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TRANSIT PROBLEM ENGAGES BOARD OF TRADE ATTENTION

R. T. Commission Will Be Asked to Approve Subway Extension to Ridgewood.

NATHANIEL H. LEVI'S REPORT.

Decision in New Bridge Transit Contract Expected in a Few Days.

The Broadway Board of Trade last night held a well-attended and interesting meeting in which the transit problem was the principle subject discussed. The board also decided that a big playground ought to be located on some of the vacant property just off Saratoga Park, at Saratoga avenue and Halsey st. It was decided after a discussion of the matter that the attention of Controller Grout and Borough President Littleton should be brought to the same by a letter to be forwarded at once.

President Nathaniel H. Levi made the following interesting report, the reading of which was greeted with applause:

"The subject which engages the attention of the Brooklynite to-day and will no doubt engage it for some time to come, is the complex question of adequate and comfortable transit, and it is more than likely that no proper solution to this all absorbing question will be found, until a complete and perfect system of subways is devised and inaugurated in our borough. The Rapid Transit Commission being in an especially favorable frame of mind at the present time, it behooves us in this section to strike while the iron is hot, in order that we may secure our share of this much-needed improvement in our transit facilities.

"The Broadway Board of Trade, during Mr. Swanstrom's administration advocated a subway to connect with the Manhattan subway either at Borough Hall or Flatbush avenue, to run through Myrtle avenue to Ridgewood, with a spur on Broadway, to East New York and Jamaica. Mr. Swanstrom thought so favorably of this project that he incorporated it in his well-devised plan.

"Subsequently the Twenty-eighth Ward Board of Trade submitted a proposition for a subway from Union Square, Manhattan, under the East River via Broadway to Jamaica, and which was amended later by the addition of a spur to be built from Broadway through Myrtle avenue to Ridgewood. Either of these plans, if adopted, would aid materially in solving the Transit problem for the Eastern District and would meet with instant favor from the residents thereof. Whichever of these two plans is likely to prove more acceptable to the Rapid Transit commission is the one that should receive the undivided support of all the civic bodies of this part of our borough. With more than one-half of the total population of Brooklyn to our credit it ought not to be a difficult matter to persuade the Rapid Transit commission of the superiority of our claims for an adequate system of subways to cover the entire Eastern District. With the elaborate tunnels building and being projected, from Manhattan to New Jersey, and to the Bronx, it will require but little discernment to see how far behind Brooklyn will be in the race, unless she is favored with at least equal advantages in her transit facilities. It is the purpose of your board, together with other component parts of the Allied Boards of Trade to appear in the near future before the Rapid Transit Commission, and there present our just claims for the building of one or the other of the subway plans herein outlined.

"It will no doubt prove to be time well and profitably spent for the Broadway Board of Trade and other civic bodies in Brooklyn to give close attention to the provisions of the contract which it is believed will soon be drawn up for the running of elevated roads over the Williamsburg Bridge. This contract should provide for the continuation of the elevated structure on Delancey street as far as the Bowery, and nothing short of this plan should be accepted by the people of Brooklyn. If this project were carried into execution it would be possible for the Brooklyn surface cars to run to the Bowery also, for by carrying the overhead wires under the elevated roads, the great objection raised by the people of Manhattan against the installation of overhead trolley wires would undoubtedly be overcome.

"A matter of some weight and importance to property owners and merchants is to seek the speedy reduction of the excessive rate of fire insurance with which we are burdened in Brooklyn. Your board has appealed to the New York Insurance Exchange to remove the extra premium charge for inadequate water pressure and supply. The new water mains which have recently been lain, have increased the supply of water for fire purposes very materially, and we are therefore justly and fairly entitled to a reduction in rates and we purpose pressing our claims until our request is granted, and an equitable rate established.

"Another matter which it might be well for our board to consider is the wretched condition of the sidewalks in City Hall Park, Manhattan, which really concerns the people of Brooklyn more than it does those of Manhattan. Who of us has not gotten out of patience through being compelled to walk through a puddle of water on a stormy day, caused by the defective sidewalks in City Hall Park. A resolution from our board to the Park Commissioner of Manhattan and President Ahearn might be helpful to bring about the needed reform.

"The question of establishing a standard of purity of the gas that is supplied to us by the gas companies is of vital importance to our citizens. Last year when the Broadway Board of Trade took up this subject with the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, we were informed that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had failed to make the necessary appropriation to insure the proper testing of that which is said to be gas, which is supplied to the consumer by the gas companies and for which we pay so dearly. This should not occur again, and our board should, together with the other members of the Allied Boards, petition the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to make the necessary appropriation to thoroughly test the gas at frequent intervals, in order that the interests of the public be properly safeguarded, and the cases of accidental deaths by poisoned gas be few and far between.

"I think it is proper for us to indorse the splendid work the Board of Health is doing at the present time under the direction of President Darlington in making such strenuous efforts to insure the purity and wholesomeness of our milk supply. No greater menace can threaten a city than to have its supply of milk adulterated and impure.

"The chairman of your street committee, George C. Miller, will be pleased to hear recommendations from any member of the board as to such streets as should be included in the list of streets to be repaved.

"The splendid report and recommendations presented by our health committee, through its chairman, Dr. A. H. Brundage, at our November meeting, have met with a ready response on the part of the Board of Health, as you will observe from the communications which the secretary will read to you."

President Levi also called attention to the fact that the following letter had been sent to Dr. Darlington, president of the Board of Health, and that he had made reply in which he promised to aid the board in all matters possible:

"Brooklyn, November 25, 1904.

"Hon. Thos. Darlington, President Board of Health, New York:

"My Dear Sir—At a recent meeting of the Broadway Board of Trade, it was by resolution unanimously resolved to call your attention to the following shortcomings in health matters in this section of the borough.

(1.) The committee has learned that the source supply of the drinking water for Brooklyn continues to be contaminated and it has taken steps to remedy this evil, and respectfully requests the Board of Health to assist us.

(2.) The committee recommends that the board call the attention of storekeepers through the public press to the impropriety and danger to the customers themselves, of pouring loose milk into milk bottles brought by them when purchasing milk in small quantities. Often the outside of the bottle is soiled and unsanitary, and in pouring the milk into it the milk is spilled on the outside of the bottle and washed down into the can over which it is held, thus contaminating the store supply. These bottles may possibly be brought from houses where there are contagious diseases, and harm may result from the contamination just referred to. This evil can be remedied by compelling customers to bring a pitcher or other receptacle, not a milk bottle. The board might advantageously also call the attention of the Board of Health to this matter and the proper enforcement of the law.

(3) The transoms in the cars are at times turned downward, by reason of which drafts are created which strike the heads of the passengers. We feel that this is not chargeable to the railroad companies, but to the neglect of some of the conductors, and we call attention to this in order that the companies may be more stringent in the enforcement of the rules of the transom regulations.

(4) The committee recommends that the Board of Health request, through its secretary, the railroad companies to see that the cars are properly heated when required. If this is not possible during "rush" hours, we feel that in "non-rush" hours the companies should seek to provide for the comfort of its patrons.

(5) The committee recommends that the board request the city authorities to promptly clean and put in proper condition Broadway, especially from Myrtle to Jamaica avenue. Although other streets near by require similar attention, none as badly as Broadway, which should receive first attention.

Trusting we may have your co-operation in this matter and thanking you in advance for the attention I am sure this communication will receive at your hands, I am, with high esteem, my dear sir, yours very truly,

(Signed) NATHANIEL H. LEVI,
President Broadway Board of Trade, Broadway and Willoughby avenues.

This is Dr. Darlington's reply:

Department of Health, City of New York, Southwest corner Fifty-fifth Street and Sixth Avenue, Borough of Manhattan.
New York, November 26, 1904.

Broadway Board of Trade, Broadway and Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.:

Gentlemen—Dr. Darlington, Commissioner of Health, requests me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to inform you that he will give his earnest attention to each one of the matters that you have brought to his attention. The matter of the water supply in Brooklyn has already received very considerable attention from this department. The water supply is, of course, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, and your complaint should be addressed to that department, but under the charter this department is required to see that the water is kept in a sanitary condition. We have daily chemical analyses made of the waters from the different reservoirs, and wherever the water is found to be unhealthy an investigation of the cause is at once made and the evil rectified.

With regard to the filling of the milk bottles, it appears that a better plan than the one you suggest is to have the milk bottles filled to one side of the milk can, and not right over it. The milk bottles to-day have very convenient air-tight tops, and this permits of the milk being transferred from the store to the house without contamination; whereas, if it is in a pitcher, it is practically impossible to cover it so that it will not be contaminated. Store keepers are constantly being instructed by our inspectors along the lines which you have suggested.

The matter of the ventilation of cars is an extremely difficult one to handle, many people confusing hot air with foul air, or vice versa. The State Railroad Commissioners have this matter under their charge very largely, and we work in conjunction with them. We have always found that the officials of the street railways are ready and willing to do everything in their power to aid this department in its work, but, as you say, the ventilation of an individual car is a matter which rests very much with the conductor of the car, and if he is not an intelligent man the passengers are almst surely bound to suffer.

The matter of heating the cars, and of running of closed ones, is one that is under our jurisdiction. Only every second car is required to be a closed car and heated, and only whenever the temperature shall be below 40 deg. Fahrenheit. This law applies only to cars running a distance of three miles or more. The ordinance covering this point is one of the city ordinances passed by the Board of Aldermen, and will be found on page 288 of Brown's Greater New York General Ordinances, 1903.

The Commissioners will be very glad to aid you at any time in any efforts you may be making for the improvement of the conditions of the city, and any time there is any matter which you know comes under our jurisdiction, and which needs attention, we shall esteem it a favor if you will notify us.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) H. MURRAY,
Secretary to the President.

President Elwin S. Piper, of the Allied Boards of Trade, made a report on the action brought by that body to upset the contract entered into by Commissioner Best for the operation of certain lines of cars over the Williamsburg Bridge. Mr. Piper said he expected a decision in the matter to be rendered by Justice Maddox within a few days. The case would undoubtedly be carried to the higher courts regardless of whose favor the decision might be in.

The board at the suggestion of President Levi then voted to contribute $25 to aid in defraying the expenses of conducting the suit. Four names were added to the membership roll.

Dr. Brundage made an earnest appeal for the protection of motormen on trolley cars in this borough during the winter. He had observed, he said, that in other cities most of the trolley cars were vestibuled for motormen, and on motion he was empowered to write to Dr. Darlington, calling his attention to the matter and asking his aid to have the motormen protected in some way.

It was voted to send a letter to Mrs. Emanuel Ohlman, condoling with her on the death of her husband, a member of the board.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins made an address in which he congratulated the members for the splendid effort they were making to get improvements for the district they represented.

A SPECIAL SONG SERVICE.

There will be a special service of song at the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday evening. The choir of thirty-five voices under the direction of George Corwin Stout, will render a varied programme which will include Gounod's "Gallia," Kyrie, from Haydn's first mass, and C. B. Hawley's "Trisagion and Sanctus." The sixteen men of the choir will sing unaccompanied "Come Unto Me," Pflueger, and "The Shepherd's Sunday Song," Kreutzer.

FOR CHRISTMAS TREE FUND.

A very successful euchre party in aid of the cake fund was held last night in Cooper Hall, Bedford ave. and Fulton st., under the auspices of the Sittig Christmas Tree Society. The games began at 8:30 o'clock and were followed by dancing at 11 o'clock. The event was in charge of the following officers: Mrs. Frank Sittig, president; Mrs. George Dorrance Boyea, chairman; Miss Ella F. Atkinson, vice chairman.

TWO BAPTIST MINISTERS REMEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Drs. Rhoades and Hull Have Been Two Decades in Their Respective Pastorates.

CURRENT RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

Meetings of Importance Which Will Occur During the Coming Week—Dr. Lyman Abbott to Preach.

Two prominent Baptist ministers of Brooklyn will to-morrow observe anniversaries. The Rev. Dr. W. C. P. Rhoades, pastor of the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, will begin the twentieth year of his pastorate with that large and prosperous society and preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion, giving statistics of the year's work and reviewing to some extent the past. The Rev. Dr. Robert Bruce Hull, pastor of the Greenwood Baptist Church, will begin the twenty-first year of his pastorate and will preach his twentieth annual sermon, in which the growth of the church will be outlined and the work of the year given. To Dr. and Mrs. Hull, the people of the church will tender a reception in the edifice, Seventh avenue and Sixth street, on Wednesday evening. John H. Wilson is the chairman of the committee.

The services in the Amphion Theatre at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, under the auspices of the Brooklyn City Mission and Tract Society, will be especially interesting from the fact that William Phillips Hall, known all over the country as the president of the American Bible League, member of the General Conference Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, president of the New York East Conference Evangelistic Commission and business man evangelist, will be the speaker. He will address the meeting on a subject of the utmost importance, Benjamin Moore, a well known and active layman, will preside. F. H. Jacobs will sing.

The Rev. Lyman Abbott will preach to-morrow at 11 A.M., in the Church of the Pilgrims, Remsen and Henry streets, and the Rev. Henry Watson Smith at 7:45 P.M., in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Harry P. Dewey, who preaches at Cornell University on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, in the lecture room; the Rev. Dr. Robert Chambers, one of the foremost missionaries of the American Board, will give an address on the present condition of things in the Ottoman Empire. On December 18 the Church of the Pilgrims will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of its founding, with appropriate services. A service of commemoration, with sermon by Dr. Dewey, will be held in the morning, and at the evening service the Orange Mendelssohn Union, a chorus of seventy-five voices, under the direction of Arthur Mees, its leader, who is also choirmaster of the Church of the Pilgrims, will, with the assistance of the church quartet, render Handel's "Messiah."

The membership of Tompkins Ave. Congregational Church, the Rev. Dr. N. McGee Waters, pastor has now passed the 2,000 mark, having been increased during the past year by 200 new members, a large proportion of whom have entered on profession of faith. The Sunday school, meeting at 3 o'clock on Sunday, shows results of largely increased membership. The young people of the church have during the past year done active work, and are increasing in numbers. The growth of its various departments, athletic, musical, literary, benevolent and devotional, have been marked. The social department of the young people's work has secured the exclusive Brooklyn appearance for the season of the Yale University Musical Clubs, on Friday, December 9. Plans are going forward for a large meeting of the Men's Association soon. Members and friends of the Park Avenue Branch, corner of Park and Marcy avenues, are greatly pleased over the encouraging signs of success and progress attending the opening weeks of the Rev. I. H. Polhemus' ministry there. There is growth all along the line. The preaching service is well attended and new members are being received. The Sunday school, which meets at 3 o'clock, under superintendency of A. Gardiner Cooper, who for eight years has been popular and successful, is taxing the capacity of the equipment and constantly growing. The pastor's classes and young people's meetings for boys and for girls are flourishing. The prayer meeting also on Thursday at 8 o'clock is marked by growth in attendance and interest.

In Christ Church, Clinton street, the Rev. Frank M. Townley of Merrick will be the preacher to-morrow morning, and the rector, the Rev. Dr. A. B. Kinsolving, in the evening. On Sunday, December 11, Dr. Kinsolving will preach a sermon appropriate to the fifteenth anniversary of his rectorship of the parish. On Thursday, December 15, there will be a reception, given under the auspices of the Women's Guild and Young Ladies League of the parish, in the new parish house, which is now nearly completed.

In the Nostrand Avenue M. E. Church, corner Quincy street, the Rev. Dr. James Oliver Wilson, pastor, will to-morrow evening begin a series of sermons on "Heaven," the first subject being "Is There a Heaven, and What Is It?" The remaining series is as follows: "Where Is Heaven?" "What Shall We Do in Heaven?" "Shall We Know Our Friends in Heaven?" "The Surprises of Heaven."

In the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, pastor, to-morrow evening there will be anniversary exercises of the Missionary Association of the Sunday school of the church, with an address by the Rev. W. H. Lingle of Siangtau, China. Music by the young people of the school. The exercises are planned to be of great interest.

Canon Groser of Australia, after an absence from his native land of twenty-five years, has returned to Brooklyn and will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. His father, Thomas W. Groser, was one of the original members of St. Matthew's and for many years served it as warden and clerk. The Canon will be pleased to meet old members of St. Matthew's and friends of the Groser family after service, in the vestry room.

A special musical service will be given in the Summerfield M. E. Church, Greene and Washington avenues, to-morrow evening, at 7:30 o'clock. The quartet of the church—Miss Alice Penny Foster, soprano; Miss Ethel L. Smith, contralto; F. W. Acock, tenor, and Everett M. Thompson, bass—will have the assistance of S. Rale, 'cello; J. C. Smith, violin, and the regular chorus of the church. G. P. Benjamin is the organist and director. There will also be an address by the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Holmes.

The Sunday Club of the Central Boys Department of the Young Men's Christian Association will hold a series of meetings for boys on the Sunday afternoons of December, at 4:30 o'clock, in the newly decorated and furnished boys rooms on the third floor of the building at 502 Fulton street. All boys between 12 and 18 years of age are invited. The hour is arranged so that boys may go to the meeting at the close of their Sunday school sessions. The monthly meeting will be held on Friday evening, December 30.

In the Church of the Incarnation, Gates avenue, between Classon and Franklin avenues, the Rev. Dr. J. G. Bacchus, rector, the following cantatas will be rendered on three Sunday evenings during the winter: "The Coming of the King," Buck, December 18; "The Holy City," Gaul, in February; "The Crucifixion," Stainer, in March. On Monday evening, December 12, the societies of the parish will unitedly tender a reception to the rector and his family, to which all present and former members and friends of the parish are invited. The reception will be held in the parish house.

In the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, the pastor, the Rev. Dr. W. C. P. Rhoades, preaches his nineteenth annual sermon to-morrow. On Wednesday the Woman's Home Mission Society will hold an all-day sewing meeting. At 2:30 P.M. Mrs. Hiram Jones, who has recently returned from Porto Rico, will speak of mission work in Cuba and Porto Rico. On Wednesday evening the annual meeting of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school will be held, with election of officers for the ensuing year. The annual meeting of the church society and election of trustees to fill vacancies will occur on Friday evening. The committee appointed to secure pledges in this church toward the Baptist Forward Movement Fund reports $3,500 already in hand. The relief work of the church goes steadily on and much is being done to relieve and to sustain many in sickness and distress.

Among the donations received for the Old Bushwick Reformed Dutch Church fair, which is to be held in the church parlor on the evenings of December 6, 7 and 8, is a set of books containing addresses and state papers, given by President Theodore Roosevelt, with autograph inscription, accompanied by a letter from Secretary Loeb.

There will be an organ recital in the Classon avenue Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell is pastor, to-morrow evening. The Christian Endeavor Society will meet on Monday evening, led by Miss Anna S. Jenkins. On Tuesday the Church Aid Society will meet and Mrs. Kate Upson Clark will speak on "The Relation Between Art and Morals." On Tuesday night the Christian Endeavor Society will have an entertainment. On Wednesday, from 12 to 2, there will be a luncheon and sale by the Church Aid Society.

The monthly musical service of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, the Rev. Robert MacDonald, pastor, will be held to-morrow evening. It will be "an evening with Gounod," when, among the selections given by the quartet and chorus of fifty voices, will be "The Gallia" and "Unfold Ye Portals." A. E. Boyce will be the violinist.

The Rev. Father Powell, of the Order of Mission-priests, of St. John the Evangelist, Boston, will conduct a short advent retreat at St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Blythebourne, Fifty-fifth street, near Thirteenth avenue, the Rev. C. M. Dunham, rector, beginning on Monday evening and ending Wednesday. The services, arranged particularly for the parishioners of St. Jude, are open to the public.

There will be a special musical meeting to-morrow evening in Bethesda Congregational Church, Ralph avenue and Chauncey street. Mr. Clewer, tenor, and Miss Routan, soprano, with the large chorus choir, will give a selection of solos, duets and choruses. The annual meeting of the church will take place December 9 and the annual meeting of the society on January 6.

Former Mayor Charles A. Schieren will deliver an address on "The Successful Life," at a special service under the auspices of the Trinity Brotherhood, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Cumberland street, near Lafayette avenue, to-morrow evening. An attractive musical programme will also be rendered, and all men are cordially invited.

Special evangelistic services will be conducted by Messrs. Friday and Cain in Unity Chapel, 272 Central avenue, near Himrod street, for two weeks beginning to-morrow. The programme is as follows: evening, speaker, O. B. Lewis, subject, "A Great Procession"; precentor for the evening, H. P. Cain, of Florence Mission, Manhattan. Monday, speaker, D. MacDonald, deacon of Hanson Place Baptist Church; Tuesday, the Rev. Edward Holden, pastor of the Powers Street Gospel Church; Wednesday, Messrs. Friday and Cain; singers, Mr. and Mrs. Baker; Thursday, speaker, James Johnson, superintendent of Florence Mission; Friday, Messrs. Friday and Cain, speakers; singers, Mr. and Mrs. Baker. No service on Saturday. Sunday, J. M. Morgan and his workers; Monday and Tuesday, German meetings; Wednesday, German-English meeting, to be conducted by William H. Friday, jr., and Peter Rudolph; Thursday and Friday, German meetings. Peter Rudolph will have charge of the German services.

On Tuesday evening the Faithful and Loyal Band of the King's Daughters Circle connected with the Jay Street Moravian Church, gave an entertainment, "Jerushy Dow's Family Album." The part of Aunt Jerushy was ably taken by Miss Julia Edna Parker, the well-known elocutionist and reader. The programme was interspersed with recitations and vocal solos.

In the First Place Methodist Episcopal Church, First place and Henry street, the pastor, the Rev. William H. Wakeham, will preach a series of Sunday evening sermons beginning to-morrow at 7:30, on "Life" as portrayed in three modern books, "The Simple Life," Wagner; "The Strenuous Life," Roosevelt; "The Christian Life," Morgan.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the Siloam Presbyterian Church, Prince street, between Myrtle avenue and Willoughby street, to-morrow at 3 P.M.. All communicants are urged to be present. The Rev. Dr. W. A. Alexander, pastor, will conduct the services.

Walter M. Chandler, of the New York Bar, who spoke at the Brooklyn Rink during the recent presidential campaign, will deliver his address on "The Trial of Jesus From a Lawyer's Standpoint," at the men's meeting to-morrow at 4:15 at the Twenty-sixth Ward Branch Y. M. C. A., Pennsylvania and Liberty avenues. After the address the members of the Bible Study Club will be led into a new series of studies, "Great Characters from the Book of Genesis," by the Rev. George H. Horne.

At the Home Mission, volunteers of the cross of Christ, 2674 Atlantic avenue, near New Jersey avenue, undenominational, the Rev. George H. Horne will give Bible readings every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock commencing on December 7.

In the Central Congregational Church, the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman will preach in the morning to-morrow, and in the evening the choir will render excerpts from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah." There will also be an address by the pastor. On Monday afternoon the Zenana Band will meet as usual. Tuesday afternoon the Ladies Benevolent and Home Missionary Society will meet and listen to an address by Mrs. A. H. Brockway on "The Arts and Crafts Movement." The Junior Auxiliary will meet at 4 P.M. Friday. Friday, at 8 o'clock, there will be a missionary concert, with an address by Miss M. D. Moffatt. On Monday evening the annual meeting of the church will take place. The Albany Avenue Branch Bible school will meet at 3 P.M., and there will be preaching service at 7:30.

In St. Ann's on the Heights, the Rev. Dr. Reese F. Alsop, rector, services to-morrow will be held as follows: 10:15, morning prayer; 11, Litany, sermon and holy communion; 4:15, short evening prayer, with a five-minute catechetical address, intended chiefly for the Sunday schools, but at which all are welcome; 7:30 P.M., popular service, with collects, several familiar hymns, in which the congregation is invited to join; a short anthem and the sermon. The rector will preach. In the evening, the Rev. Charles J. Mason, curate, will preach. "The above change in the Sunday services," Dr. Alsop says—"to be tested during this Advent season—is for the purpose of making the worship at the evening hour as popular and congregational as possible. While the regular evening prayer, to be read in the afternoon, in the shortened form prescribed by the prayer book, may naturally draw in more scholars and teachers just dismissed from Sunday school; and so the brief address will be in the nature of catechizing, or in some other instructive form adapted to them; yet the service must be clearly understood to be open to all who may wish to worship at that hour. In the evening, a distinctly popular service of prayer and song, modeled after a similar service held in Westminster Abbey, in London, with a sermon, will be tried in the hope of attracting a large congregation and arousing its interest."

In the Second Presbyterian Church, corner Remsen and Clinton streets, the Rev. Louis Vandun Burg, pastor, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed and new members received to-morrow morning. The various societies of the church are just entering upon their winter work.

The Rev. John M. Hamilton, formerly of St. Ann's Church, who was assigned to San Saba, Tex., by Bishop Johnson, was at once promoted from that mission work to the more settled work at Cuero, Tex.

In the morning, to-morrow, there will be a reception of members and observance of the holy communion in the Hanson Place M. E. Church. At 4 P. M. Dr. Louis Albert Banks will deliver a temperance address under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League, in the auditorium. The Epworth League devotional service is at 6:45, in the Chapel.

In the Hanson Place Baptist Church, the pastor, the [illegible], Ph.D., will preach to-morrow morning. In the evening Dr. Louis Albert Banks of New York City will preach. In connection with the missionary work of the church a free stereopticon lecture will be given on Thursday evening, on "Marcus Whitman and the Northwest."

Evangelist Stephen J. Cory, who is holding a series of evangelistic meetings at the Third Church of Christ, corner Dorchester road and East Fifteenth street, Flatbush, will speak again to-morrow evening. The interest in the meetings has been so marked during the last week that they will be continued two weeks longer.

To-morrow evening the cause of the clerks and employes who are striving after shorter hours and Sunday rest will be presented at the White Church, Bushwick avenue and Himrod street. "Until the organization of the Retail Clerks Association and the Furniture and Carpet Employes Association," Mr. Niles says, "many stores along Broadway were open every evening and a large part of Sunday, giving the clerks practically no time to be at home and become acquainted with their families. The work of these two societies has brought about a great change for the better, but still more remains to be done." In the morning the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

In the Glenmore Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Rev. A. H. Rennie, pastor, the sacrament of baptism will be administered to-morrow morning. The evening service will be the second in the series of monthly praise services. The choir will render special selections under the leadership of Mr. Teaz, Mr. Yates will accompany with the cornet. The history of some of the favorite hymns of the church will be told and incidents given. Miss Emma V. Merwin will sing "The Holy City" and "Not a Sparrow Falleth," accompanied by Miss Emma Pilkin. Roy Keefer will play the violin. Last Sunday morning nine new members were added to the roll of membership of this church, seven by letter and two on confession of faith.

On Monday afternoon the Ladies Sewing Society of Plymouth Church will meet, and in the evening there will be a business meeting of the Young Men's Club. On Tuesday afternoon the Foreign Missionary Society will hold its second programme meeting, at the home of Mrs. R. W. Raymond, at which Mrs. Mary F. Tollmadge will read a paper on the Mikado, and Japanese songs will be sung by Mrs. Barclay Dunham. In the evening, at the meeting of the Review Club, Walter M. Chandler will deliver a lecture on "Humorous Impressions Abroad." On Wednesday the Federation of Women's Societies will hold an all-day meeting, in the afternoon the women's prayer meeting will be held. On Thursday afternoon at the meeting of the Young Women's Guild the subject will be "Child Life in Many Lands"; there will be an address by Mrs. John L. Carver, and child songs by Mrs. H. D. Love. On Friday evening the weekly prayer meeting will be held, followed by the annual meeting of the church.

In the Church of the Holy Trinity to-morrow there will be a celebration of the holy communion at 8:30 A.M., second celebration and sermon at 11 A.M., when the Right Rev. Willard H. Roots, the newly elected Bishop of Hankow, China, will preach. Bishop Roots has been for many years an enthusiastic and successful worker among the Chinese. Because of his wide and deep experience he is well qualified to speak on the missionary work in foreign fields, of its difficulties and its accomplishments. In the evening at 8 o'clock the choir will give selections from Handel's "Messiah." Nearly the entire first part will be sung and portions of the second, ending with the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Holy communion will be celebrated in the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. On Wednesday evening, in the lecture room at 7:45 o'clock, Dr. Clarke will deliver an address on "Christian Heroism." At the close of the lecture, a reception will be held in the church parlors.

The Rev. Dr. H. C. Swentzel, rector of St. Luke's Church, thus organized a large Bible class for young people; the Bible class meets in the south transcript of the church after the Sunday school devotional exercises, at 3 P.M. Special Advent services are held daily, at 4 P.M., and on Wednesday and Friday, at 10:30 A.M. Dr. Swentzel, on Friday, at 4 P.M., will give the third in the series of instructions on the Holy Bible, the topic being the book "Leviticus."

In St. Paul's Church, Clinton and Carroll streets, the Rev. Warner E. L. Ward, rector, the second sermon in the Advent course on eschatology will be preached at evensong by the Rev. John A. Foster, of St. Peter's Church, Westchester.

Last Friday evening the official board of the Embury Memorial M. E. Church held its annual meeting and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Church treasurer, W. B. Winslow; treasurer of the benevolences, J. J. Hickson; collector, F. M. Evarts; secretary, T. J. Lasher. The Queen Esther Circle will meet on Wednesday to sew at the home of Mrs. E. M. Weber, 316 Decatur street; The Women's Home Missionary Society will meet on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wheldon for the monthly meeting. The Standard Bearers will meet with Miss Archer, 103 Bainbridge street, on Monday evening.

The Rev. Robert Collyer, of Manhattan, will preach at Unity Church (Third Unitarian), Gates avenue and Irving place, at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. There will be music by the choir, as usual.

The Rev. Dr. Louis Albert Banks, the well known author, preacher and lecturer, will deliver a gospel temperance address next Friday evening in Bedford Presbyterian Church, corner of Nostrand avenue and Dean street, at the invitation of the Bedford and New York Avenue congregations.

The men's club of the United Congregational Church will observe "ladies night" in the church parlor, on Monday evening, when an excellent programme will be rendered. A church social will be given under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society, on Wednesday evening. The Sunshine Circle will elect officers for the ensuing year, at its meeting Wednesday afternoon. The pastor of this church, the Rev. Luther R. Dyott, has recently been elected president of the Congregational Ministers Club of New York and vicinity.

The Church of the Messiah Social Union will begin its lecture course of the winter with an illustrated lecture on "Egypt." It will be given in the parish hall Thursday evening by the rector of the parish, the Rev. St. Clair Hester. Admission is free. The public is invited.

Simpson M. E. Church will appropriately celebrate its sixteenth anniversary on Sunday, December 11, morning, afternoon and evening. Former pastors, the Revs. Drs. Henry Baker, J. O. Wilson and J. B. Hamilton, will be among the speakers.

A new departure will be taken to-morrow evening in the First Reformed Church, corner of Bedford avenue and Clymer street. A large platform has been built at the left of the pulpit for the choir, with a view of having the choir at the front of the church to aid in the special music in connection with the evangelistic services which it is proposed to hold hereafter at the evening services. Other changes in the same direction are to be made. The service to-morrow evening will be more musical in character than usual and the pastor, the Rev. Dr. D. Bailey, will be assisted by Major George A. Hilton, an evangelist of national reputation, and by other speakers.

WOMAN DIES IN A CELL.

Mary Jones, who said that she was 45 years old and without a home, went into the Elizabeth street police station, Manhattan, at 9 o'clock last night, and asked Sergeant Schulum to be allowed to sleep at the station all night, as she was without shelter. She was accordingly charged with vagrancy and locked up in a cell. At 6:15 o'clock this morning Matron Smith saw the woman lying on the cell floor unconscious. An ambulance was summoned from the Hudson Street Hospital, but on its arrival, the woman was dead. The ambulance surgeon stated that he could find no evidence to show that death was due to else than natural causes.

A RUMMAGE SALE.

The York Street M. E. Sunday school's "rummage sale" will take place in the near future. Any articles of old clothing, etc., will be sent for by sending postal to 151 York street, to Mrs. Hughes.

WANT ANOTHER FIRE ENGINE FOR PARK SLOPE SECTION.

Board of Trade Wants It Stationed on Ninth Av., Between Union and Fifteenth Streets.

LIBRARY FUND IS TOO SMALL.

Officers Chosen by South Brooklyn Board—Annual Dinner Fixed for February 8.

The regular monthly meeting and annual election of officers of the South Brooklyn Board of Trade, one of the most active of the civic bodies of this borough, was held last night in Acme Hall, Seventh avenue and Ninth street. Frederick Bruckbauer, the president of the board, took the chair and Robert B. McIntyre recorded. Considerable business affecting the interests of the section was brought up for discussion, and the new officers were elected for the coming year. H. R. Asserson, chief engineer of the Bureau of Sewers of this borough, by special request, delivered a very instructive address on the plan proposed by the city authorities to cleanse the Gowanus Canal. Great interest is taken by the members of the board regarding this and other plans for sectional improvement, and consequently there was a large attendance.

The new officers of the board who were elected last night to serve during the coming year are as follows:

F. W. Singleton, president; W. E. Cleary, first vice president; J. E. Gavin, second vice president; R. B. McIntyre, secretary, and Thomas Garvey, treasurer; Frederick Bouckbauer, John McCormick and F. A. Seile were elected trustees for three years.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that a committee of three are to call upon the trustees of the Brooklyn Public Library to urge the increase of $5,000 in the appropriation for the new Carnegie library that is to be erected on the Park Slope. The appropriation is now $75,000 and the lowest bid is $80,000. The district represented is large, heavily taxed and composed of a reading class, which the board believes entitles it to a first class building.

It was also decided to take steps to secure the construction of a fire engine house on the Park Slope. This is the district where so many fires have broken out recently, and, being on the hill is hard for engines to reach quickly. The hill is very steep and in wet weather the heavy engines have a hard pull. The plan that is advanced is to have an engine company located on Ninth avenue, between Union and Fifteenth streets. The Prospect Heights Citizens Improvement Association is also interested in this direction, and results are expected.

The dinner committee announced that the annual banquet of the band will be held on Thursday evening, February 8, 1905, at the Montauk Club. The tickets will be $3, a raise of 50 cents over last year, to help meet the deficit which is yearly about $200.

A resolution was offered by Senator W. C. Burton, to the effect that the board take action in conjunction with other civic bodies to compel the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company to meet the requirements of the decision of the Court of Appeals on transfers.

MANUAL WINS IN DEBATE.

First Contest of Interscholastic League Results in Victory for Brooklyn Orators.

Manual Training High School won its first debate in the Greater New York Inter-Scholastic Debating League tournament last night at the Boys High School, when it carried off the honors of the debate had with the Curtis High School of Staten Island.

The question of the debate was: "Resolved, That United States Senators should be chosen by direct popular vote." Manual, represented by Morris G. Michaels, Joseph Strassman and Clarence Wilson favored the affirmative, and Curtis, represented by Harold Dobson Minor, Harold Edmund Hardwell and Stanley Roy Osborn, assumed the negative.

Each one of the competitors had evidently prepared his arguments well and was enthusiastic in their delivery. The large audience appeared deeply interested and paid strict attention to the speakers. The summing up and refutation by the captains of both sides were somewhat lengthy, but covered the ground fully, showing what a grasp they had on the subject in hand.

The judges rendered their decision in favor of Manual, but could not fail to pay a tribute to the oratory displayed by the boys from Staten Island. The judges were Andrew J. Scarborough, of Commercial High School; Franklin Ross, Commercial High School, and Charles M. Stebbins, Boys High School. A musical programme was also rendered.

A WOODEN WEDDING.

The fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Armitage was celebrated at their residence, 436 Fifty-fifth street, on Tuesday evening. Their friends came from all parts of the city to congratulate them and incidentally to present tokens, the variety of which only a wooden wedding can bring out. The early part of the evening was devoted to a salmagundi tournament, from which Mrs. Albert Armitage, Miss Jessie Armitage, Theodore Goeller and Joseph Cusack emerged with prizes in keeping with the occasion. Exquisite taste was everywhere evident in the decorations. After supper, Mrs. Goeller and Albert Armitage sang songs, and the morning wound up in a hurricane of fun with a wooden wedding pull, in which there were all prizes. Edward Naylor drew a baby carriage. Those present were Miss Florence Armitage, Miss Jessie Armitage, Miss Agnes Walker, Miss Addie Walker, Miss Egan, Miss Mary Keenan, Mr. and M