THE CITY.

MILITARY.

SPECIAL PRAYER.

As next week is to be devoted to special prayer for the country, Chaplain Bokum, of Turner's Lane Hospital, suggests that a meeting of his brother chaplains be held for the same purpose.

DEATH OF A SOLDIER.

The death of James B. Wood, of Company I, 12th New York, at the Chestnut Hill Hospital, was the only one reported yesterday at the Medical Director's office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PRESS CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon in Select Council Chamber, Independence Hall. The following-named gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing six months:

President—Thomas M. Coleman.
Vice Presidents—C. Sonder, C. C. Wilson.
Corresponding Secretary—D. Brainerd Williamson.
Recording Secretary—Wm. Fisher.
Treasurer—E. W. C. Greene.
Board of Directors—John Davis Watson, E. C. Wallace, John Russell Young, Thompson Westcott, Stephen N. Winslow, A. W. Frick, S. E. Cohen, Julius Hinze, Hamlet Wetherill.

A number of gentlemen were proposed for membership. Several others proposed at a previous meeting were elected.

CAMP LIBRARIES FOR OUR SOLDIERS.

We call the attention of our readers to the appeal made by the United States Christian Commission for books to establish camp and gunboat libraries for our soldiers and sailors. This appeal has now been before the public for some time, and we are glad to know that it is being responded to by our citizens. The number of books required to carry out the project will, of course, be large, and we hope that all who can will send at once their donations of books to the rooms of the Commission, 11 Bank Street, from which place they will be forwarded to the army.

DEPARTURE OF THE CITY ICE-BOAT.

The city ice-boat, Captain L. Schellinger, left Lombard-street wharf at noon yesterday, having in tow the ship Cultivator, which is bound to Fort Barrancas, Florida.

DEAD INFANT FOUND.

The body of a dead infant was found yesterday morning on a lot at Twenty-first and Race streets. It was taken to the Ninth-ward station-house, and the coroner was notified of the occurrence.

SUDDEN DEATH.

A man named Charles Brother, aged about fifty years, died suddenly yesterday afternoon, at Power & Weightman's laboratory, at the Falls of the Schuylkill. The Coroner was sent for.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The *City* Pastor desires *The Press* to acknowledge the receipt of $5 from Mrs. A. C.; $3, Anonymous, and $3 from C. A. S., as contributions for soldiers' families.

THE POLICE.

(Before Mr. U. S. Commissioner Smith.)

ALLEGED NAVY-YARD FRAUDS.

William H. Harris had a hearing, on Tuesday, on the charge of being implicated in the alleged navy-yard frauds. The defendant is a partner of a boarding-house on Front street, below Lombard. He was arrested some time since, and kept confined at Fort Mifflin until last Saturday, when he was handed over to the civil authorities. The principal witness examined was George W. Blackman, employed as a clerk in the yard. As he was implicated in the alleged frauds, from his own testimony, his evidence, to come up to the legal requirements of the law, must be corroborated.

On being sworn, he said that he resides at 611 South Mildred street; he was employed in the navy yard from November, 1861, to November, 1864; knew William H. Harris; he was a friend of his; had been in the habit of going to the clerk's office; after being in this capacity for a year I was transferred to the storekeeper's department; had charge of the shed under which the copper was kept; in the case I delivered five cases of copper to the carter, who took them out of the yard; I do not know what became of the cases; don't know the carter's name; in three months, four more cases of copper were delivered to the carter; I have seen other cases; there were three or four more deliveries of the same kind—the final one being in August; I believe the copper came from the Washington Navy Yard; this copper weighed 50 ounces per square foot; I had charge of the copper from the time it was landed at the wharves until it was put in carts or two months since, when it was taken in charge by a young man named Harrison; Mr. Sallee had charge of the shed under which the copper was kept; from the time I received five cases of copper to the carter, who took them out of the yard; I do not know what became of the cases; don't know the carter's name; in three months, four more cases of copper were delivered to the carter; I have seen other cases; there were three or four more deliveries of the same kind—the final one being in August; I believe the copper came from the Washington Navy Yard; this copper weighed 50 ounces per square foot; I had charge of the copper from the time it was landed at the wharves until it was put in carts or two months since, when it was taken in charge by a young man named Harrison; Mr. Sallee had charge of the shed under which the copper was kept; from the time I delivered