

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The Ordinance compelling the drivers of horses to drive slow over crossings, is being vigorously enforced.

A new boardwalk has been laid on Brady street from Pennsylvania avenue to the Braddock Field Plank Road.

A large number of dwelling houses are to be let in this and Allegheny city. There is no prospect for the rents to decline.

The Centenary Calendar.—We have received this invaluable adjunct to the counting room, and commend it in high terms to our readers.

The Retail Trimming and Dry Goods stores are doing a vast share of business just now, the trade being as heavy as during the holiday season.

No ice has yet been laid in by our dealers. Unless imported from the lakes there will be a great scarcity of this luxury during the coming summer.

Improving.—The moral status of Allegheny is improving. The three last morning levees of Mayor Drum have not been attended by a single villain.

Allegheny Councils.—The Allegheny Councils will hold a special meeting this evening. The sewerage law and the contract with the special subjects to be considered.

Pocket Picked.—Mrs. Weaver, proprietress of a boarding house on Walker street, Allegheny, was relieved of her watch, which contained twelve dollars, while in the Pittsburgh market yesterday morning.

The work of repairing the engine of the water works goes rapidly forward. The citizens have very generally complied with the embargo and sparingly used the water. The inconvenience will be at an end in a few days hence.

Boy Lost.—A little boy, named John Allen, residing with his uncle on Washington street, started to school last Friday morning and has not been seen or heard of since. The parents of the boy are living out west, where they removed lately, leaving him in care of his uncle.

Captured.—The police made a raid on a den on Diamond street, occupied by negro women, last evening, and arrested Ruth Ann Murray, Birdie Collins and Mad. Gordon, three notorious prostitutes, and conveyed them to the lock-up. They will have a hearing this morning, and will probably get thirty days each.

Hotel Thief Operating.—Some bold thief entered rooms No. 40 and 41 of the St. Clair Hotel, on Tuesday evening, and carried off two watches, one a gold and the other a silver, and four hundred dollars in money. The empty pocket book and vest of occupant No. 41 were found in No. 39 in the morning. There is no clue to the thief.

Alleged Disorderly House.—Mrs. Lawrence made information before Alderman Donaldson yesterday against Mrs. McDonald for keeping a disorderly house in the Ninth ward, and for forcibly entry and detention. This is the renewal of an old case, which has been heretofore published. A warrant for the arrest of the accused was issued.

Arm Broken.—P. H. Dunkle, a brakeman on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, met with a serious accident yesterday morning, near Scrubgrass Station, which resulted in the loss of his right arm. He was engaged in coupling freight cars, when his arm was caught between the "bull noses," crushing it so severely as to render amputation necessary. He was removed to the hospital, where Dr. Snowden amputated the arm.

Almost Killed.—A resident of Sewickley, named Geo. Magill, while under the influence of liquor, on Tuesday afternoon, narrowly escaped a horrible death, by staggering and falling against one of the cars of a train which was crossing Federal street, Allegheny. He was thrown, and fortunately fell lengthwise along the outside edge of the rail, and was quickly jerked away by officer Shaffer, who happened to be in the vicinity. One leg of his pantaloons was ripped open by the wheels of the cars, but beyond this and a severe fright, he sustained no injury.

Bag Pickers' Row.—Adam Wells, a resident of the Seventh ward and a ragpicker by profession, alleges that Fred. Wells, a brother professional, came to his house on Tuesday evening, in an intoxicated condition, and succeeded in a short time in creating a row of considerable proportions, in which he furnished a huge knife and was profane in his threats against the inmates of the domicile. Fred. was arrested by one of the police, and after a hearing before Mayor Drum fined five dollars, in default of which he will be committed to jail.

An Instructive Entertainment.—Our readers should remember the exhibition of brilliant chromophote views of Scriptural Scenes, etc., to be given in the Second Presbyterian Church (Dr. Howard's) this evening, under the direction of Rev. Alfred Taylor, of Philadelphia. The exhibition of the pictures will be accompanied by an explanatory lecture by Rev. Taylor, which will add in a great measure to the interest and instruction of the entertainment. As it is given in aid of a very worthy object, the Howard Mission Society, we hope to see it liberally patronized.

Pleasant Occasion.—Alderman Samuel McMillan, Past Master of Milnor Lodge, No. 287, A. Y. M., at a meeting of the Lodge held Tuesday evening, was presented with an elegant and massive silver jewel of a Past Master, on which is engraved a fitting inscription. Rev. J. J. McMillan presented the gift in a happy manner, which was responded to in a few brief and feeling remarks by the surprised recipient.

The donors of the handsome gift made a good selection in choosing such a worthy gentleman and honored official as the recipient of their favor, and may feel satisfied that it could not have been better bestowed.

Social Reunion.—A social reunion of the members of the various Methodist Episcopal congregations, in this city and vicinity, will be held this evening, in the new Methodist Book Depository Building, on Smithfield street, near Fifth avenue. The reunion will be under the auspices of the Ladies Home Mission Society of the church, and promises to be a most enjoyable occasion. An excellent supper will be served up, besides a program of songs, style, and ice cream and other refreshments will be provided. The supper tickets will be fifty cents, and the proceeds will be appropriated to the noble work in which the Society is engaged. We have no doubt that an immense crowd will be present.

SABBATH SCHOOL INSTITUTE

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SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Institute re-assembled yesterday morning at half-past nine o'clock. Half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, with peculiar reference to "Children in Mission Sabbath Schools who are without Christian influence at Home."

A. G. Wallace presided. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. J. W. Witherspoon delivered an address on "The best method of organizing and conducting a Mission Sabbath School." If the Sabbath School is the child of the Church, as stated Tuesday evening, the Mission Sabbath School is the adopted child. In organizing a Mission Sabbath School there must not be material. Some one must understand the work. Men willing to do this are few. Few men have the means. The congregation should become the agent in this important work. Certain districts should be laid off upon which the special energies of the individual or the congregation, as the case may be, may be brought to bear. General effort may fail of success. The district should be carefully conducted. No house should be passed, no matter what the circumstance of the family may be. Let the person previously chosen be present at the time appointed to welcome every scholar—present with a prayer in his heart and on his lips for the blessing of God on the little ones. These must be qualified teachers, who have been taught to endure hardness. It is to be conducted just in the same way that other schools are conducted. There are no children but can be tamed, taught and subdued. There must be great kindness and much firmness. Not more than four or five children should be in each class. Thus conducted, the Mission School will soon become the real and legitimate child of the Church. Every congregation should have a Mission Sabbath School under its nurture and control.

The matter of Mission Sabbath Schools was then thrown open for voluntary discussion. Mr. Rabo believed that the Mission Sabbath School was not a means appointed by God to bring in the outcast. But they must be visited at their homes. The hearts of the little ones must be stolen at their own firesides. The work, if properly done, may be the means of changing the character of the people of the land. Unconverted parents may be brought to the church through the children.

Rev. T. S. Bracken said that when he was engaged in the mission work, he went from alley to alley and street to street, and noted on a slip of paper the character of the inmates of each house. He then visited the professors or non-professors—so that he knew where to re-visit.

The Institute then engaged for a short time in devotional exercises.

The Rev. S. B. Reed was announced on the program to deliver an address on "The best way of retaining youth in the Sabbath School, and of drawing them into the Church." As Mr. Reed was not present, Rev. C. A. Dickey opened the discussion of this topic. There must be faith on the part of the Sabbath School teacher. If he rely upon his efforts, he will fail to bring children into the Sabbath School and the Church. He must make the child feel that it has come to a "good place." There must be attention paid to the manner. A cheerful influence must be thrown around the Sabbath School room. Every instrument possible should be used that will carry God's truth to the hearts of the children. Dr. Gracey said God's promise is inflexible. The command is, "Train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it." This training has never been suitable to fall. The Bible was the most suitable book for the children in Sabbath Schools. Libraries had done much harm. When a child reads a Sabbath School book, it does not read it with the same interest as the child who reads the Bible. The fifth of the Sabbath School books now on the shelves of their libraries might be committed to the flames with great advantage.

Rev. W. J. Reid said the great object of some teachers seemed to be to bring in large numbers into the Sabbath School, without having any regard to the manner in which they are educated.

Rev. J. H. Hanna believed they would learn how to retain scholars in the school when they learned how to retain the teachers. Scholars cannot be retained when teachers show weariness in their work. If the teacher is changed every year or so it will exert a bad influence on the children. When children and parents feel it to be their duty and privilege to teach in the Sabbath School, the children will be more easily retained.

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