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The City Election.

The city election is over at last, and Hugh O'Brien finds himself a third. He does not speak of the whys and wherefores. The politicians know. The republicans from three inglorious defeats, should be prepared to remedy all defeats in the future. We have so often pointed to the cause of these defeats that it is useless to mention here. We have no complaint against the present management of our municipal affairs. It is true that under Mayor O'Brien, taxes have been greatly decreased, while it is equally true that a million or more dollars have been uselessly paid towards well ornamenting our parks in the suburbs, where now and then a traveler or suicidal crank may wander. Let it go so. As some colored voters labored so earnestly for His Honor's continuance in office, we shall patiently watch the course the city government will take towards recognizing them. We congratulate the Mayor and hope for him a successful administration. The untiring earnestness of Mr. Henry Parkman for the success of Mr. Hart, the Republican candidate, is only one of the few instances in which he has shown his love for his party. The "No License" folks may well feel proud of their gain, but King Alcohol is still ahead. Now the people will rest.

To the Front Now or Never.

All who have carefully and closely watched us in the past, know too well our policy as regards to sending to the front our best and most capable colored men at all times and in all places. The race on a whole has no over supply of intelligent leaders, and yet when the head of one looms up among us, we heed negroes in ten cry, "put him down."

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Our Aldermanic District.

The 4th Aldermanic district of our city has done wisely and well. In fact it always does, but exceptionally so this year. The Alderman-elect, Hon. Tilly Haynes, is the high-spirited, genial proprietor of the United States Hotel. He was a member of the State Senate from the City of Springfield, and his entire course as Senator was marked by a fearless and courageous adherence to the welfare of his constituency irrespective of party or politics. The membership to the Common Council of Ward 9 are Wm. Power Wilson, Frank Morrison and our able and distinguished colored townsman Andrew B. Lattimore. The two former are lawyers of prominence, and stand ready at all times to do what is right and for the people's good. Mr. Lattimore succeeds Councilman Armstrong, and believing in his high integrity and love for his race, we predict for him a faithful career and a wise maker of our municipal laws.

Supposed Democratic Trickery in Boston.

It was the hope of the friends of Francis M. Gray that he should be nominated for the Common Council, but the honor fell to the hands of Mr. A. B. Lattimore. A republican nomination in Ward 9 means exactly that unless very serious objections exist the candidate will take the full support of his party. Apprehending dissatisfaction in republican ranks, because of the defeat of Mr. Gray, the Democratic Ward and City Committee of the 9th Ward, without notice or authority, but to strengthen their cause and destroy the political prospects of one of our colored gentlemen in the city and a Republican of unquestionable fidelity, placed his name upon their tickets. A very kind and considerate act it was, but the act was the same old democratic trick to influence colored voters and jeopardize the future success of this young man, who is steadily and surely coming forward. No friend of Mr. Gray's or the Republican party gave birth to such an unblushing and "gally" transaction. It was a chicken hatched from the Democratic nest at their ward room in Ward 9. This act of Democratic manipulation is no new invention. It is the staid "horse-chestnut" of the Democracy here and elsewhere. No Democrat, whether Republican, Democratic, Independent, Prohibition or otherwise, would for a moment believe Mr. Gray or his friends guilty of the act which the trick would seem to imply.

The Advocate's Anniversary.

Colored Celebrities Will Congregate on January 4th, 1887.

Selkirk, Mitchell and a Grand Galaxy of Colored Stars.

A thousand thanks we tender the people of Boston and as many to the hosts of colored artists who honored us in the great Charles Street Concert. Again we are forced by the demands of a generous public to appear as the beneficiary of another concert. In the absence of what may have been the principal of our endeavor to give to the people of New England and the United States, first-class Negro journal which we have certainly done, the kind hearts of the colored people of Boston again beat with generous throbs for our success, and the richest talent of color in this country respond in accord. Again we express thanks, and shall strive to be worthy of your thoughts of and for the

The columns of the ADVOCATE are the peoples', though we reserve the right to suppress the matter which does any other than enlighten and edify the colored man.

We do not endorse all that others say, but all questions shall be properly and fairly inserted. The Inter-marriage, Mixed School and other interesting subjects have been ventilated in these columns, and yet with no offense to any one; and we trust the discussion of the "Secret Order" question, will engender no unpleasantness.

The democracy is distributing its "taffy" in good style, but it is a little hurried we fear. It is too bad how a simple recommendation or kind word painted over with choice language from a democratic office-holder, will catch some negro editors.

Colts will grow horses and beads turn gray before the sufferers from the Freedman's Bank robbery will get any National relief and will do what they know it. But then, it will prove valuable campaign literature and chin mud from democratic orators in aid of their ticket in '88.

The Washington Bee praises President Cleveland for referring to the negroes as "the poorer class," and says "this is as it should be." That explodes the "Afro-American," "Peculiar People," "Colored Citizens" terms. Our ticket for '88.—Cleveland and Chase.

The demand upon us has been so great, that some of our exchanges were obliged to give up their issue, but really Bro. Daney, we didn't mean to forget the bright "Star."

Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15, 1886. At the Ebenezer Baptist Church last Sunday, Rev. B. S. Jones occupied the pulpit and preached to a large number. His text in the afternoon was, "Baptism," Mark 1-4. In the evening he took for his subject "Communion," Luke 22-11.

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John I. Humbro, who died recently in Dennisville, Col., aged 34 years, was formerly a member of the Rhode Island bar. He was a graduate of the Thayer Street Grammar School and Schiefelbusch Commercial College, and afterward studied at the College of Orangeburg, S. C. He studied law in the office of the late Abraham Payne and Judge Walter S. Burgess, and his youngest son is named after his last instructor. He was the junior member of the firm of Ballou & Humbro, Providence, R. I., and was an active member of the famous Social Apollo Club. He leaves a wife and six children in his death, and a widowed mother living in this city, and a brother in New York.

New York Waifs.

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These reforms are the products of Republican brain and labor. What man who is in his right mind will dare to question the benefits which the country derived when under the rule of the republicans. Were the republics of Haiti and Liberia acknowledged before the date of 1860? If so, were the representatives colored men? The grand work so nobly and successfully prosecuted must be continued, but can best be by those who inaugurated these great measures of reform—by the party having the pluck to place a black man upon the Supreme Court bench of South Carolina as Associate Justice; by the party who sent to the nation's highest and most learned yet dignified council a Negro to be a member; the party who had the moral pluck to appoint a Negro whose signature was an indispensable necessity before the bonds of the government could be considered legal. This party is not dead, it has only retreated in good order and shall come forth crying, "Grace, grace be unto it."

The Christmas season is at our door. There has been rejoicing and mourning in others mourning. Such are the ways of life. Fairs and festivals are in full blast. The churches are making great preparations for the Advent season. The stores are artistically decorated. Santa Claus is busy at work preparing for his annual trip to the homes of the destitute little ones—I mean the homes of those who are blessed with papa and mamma, as there are hundreds who are not having such kind hands to administer to them. What a dark home must it be. No kind mamma; no loving papa; deprive the orphan of his father and mother. The St. Philip's Guild is in good working order and is largely attended by some of our most intelligent young folks. Rev. Huntington Bishop is of fine ability and high quality. He has made quite an impression in his pastorate.

On last week another mark of respect was shown to one of our professional gentlemen by being invited to dine at a banquet given by some of the best business and professional men at Delmonico's. Prof. T. McCants Stewart was the gentleman who had the high mark of social distinction shown to him. The Professor's address on the occasion is highly spoken of. Meritt will tell, and it further goes to show what punch and tact will do when backed by a balanced brain.

On last Tuesday night at the Brooklyn Lyceum a question was debated which took a wide scope. The most eloquent and logical argument was made by Mr. Emanuel Fortune, although he lost his case because his cause was a bad one. These lectures are doing a lasting good, followed by their own discussions. Rev. Mr. Dickerson, our able and eloquent pastor of the church under whose auspices these lectures are given, is undoubtedly accomplishing great good for the young people of his congregation and the people generally.

Prof. Dorsey, the very able and efficient principal of the leading school among us in Brooklyn, has met with a sad misfortune in the death of his dear mother—a loss which cannot be replaced. We extend our sympathy to him and hee-blee family.

Quite a commotion has been caused by the World's publication in relation to the article published by the correspondence from Havli, accusing the natives of cannibalism. The ministers were visited for their opinions in regard to their belief in the truthfulness of the story. I shall send in my next communication the sayings of these men of God which relates to the church's duty in that island.

Rev. Prof. Jones, the eminent West Indian scholar, is in the city. His health, which has been poor for some time, has improved so as to allow him to resume his mental labor, as he is again engaged in writing several works for publication.

Rev. Dr. James H. Johnson paid a visit to our city and delivered several public lectures, which were well received. C. I. Dyer, and Dr. Diggins with an in-

Worcester.

At WORCESTER, Dec. 14th, 1886.

At the Bethel Church Rev. A. W. Whaley took his text, on which he discoursed grandly, from the 17th chap. of John, 4th verse: "Christ's Victory." "I have glorified thee on the earth, I have finished my work which thou gavest me to do." First, he told of the great work which he had to do and which he accomplished for the world. Second, the manner in which he accomplished it and the victory which he achieved. Third, the victory for all the world. After preaching, the members of the church partook of communion, and members and friends of the church presented the pastor, after services, with a neat sum of money; it was a complete surprise, it being outside of his regular salary. The pastor responded in a few well-chosen remarks. Rev. Whaley is still continuing his studies at Boston College with marked success, but is now enjoying a little vacation for the purpose of visiting the sick of his congregation and friends. Revival meetings at this church will commence New Year's Eve—'87. Watch Night, Dec. 31st. At the Zion Church the pastor, Rev. E. George Bidde, took for his text Ephesians 5 chap., 25 verse, the second of the series of "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ has also loved the church, and himself for it." He showed how Christ loved the church in the time of Noah and in the time of Gomorrah, in the wanderings of the children of Israel, and how he gave his life for it. He said that Christianized husbands to love their wives as Christ loved His church, and having such love, their influence would spread over all the community. At this church, too, communion was taken by thirty-four members and officers, and the church on probation. After this the congregation was addressed by Rev. J. J. Smallwood of Xenia, in preference, and exhorted the colored voters to stand up and cast their votes for No License. Mr. Smallwood is a very fluent speaker and an able and energetic orator. His last sermon in many of the white churches of our city, and in seventeen days he has made twenty-two speeches.

A surprise party was given to Mr. Henry Whitefield by a large party of his young friends. The evening was spent in playing games, after which supper was served and all departed well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

Messrs. Asa Hector and John Potter were drawn jurors to the January term of the supreme court which convenes in this city.

Mr. D. T. Oswell is doing very well at last reports, and will soon be out. Mr. Richard Frazier of Washington, D. C. has returned to Worcester after an extended absence of five years, and resides with Mrs. Mary Anderson.

Mrs. Hattie Edmundson fell and dislocated her wrist in two places, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Her wrist was extensively painful, but after having it set, is getting along very nicely.

The Sixteen Associates gave a social dance at their hall Thursday, Dec. 9. There were about two-hundred couples who danced to the music of Prof. D. T. Oswell's orchestra, and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. The social will be held Dec. 23. Ladies' day was not observed on Tuesday, the 7th inst., on account of the storm.

Miss Elizabeth Easkin, of Taunton, Mass., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Wm. H. Jenkins.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, Household of Ruth held a turkey supper and anniversary at Integrity Hall. The turkey was held for some time, considering the exceedingly stormy weather.

The Knights of Pythias had an election of officers and a turkey supper on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, at Natural History Hall on Foster street. The following officers were elected: C. C. W. Stone, V. C. Cleveland, Secretary; P. C. I. Dyer; M. A. David Martin; T. George Lindsey; K. R. S. James Moore; M. E. George; J. I. G. George; Wilson; O. G. Robert Diggins. The officers were installed by Rev. Williams, S. V. C., of New Orleans, who presented them with a certificate.

Correction.—It was Mr. Henry Dixon and Miss Mattie Jones that were united in marriage, Nov. 29, this year. Mr. C. I. Dyer, and Dr. Diggins with an in-

New Bedford.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 13, '86.

With pleasure we note the fact that the city has gone "No License." With "No License," and the "Liquor Law" enforced, our jail and workhouse will not be so full next year as it was this year.

On Thursday eve., Dec. 9th, the Zion A. M. E. Church was fitted to overflowing to witness a Concert and Tom Thumb wedding. The first named included readings by Miss Josie Carter, who rendered "Ereases" with great credit to herself and teacher, also "Mistletoe" read a selection. Solos by Mrs. Collins and Miss Fisher. The school was addressed by Rev. S. Wright Butler. At 9:10 p.m. the wedding sermon began with Master Watts as minister. Miss Edie Watts bride, Master Charles Webster as groom, the Misses Bryan and Daisy Cole as bridesmaids, Masters Wiggins, Handy, and Cole as groomsmen. On Sunday there was preaching at this church morning and evening, and Sacrament at night. This church and Sabbath School is prospering finely under their new pastor Rev. M. W. Bynum, and Mrs. E. Spiner, superintendent.

Owing to the absence of Rev. J. C. Brock of the A. M. E. Zion Church, his pulpit was supplied Sunday in the afternoon by Bro. Holmes, and at night by Bro. A. Taylor. The S. V. C. of this church held their third entertainment in the vestry of the church, Wednesday eve., Dec. 15th. The Club is composed mostly of young people with good intentions.

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The Baptist Superintendents Association invited the Superintendents, Teachers, and friends interested in the Sunday School work, to their fourth annual reception, which was held at the Meonias Tremont Temple, Dec. 15th. We hope that some of them went.

The Baptist Church, Rev. J. W. Dunfee pastor, expects to give the citizens of New Bedford another rich treat sometime between the 1st and 15th of Jan. 1887, in the form of a "Selkirk Concert." The church will also give a pleasing evening on Christmas Sunday night, entitled "The Light of Judah."

Newport.

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Last Sabbath the weather was bad for many worshippers of the different churches and the attendances were very small.

Mr. N. VanHorne, being absent no services were held, as the Rev. N. VanHorne is taking a two weeks vacation visiting friends in New York and New Jersey.

Rev. J. M. Cargill was in his pulpit as usual and held a praise meeting in the afternoon. In the evening the holy communion was administered and the text was taken from Ezekiel, 37:1. Where there is a will there is a way to success always.

Mr. H. N. Jeter has returned home after an absence of six weeks or more and his parishioners were glad to see him once more among them, he occupied his pulpit during the day and had many things to tell about his Southern tour, and his friends are progressing in the New South.

The New Boston and Beneficial Association, which was organized in '85 and is composed of some of our most talented and respected young men, of Newport and laid fair in every way to be a credit to themselves, purpose to give their first Promenade and Ball at Odd Fellows Hall, Dec. 22nd, and would like some patronage of their friends on this festive occasion.

judges being absent it was given to the house to decide, and the decision was in favor of the negative side. The debate was spirited and interesting. The singing by Misses Beams, Walker and Gibson, and Mr. Eugene Washington, who presided at the organ, was fine, the readings by Miss Julia Cole and Mrs. Emma Harvey and Mrs. F. E. Harper were excellent. Mrs. M. C. Wilson's words for the hour were well rendered and a vote of thanks was tendered these ladies. Mr. Barrillour efficient janitor of the station house, has returned home to his duties, after spending a pleasant time in visiting relatives and friends in the Keystone State.

Memorial services will be held in Trinity Chapel next Sunday afternoon, at 2:30, in respect of the late Judge Geo. L. Ruffin under the auspices of the Historical Literary and the colored churches of this city. Judge Baker and Supt. Littlefield of our Public Schools will be present and make addresses on that occasion, also the pastors of our churches will join with other speakers and make this a memorable occasion.

Mrs. Lotie Williams has been quite ill but is now convalescent.

We welcome home Mr. W. H. Bonaparte.

M. C. W.

Bridgeport Cleanings.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., Dec. 14th, '86.

The usual religious services were held at the A. M. E. Zion and Messiah Baptist Churches on the Sabbath, which were well attended. The pastor, Rev. F. K. Bird and F. Geo. W. Powke, preached able and interesting sermons. The total amount collected at the grand rally effort of the A. M. E. Zion Church, amounted to \$320 14. Miss Cora Hawley was presented the first present of \$10 for collecting \$50.40, and the second present of \$85.00 was presented to Mrs. Wm. H. Davis, for \$15.00. The trustees took the lead out side of the contest, and Mr. J. E. Stevens, president of the board collected \$30.00 in New York, in two days. All worked nobly and are rejoiced over their success. The Sabbath School and congregation are now preparing for Christmas. Don't forget the grand rally effort at the Messiah Baptist Church on the last Sunday in this and first Sunday in next month.

Miss Mary Jackson and her niece Miss Clara Belle Wilkinson of Hartford have been on a visit in this city, the guests of Miss Rosa E. Smith, on Waldersmere Ave.

Hartford is the objective place for several of our young gens, where they expect to have a good time with their ladies. The following say they are going sure: Messrs. Frank Brightwell, Daniel Gow, Geo. E. Campbell, and Chas. Treadwell. The ladies say that the boys at the Atlantic Hotel are "dandies."

The Welch Guards, Company C, 5th Battalion C. N. G. will give their grand annual ball, at the armory, Xmas eve, Mr. Z. Taylor has signpost of his repair and papering business, and accepted a prominent position with the Bridgeport Brass Co. Go ahead Mr. Z. Where there is a will there is a way to success always.

Two young ladies were overheard conversing the future the other day, and one was quite frank and said: "The Mr.—who you reserved the clock at the Tom Thumbs wedding is my kind of a fellow." He is always a lucky fellow. To which the other replied, "e-e-e-yes and so is his b-b-b-brother just like him."

Mrs. Hannah Brightwell and her two daughters are expected home next week from Richmond, Va., where they have been spending several weeks enjoying the hospitalities of their relatives and friends.

Mr. Samuel R. Downing returned home last week from Albany, N. Y., to enjoy his part of the holidays.

Miss Henrietta Morris of New Milford, paid a flying visit to the city Saturday, guest of Mr. Harrie Morris, on Winter Lane.

Miss Elizabeth Murray contemplated spending her holidays in New York. "Something had gone, then it said stay," said Miss Murray. "I mean the other day, who has been and said who she will be Christmas. Some say she will

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More Leaguin Again.

Leagues to protect colored citizens behaved! The *Indianapolis World* presents a fine leader on protection leagues brought out evidently by many inquiries to our esteemed contemporary as to the advisability of such an organization. We know the land where such organizations might be needed; but in our weak judgment, the best protective league a negro citizen can organize, is to keep a “British bulldog” in his old clothes and kill the first scoundrel who attempts to deprive him of his rights.

We value a bit of true steel now-a-days far more than the distress sign of a protective league, and the sooner the negro press preaches a mode of individual protection, the earlier may we expect fair play.

Mr. T. T. Fortune, Editor of the *New York Freeman*, was in Boston during the past week. Our *sanctum* was favored with his presence.

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Note the advertisement on 4th page.

It is indeed gratifying to us to read from the columns of our colored contemporaries of the well deserved respect paid to the late Judge Ruffin all over the country. We have no language at command to express the unkind and discourteous actions of Gov. Robinson in the matter of so hurriedly filling the position. We admit that places occupied by colored men may not necessarily be deeded to the colored race, but this particular one should have been filled by a negro successor.

No United States Senatorship for Gov. Robinson in ours, and we trust our able colored member to the General Court, will remind his colleagues of the fact when the proper time arrives. We shall see, and from our position as journalists, and the ADVOCATE as the defender of the negroes of this part of the country, we shall continue to fling hot shot in the camps of our pretended friends, no matter what their positions or politics may be.

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Mr. Filmore Purnell made a flying visit to Newport and back, and while there visited the Historical Debating Association Monday evening, and was well pleased with the meeting.

The committee having charge of the great Apollo Club's reception met at Mr. Geo. H. Jones' residence, No. 14 Blaney street, Sunday evening, the 12th inst., and after completing arrangements which will make the reception the grandest society event that has occurred in Providence in years, the party was cordially invited to partake of an excellent dinner. As the Apollo Club is a strictly temperance organization, the elegant punch which Mr. Jones, with the assistance of those great temperance advocates, J. H. Brooks and Wm. Walker made, under the rules, could not be touched. Although we were willing to suspend rules, the law held good, and all voted to retaliate on champagne. After the coffee and cigars were passed and congratulations tendered to Mrs. Jones for the excellent dinner and their cosy little home, the party left for their respective homes. Saxe.

“Silver City.”

MERIDEN, CONN., Dec. 14, '86.

The night was so stormy last Sunday that there were but few out to the A. M. E. Mission. Mr. Green, licensed preacher at the last conference, was present, and made his first attempt at speaking before a strange audience. There will be a reunion at the Zion Mission, Friday night.

The voters of the place have formed a Republican Club. Room 13, Palace Block, Maine St.

The Silver City Choral Union, of which Miss Mary Porter is a member, numbering over a hundred of Meriden's finest singers, expect to give a Concert early in January. THALIA.

Professor's address on the occasion of a highly spoken of. Merits will tell, and it further goes to show what push and tact will do when backed by a balanced brain.

On last Tuesday night at the Brooklyn Lyceum a question was debated which took a wide scope. The most eloquent and logical argument was made by Mr. Emanuel Fortune, although he lost his case because his cause was a bad one. These lectures are doing a lasting good, followed as they are with discussions. Rev. Mr. Dickerson, the very able and eloquent pastor of the church under whose auspices these lectures are given, is undoubtedly accomplishing great good for the young people of his congregation and the people at large.

Prof. Dorsey, the very able and efficient principal of the leading school among us in Brooklyn, has met with a sad misfortune in the death of his dear mother—a loss which cannot be replaced. We extend our sympathy to him and bereaved family.

Quite a commotion has been caused by the *World's* publication in relation to the story published by the correspondent from Hayti, accusing the natives of cannibalism. The ministers were visited for their opinions in regard to their belief in the truthfulness of the story. I shall send in my next communication the sayings of these men of God as relates to the church's duty in that island.

Rev. Prof. Johns, the eminent West Indian scholar, is in the city. His health, which has been poor for some time, has improved so as to allow him to resume his mental labor, as he is now engaged in writing several works for publication.

Rev. Dr. James H. Johnson paid a visit to our city and delivered several lectures, which were replete with sound logic and extensive learning. The Doctor is one of the finest gentlemen in the ministry of the A. M. E. Church, for whom we bespeak promotion at the coming General Conference, which he richly deserves.

Bishop Jones of the Zion Church is in the city. The Bishop is quite a favorite among the churches. At the Centennial Conference at Baltimore he made quite an impression. BRUTUS.

Greenwich.

GREENWICH CONN. Dec. 13, '86.

The teacher's meeting on Friday was the largest that has been held this season and the addresses were ably delivered. Miss Fogel, of New Haven, made a telling speech on Reading and Mr. Carroll made as equally a good one on Penmanship.

Miss Lizzie Sherman, the most enthusiastic worker of Little Bethel, is to have a cake sale on next Wednesday evening.

Tobias H., the two-year-old son of James H. and Anna Davis, died Sunday morning at nine o'clock.

The services at Little Bethel were well attended Sunday despite the cloudy weather.

Rev. R. J. M. Long preached a touching sermon in the morning from St. John 16:8, and in the evening from St. John 17:24. Mr. Wm. L. Green, the energetic superintendent of the Sunday-school, and Miss Mamie E. Bonner, the indefatigable organist, are preparing an excellent programme of songs for the Christmas tree services.

The discussion of prohibition between Rev. A. W. Lightburn and Prof. H. T. Heck is not read with as much interest as heretofore, because it savors too much of personal abuse. In the discussion of so important a question good taste should be used and all personalities avoided.

ALETHOS.

well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

Messrs. Asa Hector and John Potter were drawn jurors to the January term of the supreme court which convenes in this city.

Mrs. D. T. Oswell is doing very well at last reports, and will soon be out.

Mr. Richard Frazier of Washington, D. C. has returned to Worcester after an extended absence of five years, and resides with Mrs. Mary Anderson.

Mrs. Hattie Edmondson fell and dislocated her wrist in two places, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Her wrist was extremely painful, but after having it set, is getting along very nicely.

The Sixteen Associates gave a social dance at their hall Thursday, Dec. 9. There were about twenty-five couples who danced to the music of Prof. D. T. Oswell's orchestra, and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. The next social will be held Dec. 23. Ladies' day was not observed on Tuesday, the 7th inst., on account of the storm.

Miss Fannie Jenkins of Taunton, Mass., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Wm. H. Jenkins.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, Household of Ruth held a turkey supper and anniversary at Integrity Hall. The affair was well patronized considering the exceedingly stormy weather.

The Knights of Pythias had an election of officers and a turkey supper on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, at Natural History Hall on Foster street. The following officers were elected: C. C., W. Swan; V. C., Alexander Johnson; P. C., I. Dyer; M. A., David Martin; T., George Linsey; K. R. S., James Mabrey; M. E., George Harden; I. G., George Wilson; O. G., Robert Diggs. The officers were installed by Dr. Williams, S. V. C., of New Orleans. He presented Messrs. W. Swan, C. I. Dyer, and R. Diggs with an insurance policy of the Knights of Pythias. The reception committee were George Linsey, chairman, R. Diggs, C. I. Dyer, R. Folsom and Mr. Thompson.

An address was given by Mr. R. Kennedy of a white Knights of Pythias order, after which supper was served by the ladies, and all had a pleasant time. Dr. E. A. Williams is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Dyer.

The services at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, No. 32 Front street, last Sunday were well attended. Rev. Hiram Conway preached in the morning from the text, Roman 1-16: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." The Sabbath School was largely attended in the afternoon. In the evening his text was II Kings, v. 12, 13 and 14. Rev. Conway will preach next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; subject, "The Way of Salvation." The evening subject will be justification. EAGLE.

Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. Dec. 13, '86.
At Zion Church the pastor Rev. W. H. Ferguson occupied the pulpit morning and evening, and at 2 p.m. Mrs. Dr. Semon delivered an interesting lecture to the members of the Sabbath School.

Rev. J. N. Given, formerly of New Utrecht and Gravesend, L. I., has accepted the charge of Zion A. M. E. Church, at Detroit, where by his eloquent sermons and pulpit oratory he is rapidly gaining favor among his new parishioners.

The choir of Zion Church rendered some choice selections on last Sunday, under the leadership of Mr. H. A. Dias.

The annual Christmas festival of Zion Sunday School will take place on the 22nd inst., under the direction of Mr. Stephen E. G. Manning.

S. C. F. M.

W. Dunjee pastor, expects to give the citizens of New Bedford another rich treat sometime between the 1st and 15th of Jan. 1887, in the form of a "Selika Concert." The church will also give a pleasing exercise on Christmas Sunday night, entitled "The Light of Judah."

MISLETOE.

Newport.

NEWPORT, R. I. Dec. 13, '86.

Last Sabbath the weather was bad for many worshippers of the different churches and the attendances were very small.

Rev. M. VanHorne being absent no services were held, as the Rev. VanHorne is taking a two weeks vacation visiting friends in New York and New Jersey.

Rev. J. M. Cargill was in his pulpit as usual and held a praise meeting in the afternoon. In the evening the holy communion was administered and the text was taken from Ezekial 37:9.

Rev. H. N. Jeter has returned home after an absence of six weeks or more and his parishioners were glad to see him once more among them, he occupied his pulpit during the day and had many things to tell about his Southern tour, and how the people are progressing in the New South.

The Newport Musical and Beneficial Association, which was organized in '85 and is composed of some of our most talented and respected young men, of Newport and bids fair in every way to be a credit to themselves, purpose to give their first Promenade and Ball at Old Fellows Hall, Dec. 22nd, and would like the patronage of their friends on this festive occasion.

Correction—It was Mr. Henry Pucy and Miss Mattie Jones that were united in marriage, Nov. 29, the Rev. H. N. Jeter officiating.

The passover given at Truro Chapel Thanksgiving eve will at the earnest request of citizens, be repeated on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15th.

Miss Amanda Rives has returned to the Hub, after spending a very pleasant time here with her friends.

Miss A. Grinnell in company with Miss Susie Taylor left Newport last Friday the 10th to visit her parents at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Wm. E. Peck, of Newport, has been visiting friends in Providence, R. I., returned last Saturday and reports a good time.

Mr. A. Pugsley has returned again to Newport, his son James being much better. We welcome his smiling face among us once more.

The Central House 157 Thames St., is open the year round, and strangers will find that they will be well accommodated, and a first-class cafe is attached to the house. Mr. D. Pugsley the proprietor, will make it pleasant for all those who may give him a call.

We have three colored gentlemen engaged in the grocery business, Messrs. Keller, Curtis and Easton, and all seem to be doing well. We have four in the restaurant business, Messrs. Paine, Spinks, Smith, and Pugsley, one in the blacksmith, Mr. Chas. Fairweather, two in junk, Messrs. Tozged and Hutton; in the shoemaker Messrs. Pedro and Quire, and in the express business Messrs. Lee, Guinn, Gaines, Buchanan and Jenkins.

The Historical Literary met Monday evening, 13th, the question for debate was "Should the Blair Educational Bill pass the present Congress and become a law?" Messrs. Downing and Gross, Mrs. M. C. Wilson and Miss L. Gibson in the affirmative and Messrs. Cargill, and Fayweather in the negative. The affirmative had the strongest proofs. Our

guests of Miss Rosa E. Smith, on Waldersmere Ave.

Hartford is the objective place for several of our young gents, where they expect to have a good time with their ladies. The following say they are going sure: Messrs. Frank Brightwell, Daniel Ross, Geo. E. Campbell, and Chas. Treadwell. The ladies say that the boys at the Atlantic Hotel are "dandies."

The Welch Guards, Company C, 5th Battalion C. N. G. will give their grand annual ball, at the armory, Xmas eve.

Mr. Z. Taylor has disposed of his paint and papering business, and accepted a prominent position with the Bridgeport Brass Co. Go ahead Mr. Z. Where there is a will there is a way to success always.

Two young ladies were overheard conversing the future the other day, and one was quite frank and said: "The Mr.—who received the clock at the Tom Thumb wedding is my kind of a fellow. He is always a lucky chap." To which the other replied, "e-e-e-yes and so is his b-b-b-brother jist like him."

Mrs. Hannah Brightwell and her two daughters are expected home next week from Richmond, Va., where they have been spending several weeks, enjoying the hospitalities of their relatives and friends.

Mr. Samuel R. Deming returned home last week from Albany, N. Y., to enjoy his part of the holidays.

Miss Henrietta Morris of New Milford, paid a flying visit to the city Saturday, guest of Mr. Harrie Morris, on Whiting Lane.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murray contemplates spending her holidays in New York.

"Something said go; then it said stay," said Miss Mamie Lane the other day, who has been undecided where she will be Christmas. Some say she will be on hand sure at the Armory Christmas eve.

GLEANER.

Danbury.

DANBURY, CONN., Dec. 11th, '86.

There was a grand stereoscopic entertainment given at Benedict Hall, last Friday evening, for the benefit of the A. M. E. Mission. The entertainment consisted of a varied assortment of the finest selected views, treating on six different illustrated subjects, shown by Rev. F. K. Bird, of Bridgeport, Conn. The whole contained an entertainment of 66 views, exhibited before a large and much delighted audience. All pronounced it one of the best of the kind ever shown in this place. Following the exhibition there were refreshments furnished in the hall by a committee of ladies. The pastor, Rev. M. Monzing, who is making rapid progress in building a new church in this city, deserves much credit for the success of the occasion. It is expected that the new church building will be dedicated by next spring.

M. M.

New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 14, '86.

Last Monday evening the Knights of Labor held a rousing meeting, down to Carill's Opera House. A number of the most prominent citizens of New Haven, addressed the Knights, but none were received better than Mr. Farrell, of the 40th district of New York City. He is a very eloquent speaker, and was loudly applauded by his many hearers.

Wednesday evening, Prof. J. Golette gave a concert and literary entertainment at Loomis' Temple of Music. It was largely attended and a grand success.

Miss Adeline Saunders, the rising

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young elocutionist, who is spending the winter in Waterbury, has filled a number of engagements this winter. We are pleased at having this young artist so highly appreciated.

Mrs. Aileen Chandler is still very sick; also Mr. John Jackson, an old resident of New Haven. He is well known and respected by every one.

Rev. H. H. Johnson and bride have returned home from their wedding tour.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15, '86. Mr. Joseph Brooks, a well known real estate broker and owner of a fine farm at Benning Station, a few miles from this city, was buried from the Fifth Baptist Church to-day and though the day was very inclement a very large crowd assembled.

The new St. Mary's Chapel is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy about Christmas, the proceeds of brick mounted with stone, after the old English style with archways. A most successful entertainment was given not long ago by the altar ladies, the proceeds of which are to buy altar cloths. A set of boy choristers are under training and it is expected that the new church will open with grand music.

We had a grand fall of snow here much to the delight of the small boy, and sleds of all conceivable shapes and sizes have done good service to say nothing of the sleighing parties among the older ones. We have to take advantage of the snow while it is coming down, for it does not last long. To-day a dull drizzling rain has swept nearly all of it away.

I noticed in a northern paper that Miss Sadie A. Smith, of Norwich, Conn., daughter of the late Rev. J. L. Smith, is carrying out the good work of her father. He used to sing, about Christmas time, contributions of all kinds to the freedmen of Heathsville, Va. This year his daughter sent eight large dry goods boxes of clothing and shoes. On the daughter falls the mantle of the father.

STONINGTON.

STONINGTON, CONN., Dec. 14, '86. The sad news of the death of Mr. George Randall, of Mystic, which occurred in Providence, reached us Saturday. He was buried from the home of his parents, on Monday. Several friends and relatives from here attended the funeral. Quite a number from New London were present to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

Mr. William Bush of New London, spent a few hours in the village, Monday afternoon.

Miss Fannie Randall, came on from New York to her brothers funeral.

Mr. Wagner is suffering with a very severe sore throat. He is so much

ill as to be unable to attend to our weekly report to the two weeks ago seem to have been priority arranged, as shown by the way they are in the "They Say" column. We wish to state that we are as at all; neither do we profess to be "Vivia," whom we are well acquainted with and esteem, we believe some person or persons handed her said note. They probably think they were smart, but we think differently.

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Professor H. M. Shepherd, who has labored hard to aid Rev. M. A. Bradley in procuring money for the church, returned home last week. Mr. Shepherd's home is in New Haven, but for some time he has sacrificed himself and labored in Louisiana among the ignorant class of colored people.

On the 6th inst. the young ladies of this city gave Mr. Sheppard a grand reception at the church. An enjoyable time was spent and all returned home at an early hour, wishing him success.

The Rev. C. G. Roberts made a brief visit to New York last week. Mrs. I. Purdy visited New York last week, returning home last Saturday.

Thomas Allen, the infant of Mrs. William Allen, died on the 6th inst at the age of 11 months. The father and mother both have our sympathy.

Miss Eliza Henson is the best soprano singer in Norwich.

The 6 o'clock prayer-meeting was led by Mrs. E. Rice on Sunday evening last. The meeting will be led by Mrs. S. Powers next Sunday.

All subscribers who owe us are respectfully requested to settle their accounts. After the 18th inst. no papers will be delivered unless paid for.

The singing club realized \$5.38 above expenses. \$3.00 was given to Mr. Edward Jackson, and \$2.38 to Mr. Lew Pennington. All members of the Norwich Literary Society will please meet on the 21st inst. at the A. M. E. Zion Church.

NEW LONDON.

NEW LONDON, CONN., Dec. 14, '86. Most everybody is getting ready for the Grand Soiree to be given here Christmas Eve by Prof. Jordan's orchestra of this city, and Prof. Jackson's orchestra of Norwich, combined. It promises to excel anything ever given in the city.

Miss Eliza Anderson has been confined to her house by illness. She is now better.

Mr. William Henry of Norwich is now installed at Beckwith's restaurant as second cook.

Miss Louisa Kempton, who has been residing here for some time, has returned to Providence to attend to her sick mother. She leaves many friends.

Mr. George Randall, who was mentioned in our last letter as being dangerously ill, died. He was buried in Mystic last week. A number attended the funeral from here. We express our sympathy with Mr. F. D. Randall, the brother of the deceased, and other relatives.

Rev. Mr. Bradley of Norwich spent a short visit in this city last week, as the guest of Mrs. Farrar.

Mrs. Ardele Wiggins, after a tedious sickness, is now convalescent and is looking well.

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A Grand cause.

On the 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the present month the colored churches will have a Union Fair under the immediate auspices of a grand committee of ladies representing each church. The following churches are those interested: St. Paul Baptist, Charles Street A. M. E., Twelfth Baptist, Zion A. M. E. and the Ebenezer Baptist. The Union will be an unprecedented one and we bespeak a grander success than any yet given by them. The objects are twofold: first, to PROMOTE A BETTER SPIRIT OF UNION AMONG OUR PEOPLE; and second to raise the sum of \$2,000 for aid the churches heretofore named. The great good women will have nothing undone which will make this FAIR a place of INTEREST, AMUSEMENT AND INSTRUCTION. Let the whole church community and their friends, in fact everybody, purchase CHRISTMAS ARTICLES at the FAIR and thus aid this laudable effort. An interesting and varied PROGRAMME of SPIRITUAL AND LITERARY exercises by talent of the highest merit will be enjoyed each evening in the auditorium. Each church will provide for and manage its own part. The following are interesting and charming tables will be managed by all the churches conjointly, and each church will furnish a representative. The following are: CONFECTIONARY, REFRESHMENT and FLOWER BOWER tables. The management has secured the very best musical and literary talent, and divided the great carnival into the following programme:

Tuesday night, the 21st—Miss Addie G. Smith, Miss Rose Bush, Mr. B. J. Janey and the celebrated colored tragedienne who has captivated the people everywhere, Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis.

Wednesday night, the 22nd—The accomplished favorite soprano, Mrs. G. C. Harris, Prof. E. J. Lewis' Orchestra and the rising elocutionist and accepted artist, Miss Anna E. Norris.

Thursday night, the 23rd—The Clinton Literary Society with the support of the young people of the various churches, will appear in a selected programme.

Friday night, the 24th and the last night of the series, the public will be favored with the presence of the charming nightingale from Providence, Miss Flora Batson, Miss Ednah Nahar, and our favorite baritone, Mr. John P. Ransom.

This new departure will be under the ablest management, of which Miss Eliza Gardner is the president, and Mrs. Mary P. Brown is the secretary.

The cause is a grand one and no race-loving man or woman in the city should fail to lend an aid no matter how small. It is a grand consolation to know that we are our own proprietors, free from any and all debts or pecuniary encumbrances. We are more than ever united in our love for our worship are indebted, and now let us make the last grand successful rally and when the first sunlight of '87 meets our gaze let us say to each other, "We have followed the blessed precept of His holy words, "Owe no man anything." Save at least TWENTY-FIVE cents for the churches in which we love to congregate and worship Him whose bountiful gifts we enjoy, and we shall realize it to the end that we have only lent to One who never fails in paying debts.

Then we owe each other a duty—Grand and lofty duty of honor and praise. What would not any race sacrifice to do honor to a Flora Batson, a Henrietta Vinton Davis or a Fred Lewis? With what great numbers would not another race throng to hear and see and encourage the youth blessed with the talent of our own children, under such a great Union? We appeal to every man, woman and child of color in Boston to begin now to show our appreciation for our own children and daughters. Let us be as independent as we can and help ourselves, for God helps those who help themselves. The day has come, and now is, when to receive aid of others we must make some

We are pained to chronicle the sudden illness of Mr. Charles Allison, one of our oldest citizens. He attended church every morning and afternoon Sabbath, and then returned home ill. He has not left his bed since.

There was a concert and oyster supper given in Grand Army Hall, Park Street, by a number of young men of the village on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., for the purpose of procuring instruments to start a brass band.

The Ladies Sewing Circle met at Mrs. Abby Smith's on Leroy street on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst. On next Sabbath there will be a grand rally in the A. M. E. Zion Church to raise the pastor's salary.

Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Dec. 16, '86.

Rush A. M. E. Zion Church will attend all day last Sabbath, the afternoon Rev. W. B. Bowen delivered an instructive sermon on the stewardship. In the evening Rev. Keene preached an excellent sermon on the coming judgment.

Following the entertainment at the Rev. A. M. E. Zion Church. On the 19th inst., communion service will be held in St. Paul's Church. Rev. George E. Smith of Boston is expected to preach at 3.15 p.m. All should go to hear him and enjoy the services.

Mr. Ezekiel Langford and Miss Hannah J. Roberts were united in wedlock, Wednesday evening, by Rev. W. B. Bowen.

There will be a Christmas Tree and parlor social given on Friday evening, Dec. 24th, by a number of young ladies of the G. U. Club, at 38 Pine St. Admission, 10 cents. Come and bring your friends.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Elizabeth M. Epps and Mr. Daniel Miller.

"Towns" case has attained notoriety among us is exciting great attention now, and the society of the Union Baptist Church is endeavoring by appeal to the public to raise means to assist her in prosecuting her case. It is right to do so? Is a question arising in the minds of some who think justice will take its course.

On Friday evening last Cambridge Patriarche, No. 15 gave a prize drill in Old Fellows Hall, Main St. The drill was very finely done, each member vying with the other in making the affair of interest. The prize was a medal which Patriarche, Geo. F. Betts has won with one exception since it was offered.

After drilling nearly two hours the prize was awarded to Patriarche Betts. For some little time there was a tie in drilling between Patriarche Geo. F. Betts and Peters, but the latter finally succumbed. The judges from the Independent Order Odd Fellows were Brothers Smiley, Frazier and Waugh. The affair was a decided success, about two hundred persons attending, and everything passed off splendidly. Among the guests were Mrs. N. P. Wentworth, of Salem, Mrs. Capela, of Lynn, Mass., Mr. Will White, of Boston, Miss Louise Ellis, of Norfolk, Va., Mr. James Haydon, of New Bedford, and others.

It is according to our idea the very highest of indorsement on the part of some persons, whose age and experience should know better things, to take in their counsels and confidences of children, who can hardly understand matters pertaining to themselves.

Miss Mammie Brown celebrated her 12th birthday by a party, her father's 66th Putnam Ave. Many young folks were present and she was the recipient of many handsome presents. Among

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Mr. Daniel G. Miller, a past officer of the G. U. O. of O. F., Bay State Lodge, No. 814, is very low. His residence is 36 Pine street, Chelsea. We hope for his recovery. The family and Order has our sympathies.

Mr. Robert Ruffin, who for a long time has been a student of theology, has joined the Catholic church, and is aspiring for honors of the priesthood.

The trotting mare, Capitola, which was owned by Mr. J. H. Lewis, our well-known colored merchant tailor, was considered to be one of the finest gentlemen's driving horses in the country. Mr. Lewis was recently offered \$3,500 for her but refused. She will be greatly missed among the flyers on the Brighton and other roads this winter.

T. Thomas Fortune, Esq., Editor of the New York Freeman, has been on a visit to the city this week. A commendation of the BOSTON ADVOCATE and New York Freeman has been the subject of much consultation, and may be effected if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Murphy & Co. hat-tiers, under Hotel Bowdoin, corner of Bowdoin St. and Cambridge St. offer unparalleled bargains in their line of goods. Our many readers are invited to call on them before purchasing elsewhere.

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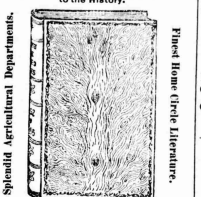
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Stonington.

STONINGTON, CONN., Dec. 14, '86. The sad news of the death of Mr. George Randall, of Mystic, which occurred in Providence, reached us Saturday. He was buried from the home of his parents, on Monday. Several friends and relatives from here attended the funeral. Quite a number from New London were present to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

Mr. William Bush of New London, spent a few hours in the village, Monday afternoon.

Miss Fannie Randall, came on from New York to her brothers funeral.

Mr. Wagner is suffering with a very severe sore throat. He is so much

acquainted with and esteem, we believe some person or persons handled her soul notes. They probably think they were smart, but we think differently.

DA VINCI AND THE DOCTOR.

Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Dec. 15, '86. THE BOSTON ADVOCATE is very much admired here.

The Catalogue of Hampton College, Va., has reached us. There are 332 students present from the old Dominion State. Several of them were playmates of Rev. Mr. Geda's.

Credit is due to Mr. Wm. M. Clarke and Mrs. A. Bauman for saving a young man from the county house.

Mrs. M. F. Clarke, visited Boston last week and was the guest of Mrs. P. Lawrence.

Mrs. M. Thomas has arrived from Newport and will spend the winter with her mother.

No license for liquors was carried by a large majority at the recent election, or the strength of the victory the Reynolds Reform Club was invited to

Loring St. Church, to take part in the service. The pastor bade them welcome. The wedding of Mr. Jenkins and Mrs. Jones, took place last week. Ditto.

Hartford.

HARTFORD, CONN., Dec. 15, '86. Rev. R. F. Whales, of the First St. Congregational Church, preached Sunday afternoon from Prov. 7:2 and Isaiah 53:3.

Rev. G. H. S. Bell, of the Pearl St. A.M. E. Church, preached on Sunday afternoon and in the evening. Rev. I. W. Brooks, of Alexandria, Va., preached, followed by administering holy communion.

Rev. A. Harrison, of the Union Baptist and his bride were tendered a reception on last Thursday evening, at Cambridge Guards Armory, by the members of his church.

All subscribers indebted to the agent of the Advocate are requested to settle by the first of January or their papers will be discontinued.

The net receipts of the Helping Hand Fair held in Music Hall, Dec. 1 and 2, were \$150, for which the ladies extend their thanks to all who so generously contributed to it.

Messrs. P. Jackson and L. Freeman are reported on the sick list.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mrs. Grace Mitchell and Mr. Louis Fuller, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, at Vale St. Congregational Church.

Mr. H. Sullivan, of Middletown, was in the city on business Monday.

On Sunday morning Dec. 12, Emma Octavia Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Williams, was baptized at Christ Episcopal Church by the Rev. W. F. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hart were her sponsors.

Mr. William Henry of Norwich, now installed at Beckwith's restaurant as second cook.

Miss Louisa Kempton, who has been residing here for some time, has returned to Providence to attend to her sick mother. She leaves many friends.

Mr. George Randall, who was mentioned in our last letter as being dangerously ill, died. He was buried in Mystic last week. A number attended the funeral from here. We express our sympathy with Mr. F. D. Randall, the brother of the deceased, and other relatives.

This new departure will be under the aforesaid management, of which Miss Eliza Gardner is the president, and Mrs. Mary P. Brown is the secretary.

The cause is a grand one and no race-loving man or woman in the city should fail to lend an aid to it.

It is a grand consolation to know that we are our own property-holders, free from any and all debts or pecuniary encumbrances. We are more slaves when the houses in which we worship are indebted, and now let us make the last grand successful rally and give what we are able to say we have followed the blessed precept of His holy words, "Owe no man anything."

Save at least twenty-five cents for the churches in which we love to congregate and worship Him whose bountiful gifts we enjoy, and we shall realize in the end that we are not losers.

One who never fails in paying debts. Then we owe each other a duty—the grand and lofty duty of honor and praise. What more can we do?

Attend the great sacrifice to do honor to a Flora Barton, a Henrietta Vinton Davis or a Fred Lewis? With what great numbers would not another race through to hear and see and encourage the youth blessed with the talent of our own children, under such a grand Union? We appeal to every man, woman and child of color in Boston to begin now to show our appreciation for our own sons and daughters. Let us be as independent as we can, and let us help ourselves.

Help those who help themselves. The day has come, and now is, when to receive aid of others we must make some effort towards our own success. Help the churches to get out of debt, be free people in every sense of the term, and the sea of life will certainly be easier to cross. Attend the great Union Carnival. There will be number of tables handsomely decorated and arranged as booths, having a prettily designed motto with their catchwords.

The Refinement table will be an especial feature, and will be laden with choice delicacies, at reasonable prices. There will be an exhibition and for sale the schooner Nechum, built by a young man of this city. Its dimensions are 4 feet long, 10 inches wide and 6 inches deep.

It would be well, besides a good opportunity to visit friends, for parties to arrange with the various roads for excursion rates to Boston to attend the Great Church Carnival and Fair. It would unquestionably afford a grand chance to see the city and do good for the houses of worship. See note on "Great Cause" as to how to attend Worcester, New Bedford, Springfield, Lynn, Salem and smaller cities adjoining are invited.

Attleboro Cleanings.

ATTLEBORO, MASS., Dec. 15, '86. The services in the A. M. E. Zion Church were well attended on the Sabbath. A great spiritual interest was manifested at the conference meeting at 10.30 A. M. At 2 p. m. the Sabbath School convened. At 3 p. m. the Rev. G. H. Simmons preached an interesting sermon from John xiv, 30 verse, taking for his subject, "It is Finished," after which the sacrament was administered.

In the evening the pastor preached an eloquent and practical sermon on the young people, from Matt. xviii, 10th verse, "Take heed of yourselves." The Young the Hope of the Church.

Mr. Lavare, lead poster at the Park Street Hotel, was united in wedlock on the 8th inst. to one of Providence, fair daughters. We wish them success

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THE BOSTON ADVOCATE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1886

Studies in German Literature, No. 3.

BY R. K. POTTER.
The poetic spirit of the second period of German Literature is at its best in the Nibelungenlied, and we shall proceed to give a brief sketch of this masterpiece which, appearing in solid form at the dawn of the intellectual development of Europe, bears the same relation to German that the Iliad does to Greek literature.

About the year 1757 there seems to have been throughout Europe a passionate desire to seek for the antique in literature and art. Among the fruits of this labor we find in England Percy's Reliques, in Spain a chance rescue of the Cid, in Germany a better knowledge of the national epic, the Nibelungenlied.

Master-minds began to lecture in German universities of its beauties, strength, and unity of purpose, styling it the "Northern Epics," the German Iliad, and after six centuries of neglect it was assigned its proper place in the highest rank of German literature.

Various persons have been granted the honor of the authorship, as Conrad Von Wurtzburg, Eschenbach, and others, but it was established that on this point nothing is definitely known. The writer or compiler of the twelfth century derived the substance of his narrative from legends preserved by popular tradition which in passing from one to another often became strangely confused and changed in meaning.

To find the origin of the Nibelungenlied one must imagine himself in the twelfth century and then travel backward for centuries into traditionary chaos where he will undoubtedly become lost among the dragons, dwarfs and hairy women of those remote ages.

To study the characteristics of the poem as presented by the compiler is a much easier task and far more productive of results.

The Heldenbuch (Hero-book) throws some light upon the origin of the Nibelungenlied, anticipating to some extent the characters and scenes of the latter, but is greatly inferior to it in poetic merit; except for the fact that it illustrates the great poem of Germany it need not be mentioned in an article of this nature.

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the prince is still unknown to her, that she has a pet falcon, strong, beautiful and wild, which two eagles snatch away from her. Her mother, to whom she tells the dream, explains that the falcon is a noble husband who is to be suddenly taken from her.

At the end of a year Siegfried is introduced to the princess having in the meanwhile rendered military service to King Gunther, her brother.

Soon the young people are happily betrothed, and the poem tells of further service of remarkable character given by Siegfried to Gunther in this manner:—

Far away over the sea toward the north lived a queen called Brunhild, destined to become the wife of any hero who proved himself her superior in martial contest with her. Gunther wishes to try for the hand of this Amazonian queen but believes that it can be effected only by the aid of Siegfried's supernatural power.

Thus aided, Gunther conquers the queen much to her surprise; she becomes his wife; comes to Worms and there meets Kriemhild, the bride of the hero.

For a while all goes merry as a marriage bell, but soon a cloud arises caused by the jealousy of the two women growing out of a question as to the superiority of the husbands and as to which should have precedence as first lady of the land. The latter question seems to have caused trouble from the days of Juno until the present time. The strife between Kriemhild and the queen finally rose to such a pitch that the queen decided on the death of Siegfried. To do this she appealed to the loyalty of Hagen, the fiercest of the Burgundian chiefs.

Fearful of open combat with the dragon-slayer Hagen resolved to kill him by strategy; pretending therefore to be his devoted friend, he persuaded Kriemhild to mark on her husband's coat the spot between the shoulders where he was vulnerable. He then invited Siegfried to a hunt in the forest and while the latter, warm with the chase, was stooping to drink from a spring, speared him in the vulnerable place and the dragon-slayer met his fate.

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ject the bettering of the condition of the human family, by keeping the lesson taught by the blessed Christ in the parable of the good Samaritan. The writer says that the business of the church is to preach salvation, if that is so, he may go home; as his services will no longer be required, since the whole church is expected to do what the ministry is expected, and were commissioned to do. I would like to know, what is meant by "disinterested benevolence."

There must be something new under the sun.

When I went to school I was taught that to be benevolent one must possess love for and interest in all people, and this principle runs through the Old and New Testament Scriptures.

I would also be glad to know who told the brother that all secrets had been revealed in heaven.

He claims also, that the greater field for doing good was in the church of God, when Christ taught that those that were whole, needed not the Physician, but those that were sick. And that He came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

I therefore decide that the learned gentlemen forgot what his duty was, and where to be performed. If in the church only, please tell me what is to become of the world?

The writer claims that the church is of divine origin. I would like to suggest that it depends greatly upon the meaning of the person who uses that term, since the word could be used with equal propriety to constitute any gathering collected for religion, or irreligious purposes; the writer would do well to note which he means. If it be the church of Christ that accomplishes the wonderful work to which he alludes, certainly it must be by coming in contact with the wicked, that they are saved by its great power and work.

He claims that secret societies are human institutions. May I ask who initiated Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal and Catholic faiths and the like, if they are human institutions, the writer had better explain.

I will not consume time in this article to answer every misrepresentation, for I hope the writer will see his blunders. If the religion of Christ is what it should and must be, it certainly should be able to stand contact with the wicked. If the writer would reflect a moment he might see that it is no strange thing for the church of Christ to be out-numbered by the wicked. There was a time when one of the prophets imagined that all Christians had been put to death, and the prophets all stoned, and it was found necessary to convince him that there were still 7000 that had not defiled their garments, or bowed the knee to Baal. At one time the twelve apostles seemed to compose the church, and it was so small Christ said it were like leaven in the meal, or as a grain of mustard seed. With this consideration certainly it must be admitted that it is not a strange phenomenon for the wicked to outnumber the righteous, but does that signify that there is any danger of the church being supplanted? Is it right or reasonable to suppose that because of the commingling of Christians with the wicked, that the church of Christ is to suffer loss? No, it must not, or the constituents thereof as the followers of Christ must go among the wicked for the purpose of winning them back to Christ. He ate with publicans and sinners. The writer forgets that secret

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THEY SAY

(Specially reported for the Advocate.)

—That a January thaw is anticipated. —That if the winter weather continue as it has commenced, fashionable sleighing parties will be all the rage.

—That society is complaining of ennui. That the Fraternal Ball will probably cure that.

—That the ball will be very select this year, no tickets being sold at the door.

—That the costumes of the ladies will be very elegant on that occasion.

—That what they say about the costumes and the pretty girls, and handsome men will all be recorded in this column the following week.

—That the young man who has been seen several times on horse back rides very well.

—That two Iowa girls are successful paper hangers, and earn as high as \$12.00 per day.

—That we are indebted to Pompeii for the great industry of canning fruit. —That years ago when excavations were just beginning, a party of people from Cincinnati found in a portion of a house, many jars of preserved figs. One was opened and found to be good. That investigations showed that the figs had been put into jars in a heated state, an aperture left for the steam to escape and they sealed with wax.

—That the next year canning fruit was introduced into the United States, after the vogue in Pompeii, twenty centuries ago.

—That of President Arthur's Cabinet, Frelinghuysen and Folger are dead. That Hutton is editing the Chicago Mail. That Lincoln is practising law in Chicago. That Gresham is on the bench. That Brewster has a large law practice in Philadelphia. That Teller is in the U. S. Senate.

—That the number of cats in Great Britain is estimated at fully 7,000,000.

—That in the older days cats were so scarce, that stringent laws were passed for the punishment of those who killed or stole them.

—That the discarded lover was in town last Saturday. That he seems to be in ill health. That many think his heart is breaking.

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But why is he ignorant of the use of these grand specimens that stand as beacon lights, that have their place in and by the side of the christian church? Is it right for a man to attack a thing in the way of condemning it, that he knows nothing about?

If the writer had been properly informed, such a piece never should have appeared as the work of a professed christian minister. I must say it is a step aside from the christian ministry, when men for the sake of a little notriety, exhibit their profound ignorance of the things they profess to know.

Once knew a man that had joined all the secret societies he had come across for the purpose of finding them out; however he was expelled from them all for non payment of dues, and of course he gave them all a bad name. I have said that the best way for a society or an individual to get a bad name is to dare to do right.

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Something New in Books.

Two new processes in illustrating Juvenile Books have been adopted this year by the Worthington Company of New York. One is seen in "Worthington's Annual and the other in "From Meadow Sweet to Mistletoe." The Annual is printed in alternate tints. It is the first book ever so printed, and a patent has been applied for. The effect is universally commended. From Meadow Sweet to Mistletoe is illustrated by the photogravure-lithographic process, and is also the first book ever printed in this way, the photogravure process having heretofore been only applied to costly works, such as the Vanderbilt and Meisner galleries, etc. These two processes, as applied by this publishing house at an immense expense, certainly are entitled to warmest praise, and the new and beautiful books thus embellished should command large sales. They are, indeed, a marvel of cheapness when the character of the work is taken into account.

A Musical Prodigy.

The concert to be given in aid of the Boston Advocate, in the Charles St. Church on January 4th, seems to be attracting general interest. Miss Lulu Richards of Chelsea, a young Miss of 17 years, will make her debut before a Boston audience. She has been a close student of the violin since 1882, taking her instructions from the leading musical professors of Europe, and the United States.

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—That the post graduate of the Normal School so well known in social circles has been substituting at night school for the past week.

—That everybody is buying Christmas presents for somebody.

—That anybody can buy a handsome apron at the apron sale if they attend.

—That the sale will last only one day and one evening.

—That a good time is offered to all as well as an elaborate display.

—That aprons from all over the country, have been sent, and are still being sent.

—That somebody has got the art of "sizing up," sized down to perfection.

—That the laziest person can tell the longest story.

—That one of the admirers of the brilliant New Bedford elocutionist, was seen hopelessly sighing last week.

—That somebody remarked that they had not seen so pretty girls in Boston.

—That that somebody found out before they left Boston, that there were girls with handsome brains in Boston.

—That beauty is only skin deep. That intellect is many fathoms deep.

—That the death list of the past sixteen months, includes these ten men who have been Presidents, Vice Presidents or candidates before the people for one of these offices:—Gen. Grant, Gen. McClellan, Thomas A. Hendricks, B. Grant Brown, Gen. Hancock, Horatio Seymour, David Davis, Chester A. Arthur and Charles Francis Adams.

—That one of the G. K. G's is a law student at Harvard.

—That Mr. J. H. Lewis's horse, Capital, will have to be shot.

BRET ISLEW.