

PLYMOUTH CHURCH

Elaborate Project Is Now Well Under Way to Honor Brooklyn's Great Preacher. Museum for Relics.



REV. DR. NEWELL D. HILLIS.

It is about five years since the long cherished dream of friends of Henry Ward Beecher regarding a suitable memorial to the great Brooklyn preacher began to take tangible form. It is over twenty years since Mr. Beecher's death. In the winter of 1903 a mass meeting was held in the old Brooklyn Academy of Music, since burned, at which the ideas of the promoters of the memorial were submitted to the public. Addresses were made by ex-President Grover Cleveland, Mayor Seth Low and other noted men, friends or admirers of the man who did so much in the course of his remarkable career for the cause of human liberty and liberal ideas. This meeting gave the project a good start. About one-half of the desired sum of \$200,000 has since been raised, and some features of the proposed memorial have already been transferred from the realm of fancy to that of fact. Among the latter are the memorial windows depicting scenes in the history of the Puritans which were recently unveiled in Plymouth church, the scene of most of Mr. Beecher's ministry.

The memorial project has several phases. It is proposed to erect on a plot adjoining Plymouth church a fine parish building to be a center of work for the large population in the vicinity of the church. It will contain library, gymnasium, club and society rooms and a large auditorium for public meetings and lectures. One of its rooms will be a museum for souvenirs and relics connected with the history of Mr. Beecher and his family. A crypt will



HENRY WARD BEECHER AND PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

be built beneath it, with a door opening into the auditorium of the church, and here will be placed the remains of Mr. Beecher and his wife, which now repose in Greenwood cemetery. Four city lots across the street from the church will be converted into a park, and in the center of it will be a monument to Mr. Beecher. There is already a statue of him in Brooklyn borough. It occupies a conspicuous position in the plaza in front of the borough hall, is the work of the noted sculptor John Quincy Adams Ward and was erected in 1891. But it is felt that the immediate scene of his labors should also possess a monument containing his features and form in bronze.

Several years ago when the public authorities proposed to take two lots adjoining Plymouth church on the west for a public school the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, the present pastor of the church, wrote in protest against the contemplated action and said:

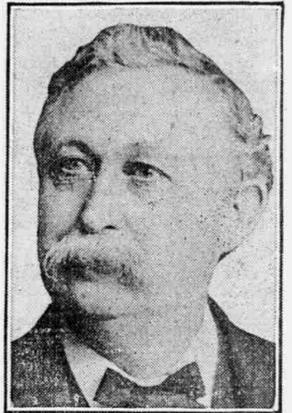
"When a great man has lived in a city for forty years his dust belongs to his city and his tomb to our children and our children's children. The ideal thing is to use the two lots as a burial place for Mr. Beecher with the memorial room above, with his portraits, his manuscripts, his old pulpit and chairs, his writing desk, the manuscript of Mrs. Stowe's 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' Lyman Beecher's old pulpit from which he preached the sermon on 'Duelling' after the death of Hamilton and the five sermons on 'Independence,' with everything related to the

BEECHER MEMORIAL

A New Parish Building, a Park and a Second Statue Planned—Beecher's Old Pulpit Chair.

career of Henry Ward Beecher in Brooklyn."

At the time Dr. Hillis wrote these words the memorial project had not taken definite form, but the authorities decided not to acquire the land for the purpose proposed, and fortunately it was thus left for use as the site of the memorial building. To carry out all the features of the plan will require some little time. Meanwhile the objects associated with Mr. Beecher's life work are being collected with the view of placing them in the museum

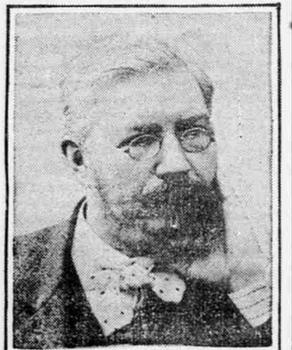


GENERAL HORATIO C. KING.

or memorial room when it is completed. Prominent in this work is General Horatio C. King, one of Brooklyn's first citizens, a lifelong friend of Mr. Beecher and noted as civil war veteran, lawyer, orator, musical composer, writer, lecturer and after dinner speaker. He has in his own home numerous articles once owned by Mr. Beecher or in some way associated with his career. When the stained glass windows illustrating the history of the Puritans and their influence upon American institutions were dedicated in the old church recently those who attended the service noted on the platform a chair which to many had a familiar guise. It was the old chair which the friend of the slave and the exponent of freedom of thought in religious matters occupied in the pulpit for twenty years previous to 1869. It was in the latter year that the present pulpit and pulpit furniture were placed in the church. They were made out of a tree brought from the Mount of Olives, in Palestine, by Moses Beach, once owner of the New York Sun. Twenty years after its removal from the pulpit a search for the old chair once so familiar to attendants at Plymouth was instituted by Stephen M. Griswold, and it was found in the cellar covered with dust and almost crushed beneath the weight of several old and discarded pews. It was rehabilitated and placed temporarily in the Brooklyn Museum of Arts and Sciences. When the memorial room is built it will be placed in it, with the old pulpit desk behind which Mr. Beecher stood on Sundays during the score of years from 1849 to 1869, which formed so eventful a period both in his career and in the history of the nation.

PAUL MILYUKOV.

Leader of Russia's Constitutional Democrats and His American Visit. Professor Paul Milyukov, who came to the United States in the interest of the liberal movement in Russia, is the leader of the Constitutional Democrats in the duma, Russia's new parliament. By many he is regarded as the man entitled to chief credit for the fact that Russia has today a body which is entitled to some voice at least in the government of the empire. He is not a revolutionist and supports the throne, but advocates a limited monarchy like that of England. He is the



PAUL MILYUKOV.

editor of the Retch, the chief organ of his party, and has been in prison three times because of his liberal views. He was formerly professor of history in the University of Moscow, but was removed because of the liberal ideas he taught the students and was banished to Bulgaria, where he became a professor in the University of Sofia.

Changed His Taste.

The Empress Eugenie, whom Napoleon III. chose to share his throne, had a ready wit, which, although it never veiled a sneer, often confused those on whom it was directed. The late Dr. T. W. Evans tells in his reminiscences the story of a distinguished senator, who, on being asked what he thought of the speech in which Napoleon had declared his marriage intention to the deputies, replied:

"A fine speech—excellent! But I prefer the sauce to the fish," meaning that Napoleon's words were better than his choosing of a bride.

Some weeks later, at a dinner given at the Tuilleries, this senator was seated next to the empress, who, observing that after having been helped to the turbot he declined the sauce, said to him, smiling roughly:

"Monsieur, I thought it was the sauce you liked and not the fish."

With rare presence of mind the senator hesitated but a moment.

"A mistake, madam," he said, "for which I am now trying to make amends."

The Corner Days.

Some aged country folk like to take note of what they call the corner days—the 20th of March and the 20th of September—when the sun crosses the line and the days and nights are of equal length and the 20th of June (the longest day of the year) and the 20th of December (the shortest). After the 20th of June they say, "When the days grow shorter the weather grows hotter," and after Dec. 20, "As the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen."

Levi Beebe, a noted old weather prophet, who used to watch the weather from his eyrie on Beartown mountain, southern Berkshire, Mass., made prophecies which were greatly prized. He made his prognostications from a study of the winds, the clear, cloudy and stormy days for ten days each side of the corner days and multiplied them by 3 to tell the weather for each succeeding quarter, and he made some marvelous guesses.—New York Press.

Time and the Man.

Some one may suggest that if Cromwell and Napoleon Bonaparte and Bismarck and George Washington and Abraham Lincoln had not appeared to do the work they did others would have arisen equally capable of doing it, though perhaps in a different way. To this suggestion there are two answers. One is that it is pure conjecture. The other answer is that history shows us many occasions when the great man was needed, and when the need of him was acutely felt, and yet when he did not appear. The greatness of some men is largely due to favoring conditions. Other men, perhaps more brilliant, achieve less than their powers seemed to promise because they were not quite in key with their own age. Perhaps they were ahead of it.—James Bryce in Pall Mall Gazette.

Great Events From Little Causes.

While staying at the court of Frederick II. of Prussia Voltaire presented Mme. de Pompadour's compliments to the king, who scornfully replied, "Je ne la connais pas." Out of vengeance for so much insult, as she deemed it, madame induced the weak-minded Louis XV. to convert his country's long standing hostility against Austria into friendship. A Franco-Austrian army then took the field against Prussia, and as it was an easy matter for madame to enlist the practical sympathy of Elizabeth of Russia, who had been the subject of Frederick's indiscreet remarks also, half a million lives were lost.—London Notes and Queries.

He Came Back at Her.

"Many mendicants," said a New York charity official, "are humbugs, and we do well to refuse their requests for help. What excellent digs, though, they sometimes give us in return. I remember the case of a farmer's wife who refused a tramp a night's lodging. 'Well, then, ma'am,' said the tramp, 'would you mind if I slept in that big meadow there behind your barn?' 'No,' said the woman, 'you may sleep there if you like.' 'One thing more, ma'am,' said the tramp, 'before I say good night. Will you please have me called at 4 o'clock sharp? I want to catch the cattle train to market!'"

Italian Diet.

The low resisting power of the Italian, even among the more favored classes, to the assaults of disease has long been ascribed to the profession of the well high farinaceous and leguminous fare on which he subsists—the call on the heart in the later stages of pneumonia, for example, too often finding inadequate response from the defect of the muscle forming constituents in the diet of the patient.—London Lancet.

Geography.

"I'd like to see that young Japanese prince." "A Japanese prince? Where is he?" "Oh, he's traveling incognito." "Is he? I'm so dreadfully weak about geographical names. That's in Manchuria, isn't it?"—Chums.

Physical Geography.

The following answer was recently given in a geography examination in reply to the question, "From what direction do most of our rains come?" Most of our rains come straight down, but some of them come sideways.

A Safety Match.

"Papa, what is a safety match?" Mr. Henpecked (looking carefully about to see if his wife is within hearing)—A safety match, son, is when a baldheaded man marries an armless woman!

Real Estate Filings.

The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since our last report:

James Kelly and wife to Charles A Fetterman and John W Daily, wd to e hf, se qr 31-4 2782400 00
Charles A Fetterman and wife John W Daily and wife to James and W H Kelly, wd to lots 10, 11, 12, blk 5, Danbury 1750 00
Nancy E Ratliff and hus to August A Borg, wd to ne qr 21-2 29..... 4000 00
Marion Powell and wife and Martin Nilsson and wife to Ernest Galusha, deed to lot 4, blk 5, Marion..... 150 00
United States to Heirs of John Kroeger, deed, pat to lot 7 6-1-26, w hf se qr se qr 1-1-27.....
United States to Frank E Pricer, pat to ne qr 1-1-27.....
Frank Bromley and wife to L M Lord, wd to s hf and nw qr 9-1-30..... 9000 00

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale issued from the District Court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, under a decree in an action wherein Jane E. Whitney is plaintiff and William H. Trinkles, Trinkles, his wife, first real name unknown to the plaintiff, and Frank W. Whitney, are defendants, to me directed and delivered, I shall offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the east door of the court house, in McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 10th day of February, 1909, at the hour of one o'clock P. M., the following described real estate, to-wit: Commencing one hundred feet south of the northeast corner of lot (4) four in block (10) ten, in West McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat thereof, thence west one hundred forty feet, thence south one hundred feet, thence east one hundred forty feet, thence north one hundred feet to the place of beginning, to satisfy said decree, costs and accruing costs. Dated this tenth day of January, 1909.—1-10-09.
H. T. PETERSON, Sheriff.

REFEREE'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed by the clerk of the district court of Red Willow county, in the State of Nebraska, on a judgment rendered in said court in favor of Minnie Matilda Miller, plaintiff, against Albertina Rogers, Roy Rogers, John S. Miller, Freida Philippi, Albert Philippi, Daisy Philippi, and Edwin Philippi, defendants, on the eleventh day of December, 1907, for the partition and sale of the following described real estate, to-wit: The east half of the southwest quarter of section two, the northwest quarter of section one all in township two, north of range twenty-nine, and lots one and two in block ten in the fourth addition to McCook, all in Red Willow county, Nebraska. I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, on the 11th day of February, 1908, at the front door of the court house in said county, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the above described real estate.
Dated this 7th day of January, 1908.
J. S. LEHEW, Referee.

NOTICE OF REFEREE'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed by the clerk of the district court of Red Willow county, in the State of Nebraska, on a judgment rendered in said court in favor of Albertina Rogers, plaintiff, against John S. Miller, Minnie Matilda Miller, Edwin A. Philippi, Albertina Philippi, Harvey Philippi, Daisy Philippi, Freida Philippi, and Roy Rogers, defendants, on the eleventh day of December, 1907, for the partition and sale of the following described real estate, to-wit: The south half of the north-east quarter and lots one and two, section two, township two, north of range twenty-nine, west of the sixth principal meridian in said Red Willow county, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash on the 11th day of February, 1908, at the front door of the court house in McCook in said county at two o'clock in the afternoon, the above described real estate.
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