assembly, in this city, at the church, Broad street below Spruce. From the accounts of the proceedings of these several bodies, which have appeared regularly in The Press every morning during their sittings, their doings are likely to awaken unusual interest among the churches they represent, all over the land.

FAREWELL SERMON.—The call recently extended to Rev. D. B. Cheney, pastor of the Eleventh Baptist Church, in this city, by the First Baptist Church, in San Francisco, California, has been accepted. Mr. Cheney has been pastor of the church he is now about to leave for about seven years; and while the people of his present charge deeply regret the prospective loss of one whom they have learned to love and esteem for his worth, as a pastor and friend, they evince a Christian magnanimity in yielding to this call, under the consciousness that Mr. Cheney is peculiarly fitted for the important position, in a distant State, he has been called to assume. His farewell sermon will be preached in his church to-morrow (Sunday) morning, and will doubtless be an occasion of deep and affecting interest to his charge.

CASE OF RECANTATION.—It will be remembered that a book recently appeared under the sanction of a Mrs. Andrews, late Miss Josephine Bunkley, a convert from Catholicism, making an exposé of certain malpractices of the church, of which she had formerly been a member. From the statement of a correspondent of the Catholic Herald, it appears she has since made a full recantation, and publicly renounced the book. Her retraction was lately read in the pulpit of the church in Norfolk, Va., by Father O'Keefe, who, after reading, stated that, in the whole course of his ministry, he had not seen more intense sorrow and contrition exhibited than was evinced in this confession. She has again been received into the communion of the Catholic Church. Her father, husband, and all her family, are Protestants.

Strawberry Festival

AT KINGSESSING, ON THE ROUTE OF THE DARBY AND PHILADELPHIA PASSENGER RAILROAD.

On the ninth of the coming month (June) there will be an attractive and most seasonable entertainment given at the grounds of Andrew M. Eastwick, Esq., Kingsessing, in behalf of a noble and holy purpose, that of securing sufficient funds for the erection of a comfortable school-house connected with the parish of St. James's Episcopal Church, over which the Rev. Chas. A. Maison presides as pastor.

Need we plead for such benevolent impulses, or refer our readers to the high mission so gracefully and earnestly advocated by the ladies of this parish, and so likely to realize an ample sufficiency for the object they desire to accomplish in giving to the young in that delightfully rural neighborhood a good religious schooling.

Pleasure-seekers, and lovers of pure enjoyment, should not neglect this agreeable trip. They will be well repaid in viewing the gardens of Mr. Eastwick, and their beautiful belongings. Mr. E.'s liberality has prompted him to yield to the ladies of St. James's Church the freedom of those historic grounds, for that day.

A word or two, en passant, for this world-renowned and much-honored spot—so well known abroad, that Fischer (the celebrated botanist of the Imperial Gardens at St. Petersburg, although he had never visited this country) could name nearly every rare tree and plant [illegible]

Who among our own citizens cannot recall to mind the botanic treasures of Bartram's celebrated Floral Garden upon the western bank of the Schuylkill, that old weather-beaten mansion still standing since 1731, with its sacred entablatures, "sermons in stones," unfolding, amid the [illegible] of clustering roses, "Thoughts that breathe, and words that burn," revealing the pleasure of that plain Quaker florist whom our townsmen [illegible]

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Who can say what great thoughts were not quickened into life, and schemes for our future political good, of which we may now be in the full enjoyment, were not conceived and successfully planned beneath the shadow of those grand old trees! What a history might be told upon the leaves of Nature's fair pages so lavishly opened to our view! That majestic cypress, upwards of one hundred and sixty feet in height, whose spreading branches have caught the [illegible]

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The Holy One by [illegible]
And does not this "testimony of the rocks," although carved a century ago, speak unmistakably to those who gaze upon its meaning to-day; do not those very words, by a religiously-breathing sentiment, seem to harmonize with that very spirit now impelling the ladies of this parish to put forth their energies for an object so sacred and ennobling?

A similar service, rendered them for an equally benevolent purpose some seven years since, has made them doubly grateful to Mr. Eastwick for the second offer of the rare attractions of his beautiful grounds to their use.

We trust that, under the governance and well-directed management of those ladies, a rich return will be elicited to the church exchequer, and that ample means will at once reward their labors by a commencement of the school building. May we hope that many who are not familiar with this spot will avail themselves of the coming opportunity of viewing its own and other beauties, which will unquestionably be well represented by the fair sex, who have this thing so much at heart; and, as it will be in the height of the strawberry season, it surely does not fail to give much hopeful promise.

We learn that the Darby and Philadelphia Passenger Railroad, in connection with the West Philadelphia and Market street, will run regularly throughout the day from their usual starting-point, Third and Market streets.

Proposed Terminus of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

[For The Press.]

As the subject of a proper location for the shipping terminus of the Pennsylvania Railroad is now under public discussion, I would inquire whether the directors, before whom the question is understood to be pending, may not possibly suffer themselves to be influenced by a certain fallacious argument, founded on their official positions. We are, they may say, directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and we are therefore bound to regard, in our action, the interests of that company, and those interests alone. Now, this proposition, though true enough in a certain sense, is yet capable of a most false and pernicious interpretation. Such an interpretation will almost certainly be put upon it, if we regard the company as having interests independent of its stockholders, and especially if we regard the stockholders as having no other interests than that which they have in their investment in this road. It should be borne in mind, therefore, first, that the railroad company has no interests whatever apart from the interests of its several stockholders; secondly, that its stockholders are mainly the citizens of Philadelphia in their corporate capacity, and certain citizens of the same city as individuals; and thirdly, that while these stockholders are directly interested in the railroad, they are just as directly interested, and on an average to ten times the extent in the business and prosperity of the city of which they are citizens. Add to this the fact that a large part of this stock was subscribed mainly for the very purpose of promoting their business and prosperity. The road being permanently established, the most important aim is to make it answer the purpose for which it was built. Now, it can hardly be pretended that the construction of a circuitous branch to meet vessels that do not come to this city, and that afford no facilities for its general commerce, and to build up a scrub town on the Greenwich marshes, is going to contribute anything to the business or prosperity of the city. Diffusion may suit manufactures well enough, but commerce demands concentration. It is the life of it. Make a central terminus, and vessels doing business with and for the railroad are at hand to do business with and for every branch of trade and manufactures in the city. The idea that the railroad is to have a commerce exclusively its own, I take to be, in the first place, fallacious; and, secondly, useless if realized, so far at least as the commerce and prosperity of the city are concerned. If the only objection to the Callowhill-street plan is the expense, the business men of the city had better subscribe half a million at once than to suffer it to fail. Why, sir, such a work as that, with its arched ways, its magnificent central passenger station at Broad street, and its shipping depot on the Delaware would do more, to say nothing of other advantages, towards giving the city a name and standing in the South, at the West, and at the North, than all the opera houses in Christendem. R. R.

A YOUNG MAN, named John Simpson, was arrested at Lancaster, Pa., last Thursday morning, charged with larceny and incendiarism in breaking into the watch-box of the Lancaster County Bank and attempting to set fire to Mr. Keyes' provision store, as an act of revenge for a slight reprimand that Mr. Keyes gave him when he discharged him from his employment. He has been arrested and committed.

The Galveston (Texas) News, of the 14th, says: "Our letters from the interior are, generally speaking, very satisfactory in regard to the forwardness of the growing crops. The cold weather has been followed by rain, which was much wanted.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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We shall be greatly obliged to gentlemen in Pennsylvania, and other States, for contributions giving the current news of the day in their particular localities, the resources of the surrounding country, the increase of population, or any information that will be interesting to the general reader.

A Sensible View.

The Baltimore American, in speaking of the effect of a free interchange of social courtesies between individuals and masses of people of different sections of the country—remarks elicited by the late visit of the Masons to Richmond—says:

"Personal acquaintance is indispensable, not only to friendship, but to a just opinion of character. Too well we know the hate on the one hand, and the contempt on the other, which the citizens of the two great sections of the Union entertain for each other.

"To the uninformed North—even to that part of it which ought to be best informed, (the newspaper part,) the people of the South are little else than a barbarous and brutal horde of slave-drivers, and vice versa to the uninformed South, the people of the North are but an unprincipled rabble of swindlers, atheists, and fanatics. This is all wrong, as it is altogether false. There are different characteristics in the two sections, but the average of intelligence and morality is much the same. This must be allowed by all reflecting men—by all that know that human nature is much alike the world over. It would be allowed, too, by all men of either section, were not the passions inflamed to madness by the misrepresentations of demagogues, and, above all, if they were better acquainted with each other.

"It cannot fail to have struck the most casual observer that the most liberal men, North and South, and the most Union-loving, take them as a class, are the merchants. Especially is this the case with the Southern merchants; for ten, yea twenty, of them visit the North to one Northern merchant who visits the South. But the North- [illegible]

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The Pike's Peak Humbug.

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[From the Detroit Advertiser, [illegible]]

Mr. Stephen D. Johnson, of this city, long in the employ of the Central Railroad Company, who left for Pike's Peak on the [illegible] of March last, returned to Detroit on Monday evening, having [illegible] He fully confirms the reports that the whole thing is a stupendous humbug, conceived in fraud by a set of unmitigated sharpers and swindlers, the chief of [illegible]

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not been able to gather enough of the "dust" to reward them for the least of their impositions upon the public.

Mr. Johnson informs us that the gold-seekers were rapidly leaving the mines. When he left, there were not more than five or six hundred there, though he met a large number on the way as he was returning. The day before he took his departure, there were forty wagons left to return; and many on their way, who were met by those who were fleeing from the mines, as they would from the plague, were induced to turn back, without even looking down upon the promised land, by the unfavorable reports they received on all hands.

He fully confirms, also, the reports in regard to the suffering at the mines. Many were destitute of shoes, and were compelled to tie rags upon their feet, without decent clothing, and with scarce enough food to keep soul and body together. He left at Denver City, lying in a wagon, too ill to move, a Mr. John Bell, of New York, with the toes on one of his feet literally frozen off. One man he saw who had been literally frozen to death, and another murdered and scalped by the Indians, or the equally savage whites. He thinks, from his own observation, and from careful inquiry, that there must be, at least, one hundred and twenty-five thousand people on the plains, either going to or returning from the mines.

As to accommodations at Denver City, Arapahoe, Auraria, &c., he says there are none. The stories of splendid hotels, fine houses, &c., are made out of whole cloth. The thing which the swindlers wrote East was a hotel that would compare with any in the country, is a miserable half-finished log cabin, with no beds, no chairs, and only rough boards for a table. Boarders were charged fourteen dollars a week at it, for miserable food, and were compelled to find their own blankets, and sleep on the floor at that. Most of the "houses," of which there were only about a dozen, in either of the great gold cities, have no roofs, and everything else was on the same scale. Such is the great gold Eldorado, and thus has the miserable bubble burst.

A MAN SHOT BY HIS WIFE—AN INFURIATED WOMAN SEEKING VENGEANCE—ALMOST A MURDER.—Last Wednesday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, a man named Isaac Wagner, employed in hauling ore for Jacob Sherck to Geiger's furnace, was shot at Miller's tavern, on the Willow street turnpike, about three miles from Lancaster, Pa., by a woman named Catharine Wagner, who claims to be his lawful wife. The particulars of this affair, as we have been able to obtain them, are substantially as follows:

In the morning this woman appeared before Alderman Van Camp, of Lancaster, for the purpose of making complaint against Isaac Wagner, for bigamy and assault and battery, stating that he had married her in 1851, Rev. Dr. Brainard, of Philadelphia, performing the ceremony. She further stated that they had lived together two or three years, and that she had two children by him. Wagner left her, and went to Lebanon, and married another woman, with whom he lived for a while, and then left her, and is now living near Quarryville.

The complainant has been following Wagner up, determined to have vengeance on him. For some time past she has been living as a maid at a hotel, near Philadelphia. She then came to Lancaster, and then went down to where Wagner lives, at Quarryville. There an altercation ensued between them, and in her complaint she states that he struck and otherwise assaulted her, getting down on her body with his knees. She then returned to Lancaster and made complaint, as above stated. A warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Officer Gormley, who proceeded to Geiger's furnace, where he found the team which Wagner had been driving, but he himself could not be found.

She then went back to Lancaster, where she purchased a five-barrelled Allen-revolver. The next we hear of Mrs. Wagner, she suddenly appeared before Isaac while he was feeding his horses, three miles from town. Some words passed between them, and as he turned to pass around the wagon, she fired, and shot him in the back. As he ran towards the house, the blood flowing profusely from the wound, she fired a second shot, which, however, did not take effect. She still followed him up, until he was taken into the house by those present, and the door was closed against the infuriated woman, who brandished her revolver and declared she would shoot the first man who dared to interfere with her. She then walked off out the turnpike, which was the last we heard of her—no one present venturing at that time to arrest her.

In the meantime, Wagner's clothes were removed, when it was ascertained that the ball had fairly entered his back, making a hole large enough for a finger to enter, but, notwithstanding, the wound bled profusely.

Wagner denies having been married to the woman, but admits having lived with her some time ago.

There is a strong probability that the wound will prove more fatal than was at first supposed. Mrs. Wagner has been arrested, and committed to prison.

LAGER-BEER DEMONSTRATION.—Last Wednesday morning quite a novel parade was seen in the Bowery, New York. It consisted of some eight or ten large-sized lager-beer wagons, newly painted, each drawn by four richly caparisoned horses. The vehicles were arched over with evergreens, and each one attended by about a dozen or more Teutons, dressed in costumes of their native land of the fourteenth century. In the leading wagon, King Gambrinus—the fabled god of "lager"—was personified by a fat, burly Dutchman, who acted his part well, judging from the frequent libations of "lager" partaken of by him, drawn from a barrel in the front of the wagon, into an immense silver tankard. The affair created much merriment to the spectators as the procession passed through the streets. The party were evidently bound for some cheery spot in the suburbs, there to have a jolly good time.