BASED ON BIBLICAL GROUND

Bishop Newman's Proposition Concerning the Cherokee Strip Has a Good Precedent.

WAS FOLLOWED BY JOSHUA IN CANAAN

Various Omaha Ministers Endorse the Idea as Being Correct and Proper—Concerning the Methodist Conference—Work of the Immanuel Hospital.

The suggestion made by Bishop Newman and published in a recent issue of THE BEE, relating to t distribution by drawing lots of the lands . be opened to the public in what is known as the Cherokee strip, has created a good deal of comment all over the country. It has been called a lottery scheme by some newspapers and has been commended by others.

Ministers of various denominations in Omaha, in response to a request of THE BEE, have expressed their opinions of the plan proposed by Bishop Newman.

Don't Want Another Oklahoma.

Dr. Duryea, pastor of the First Congregational church, said: "The history of the opening of the Indian territory reveals a state of things that is a disgrace to civilization. The Oklahoma affair was barbarous. The only proper way to open these lands would be to permit none but those furnishing absolute proof that they had a legal right to avail themselves of the privileges thus afforded to have a share in the distribution and then distribute the lands by lot.

"There is no element of gambling in this at all. The gambler risks money in order to get gain. If he gains nothing he loses what he risked. In this instance no one could lose anything. Those who might take part in the drawing would have nothing at stake. They would have everything to gain and nothing to lose. The ideal process would be to place every man where he could make the best use of land for his own benefit and, therefore, indirectly for the benefit of society, but a commission could not do this without vast labor consuming an immense amount of time and no commision would be trusted to do it through fear of favoritism.

"If the plan of opening these lands by applications made through the mails were adopted then the question of deciding the order of priority would trouble the commission. Enough applications might be received in a single week to exhaust the entire tract of land and then how should the officials having the matter in hand decide which should come first and which last? The element of chance is in it in spite of all that can be done. The lands might be sold at auction, but this would probably prevent some poor men from getting homes. The land is intended for people who are not able to buy, but I hope that the plan adopted at the opening of Oklahoma will not be followed in this instance, for it will doubtless result in another disgraceful scramble of ruffianism and brutal force. Some more rational and businesslike plan should be adopted, and I think that suggested by Bishop Newman is a good one."

No Harm in It.

Bishop Scannell of the Catholic church had but little to say upon the question, because he said he had not given the matter any thought. "I see nothing morally wrong in the suggestion," the bishop remarked, "but I have nothing to offer with reference to the matter, because it is something that I know scarcely anything about, having given it no thought until this moment."

Thoroughly Biblical.

Rev. T. J. Mackay, rector of All Saints' Episcopal church, said:

"I had not noticed Bishop Newman's interview in THE BEE because I am usually so busy on Sunday that I have no time to look over the newspapers. But now that I have read of his scheme for the opening of the Cherokee strip by lot I am free to say that I think it thoroughly scriptural and absolutely free from the element of gambling.

"If Bishop Newman's plan is gambling then the distribution of the land of Canaan among the children of Israel was gambling. Let me refer you to the eighth chapter of Joshua," said Rev. Mackay, taking up his bible and reading the following: 'And Joshua said unto the children of Israel. How long are ye slack to go to possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you? Give out from among you three men for each tribe, and I will send them and they shall rise and go through the land and describe it according to the inheritance of them, and they shall come again to me.'

"And in the ninth verse it says: 'And the men went and passed through the land and described it by cities into seven parts in a book and came again to Joshua to the host at Shiloh. And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord; and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.' And then it goes on to describe the inheritance that fell to each tribe by the casting of lots.

"It seems to me that there could be nothing more thoroughly scriptural or equitable than Bishop Newman's plan so long as the lands are to be disposed of in any manner that includes a chance. The bible is full of such examples. The cities of refuge were chosen by the casting of lots, and there are many such instances. The subject is a very interesting one. The disgraceful outlawry that prevailed at the time Oklahoma was opened should not be permitted again, and I see no reason why the plan suggested by Bishop Newman or something similar should not be adopted."

Dr. Rosenau Likes the Idea.

Dr. Rosenau said: "I think Bishop Newman has suggested a magnificent plan to be followed in the distribution of those Cherokee lands. I remember the Oklahoma affair very distinctly. I saw comments upon it in foreign newspapers which indicated that the people across the water thought we were about half civilized in this country when the government would permit of such a barbarous proceeding. There will be other reservations to be opened and I think it would be well for the government to make a change in the manner of allotting these lands in keeping with the intelligence and dignity of a civilized people. There is no element of gambling in the plan suggested by Bishop Newman, for those who would draw would make no investment."

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Suggestions For the Proper Entertainment of Visiting Lay Delegates.

The quadrennial general conference of the Methodist church will convene in Omaha on the first day of May and continue one month.

There will be 500 delegates from all quarters of the earth, and thousands of visitors and spectators are expected. The conference will be held in Boyd's new theater. Sessions will be held every day excepting Sunday, from 9 o'clock a. m., until 1 p. m., and the committees will meet daily from 3 until 6 p. m. Committee meetings will be held at the First Methodist church and at the hotels.

Delegates and leading laymen who expect to attend as spectators have already begun to write and telegraph for rooms at the hotels.

"It looks as though they all wanted to stay at hotels," said Bishop Newman yesterday to a reporter for THE BEE. "There has been a lively demand for boxes for the entire session. All the boxes in the theater have been engaged at a good round price for the entire month and a great many have applied for chairs on the platform."

All thought of using the Coliseum has been abandoned.

"The new Boyd is a superb house," said the bishop, "and it will, I am sure, give great satisfaction as a place for holding the conference. When there is any debate on hand of any special importance we shall have the speakers go upon the platform, then everybody in the house can see them.

"Mr. Boyd has promised to build two temporary flights of stairs from the pit to the floor of the stage by the side of the orchestra so that it will be no trouble for the delegates to pass to and fro from the main body of the house to the stage when they desire to speak upon any important matter. The eighteen bishops will have seats upon the platform."

About half of the annual conferences have selected their delegates both ministerial and lay, and the others will select their representatives between now and the first of May. The following vocations are represented by the lay delegates already selected: Bankers, 37; railroad officials, 3; merchants, 31; manufacturers, 11; editors, 4; capitalists, 7; lawyers, 21; physicians, 6; college professors, 10; farmers, 14.

It has been suggested that the professional and business men of Omaha might arrange to make it pleasant for those delegates of their own particular vocation during the conference by a series of social entertainments agreeable to all concerned.

"There is one thing we shall need very much," said Bishop Newman yesterday. "It is a large and convenient restaurant where the delegates not entertained at hotels may get their noonday meal. Arrangements will be made to issue tickets to the delegates who find entertainment in private families giving them their noonday meals downtown, thus relieving those who entertain delegates from the necessity of providing the noonday meal for their guests, and it will be more convenient for the delegates who have to do committee work in the afternoon. I think if some energetic man would lease a commodious hall, like the Exposition hall for instance, and make arrangements to furnish luncheon there for all the delegates not boarding at hotels he could make it a paying enterprise. With the right kind of an arrangement the man who could open a large and convenient restaurant for this midday meal would be sure of from 300 to 500 daily and could certainly make it pay."

There will probably be several great occasions during the conference month when the Coliseum will be utilized. Several local church and charitable enterprises have already begun making preparations for lectures by some of the prominent men who are to be present and every effort will be made to get as much good out of the conference month as possible.

IMMANUEL HOSPITAL.

Flattering Showing of the Success of the Institution's First Year.

OMAHA, Jan. 23.—To the Editor of THE BEE: At the annual meeting of the board of trustees of Immanuel hospital last Wednesday, I was requested by the board to publish in the Omaha papers some facts about the work of this institution during its first year. Please let me therefore respectfully submit the following:

The Immanuel hospital has very successfully passed through the first year of its good work for poor suffering humanity. As the hospital had just been completed in 1890, the year 1891 dawned upon us with only two patients in the ward, but we soon received more. The total number of patients in 1891 was 146. Of these, 114 have paid the regular price, 17 have been partly paying and 15 have been entirely free. But these free patients have mostly been in the hospital a long time.

Of the 4,680 nursing days, more that one-fourth, or 1,323 have been free. Of all the 146 patients 80 were males and 66 females; 93 single, 44 married and 9 widowed. With reference to their nativity, 61 were American, 49 Swedish, 20 Danish, 5 German, 4 Norwegian, 3 English, 2 Scotch, 1 Irish and 1 Bohemian. As to their church preference, 84 were Lutheran, 21 Methodist, 8 Catholic, 7 Presbyterian, 4 Baptist, 4 Congregationalist, 4 Episcopalian, 3 Christian and 11 without any preference. As to residence, 79 came from Omaha, 11 from South Omaha, 36 from other Nebraska localities, 18 from Iowa, 1 from Connecticut and 1 from South Dakota. The oldest patient was 74 years, the youngest 9 months; average 29 years. As to the character of all the different cases, 87 were medical, 55 surgical and 4 ophthalmic. As to the result of treatment we have got the following excellent showing: 76 cured, 38 improved, 10 unimproved, 9 died, and 13 remaining in hospital at New Year's. Forty-two surgical operations have been performed.

Many of these operations were very difficult and important, and yet in most cases we got the very best result. The percentage of our deaths is 6.2. Comparing the results obtained in ten eastern hospitals, some of them the best in the country, the average percentage of death in these institutions is 9.8. Our percentage of death is therefore more than one-third less than any other hospital we know of. But had we adhered closely to the rule of admitting only curable cases, our percentage would have been still less. Three of those who died were in a hopeless condition when received, but were homeless or too low to return home. Of seventeen cases of typhoid fever every one was cured.

This extraordinary success in the treatment and care of the sick can only be accounted for by the skill of our surgeons and physicians and the faithfulness of our sisters, combined with the excellent location and ventilation of our hospital.

As to the financial part of our work I simply state that $4,811.12 were received in donations in 1891. From paying patients we received $3,302.15. The running expenses for the year were $3,708.66; the balance was paid for furnishing the institution and on the old debt. One gentleman of this city, who does not want his name mentioned, paid $250 for the endowment of one free bed for last year. May many other good people see fit to follow that example for this year! With the conviction that we have made a beginning in the best way for the relief of poor suffering humanity, and with good prospect for the Immanuel hospital to accomplish a great deal in the future, Yours Respectfully,

E. A. FOGELSTROM,
Manager.

PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

Resume of the Week's Work in Omaha's Church Circles.

The lecture by Mr. Stagg upon "The Modern Athlete," at the Young Men's Christian association rooms next Tuesday evening, promises to draw a full house. Mr. Stagg is captain of the Yale foot ball team and was for some years pitcher of the Yale base ball team. The Yale men of Omaha will tender Mr. Stagg a reception after the lecture.

The different unions of the Omaha Woman's Christian Temperance union met last Thursday at the Young Men's Christian association rooms and enjoyed a very interesting session. Miss Hattie Moore of South Omaha read an excellent paper upon temperance teaching in the schools.

The Nebraska Home for the aged, located at 1420 North Twenty-seventh street, has been incorporated. The incorporators are Mrs. Carrie Shinn, Mrs. F. A. Beveridge, Mrs. C. A. L. K. White, Mrs. Dr. Freeman, Mrs. M. M. Dyer, Mrs. Nancy Wheeler, Mrs. H. C. Ballou and Mr. I. Swartzlander. The home is intended for old people of both sexes who are homeless and helpless, and will doubtless meet with success.

Dean C. H. Gardner will address the Young Men's Christian Association meeting Sunday at 4 p. m., upon "Hiding Sin."

Rev. W. A. Pratt of Keokuk has been called to the pastorate of the First Universalist church in Kountze Place, and will probably decide today as to accepting the call.

Mr. G. S. Fisher, ex-secretary of the Kansas Young Men's Christian association, was in Omaha last week. He expects to sail for Africa about the middle of February to be gone several months. He is imbued with the missionary spirit.

Next Saturday night will be Swedish night at the Young Men's Christian association.

The gymnasium contest at the Young Men's Christian association was a great success last Friday night.

Rev. D. W. C. Huntington, D.D., will lecture at the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church Monday evening January 25, on the "Curiosities of Skepticism."

FOR MUTUAL ADVANTAGES.

Hay and Feed Dealers of Omaha Organize for Business Purposes.

Thirty-six of the hay and feed dealers of the city have organized an exchange, the purpose of which is to regulate the hay and feed business, and they will ask the appointment of an official inspector. One of the objects of the exchange is to discourage the sale of these products to consumers by wholesalers in less than car lots, and both wholesalers and retailers have united in the matter in the hope of mutual advantage. It is claimed that fraud has been practiced in selling poor hay in bales with a good looking exterior, and it is desired to have an inspector who will grade it as a grain inspector does grain. The officers of the new exchange are as follows: President, F. T. Shonrock; vice president, J. Jensen; secretary treasurer, W. W. Mace; executive committee, Messrs. Cady, Gibbs and Vanwaltenburgh. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, at 1510 Howard street.

Will Deliver the Oration.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 23.—President Cyrus Northrop of the University of Minnesota will deliver the oration to the graduating class of the Yale law school next commencement. President Northrop is a Yale man.

NATIONAL PRIDE AROUSED

Scotch Night at the Y. M. C. A. a Pronounced Success.

MERITS OF SCOTLAND'S BARDS DISCUSSED

Prize for the Heroes of the Country—Growth of Religious Liberty—Some Clever Work by Several Well Known Omaha Artists.

One of the most popular bits ever made by the Young Men's Christian Association was the Scotch entertainment given last night.

The concert hall was completely filled and one could almost hear the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" ringing down the "Banks and Braes O'Bonnie Doon," as the spirit of the audience began to make itself manifest in applauding the different productions on the program.

Mr. J. L. Kennedy presided, and the first thing he said when he came upon the platform was, "We want you all to be Scotch tonight. Many of us were born in Scotland and those of us who were not wish we had been." He said that these national nights at the Young Men's Christian association were inaugurated for the purpose of showing that the institution was broad enough to take in every nationality and every class of men.

Subjects Cleverly Handled.

The first number of the program was a solo "Far Awa Frae Bonnie Scotland," by Mrs. Leese. The lady was recalled and sang "Comin' Through the Rye" very cleverly.

Mr. Thomas Kilpatrick then read an address upon the "Sons of Scotland." The address was of a very interesting nature and held the audience from first to last. He spoke of the early history of Scotland, which consisted chiefly of war and bloodshed. Then he touched upon the Roman period and the advent of the early Christian missionaries, who really carried the first light into Scotland. Then came William Wallace and King Robert Bruce, the first great patriotic heroes of Scotland. Mr. Kilpatrick referred to the fearful wars and desperate crimes that attended the formative period in Scottish national life. Further on he spoke of the union of England and Scotland in 1603, and the Elizabethan age in English literature.

Age of Great Men.

During this famous age, which produced a Bacon, a Shakespeare and a Milton, Scotland seemed to be struggling with church oppression. But a little later Scotland produced some of the greatest literary lights of the world. The speaker then referred to Sir Walter Scott and Robert Burns and the audience applauded tumultuously. He also mentioned Adams, Smith, David Hume, Cullen, Black, John Hunt and others. He spoke earnestly of the great ability of Dr. Norman McLeod, the great Edinburg divine.

Dr. McLeod was the Henry Ward Beecher of Scotland, Mr. Kilpatrick said, and after paying him a glowing tribute he read one of his humorous poems entitled, "Captain Frazer's Nose," which seemed to touch the risibilities of the audience very effectually.

And then came the performance that aroused the Scotch enthusiasm and hilarity all over the house. Mr. D. Mackenzie marched majestically upon the platform rigged out in a handsome Highland costume, playing a fine silver-mounted bagpipe, which he carried as usual in his hands, over his shoulder and under his arm.

National Pride Aroused.

He wore a rich and handsome kilt made of black plaid with a dash of red in it that made it very attractive. His nose were the genuine Scottish Highlander style, coming just above the calves of the legs and leaving the knees bare, and his feet were shod in the highlander shoes with handsome silver buckles. The strains of music from the bagpipes sent a thrill of national pride through every Scotch heart present, and the solo was greeted with prolonged applause.

Then came the "Highland fling," danced by Thomas Meldrum and Frank H. Cantlie. The gentlemen were handsomely dressed in new Highland costumes, their kilts being ornamented with an official equipment consisting of the sporron or pocket, which hangs down in front and looks something like an old fashioned gun pouch, a huge dirk swinging to the belt and the cairngorm, or shoulder ornament, glittering under the flaunting tassel of their jaunty caps.

The dancers were very agile and they executed the somewhat difficult pedal gymnastics to the entire satisfaction of the audience. The performance was applauded to the echo and the performers graciously repeated the dance. Mr. Mackenzie of course furnishes a stirring tune on the bagpipes while the dancers exhibited their dexterity and athletic skill in the management and rapid movements of their lower limbs and feet.

Mr. Diffin sang a couple of catchy Scotch songs that were well received and the large audience went home well pleased with "Scotch night."

SOUTH OMAHA.

Cut His Throat to Save Him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winn are rejoicing that their only child, who was given up as dying with membraneous croup is now out of danger. The entire throat was clogged with the deadly membrane, and the parents were informed that death was only a matter of a few hours. The parents begged the physicians to use whatever methods they could to save the child's life, no matter what risks were run. The physicians therefore resorted to the heroic method of cutting the child's throat. The incision proved successful and a silver tube was inserted through which the child breathed until the membrane was removed. Last night the boy was pronounced out of danger.

Tried to Murder Gillan.

THE BEE is in receipt of an anonymous article in which is detailed the thrilling escape which one M. Gillan had from being murdered by a woman and her three stalwart sons. It is declared that had not Mrs. Gillan interfered her husband would have been killed. The person writing the article does not sign his name and as no evidence of the truthfulness of the article can be secured the name of the persons alleged to have made the murderous assault are not mentioned.

A Prodigal Son.

James Bishop was arraigned before Police Judge King yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing a ring, watch chain and charm from J. C. Thomas. On motion the case was continued until Wednesday. Mr. Bishop, the father of the prisoner, is grief-stricken over the affair. Only the day before he had buried a younger son, and Jim celebrated the event by getting drunk with the money received for the stolen articles and going to a dance.

Sons of Veterans' Social.

On Monday the Sons of Veterans of South Omaha will give a unique party to be known as a basket social. Dancing, cards and a literary program will be the main features of the evening's entertainment. The lunch will be served from small baskets, each lady furnishing one, and the gentleman drawing a lady's number will have the pleasure of being her partner at lunch, which will be served picnic fashion.

Death of Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Laura A. Scott, the wife of L. N. Scott, died at 9 a. m. yesterday, at the age of 26 years. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hallup of St. Joseph, the father and mother of the deceased, arrived last evening. The remains will be shipped to St. Joseph for interment.

Mr. O'Rourke Gets Married.

Mr. Mack O'Rourke has returned from Chicago with a wife, a charming lady of the blonde type. Mr. O'Rourke is receiving the congratulations of his host of friends. The happy couple will make their home at Twenty-fourth and J streets and on Tuesday a house-warming will be held.

Gone to Get Married.

John Dennis has left for Chicago, where on Wednesday next he will be married to a charming young lady named Miss Kate Finley. Mr. Dennis was accompanied by his friend William J. Ward, who will officiate as best man at the nuptials.

Magic City Miniatures.

Mrs. Griffith is seriously ill.

Mr. James Parks and his wife will go to housekeeping at the cottage at 2419 P street.

J. E. Evans of Douglas, Wyo., is the guest of A. J. Baldwin.

J. P. Webb, who has been dangerously sick, is on the mend.

Freddie, the son of F. B. Scott, is dangerously ill with diphtheria.

The ordinance of baptism will be administered this evening at the Baptist church.

The Misses Tylee gave a party last evening to a number of their friends on Twenty-sixth street.

Mr. John Dunning and his daughter Edith of Yutan are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blanchard.

Charlie Dwinnell, a young man well known in South Omaha, is dying with consumption at the county hospital.

Yesterday the Cudahy Packing company received four cars of tin plate and four cars of salt from Liverpool, England.

A new Ancient Order United Workmen lodge was instituted in South Omaha last evening. It will be known as Nebraska lodge and starts in with 34 members.

Claud Talbot, jr. celebrated his fifth birthday by giving a party to a large number of his young friends. It occurred at the residence of Claude Talbot, sr., Twenty-third and H streets.

The social to be given by the Woman's auxiliary of St. Martin's Episcopal church at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayward has been postponed until Friday evening, January 29.

Mrs. Gertrude Summers desires to thank the telegraph operators, Cudahy Packing company and its office employes, as well as many friends, for their many kind acts and sympathy extended during the illness and after the death of her late husband.

First Baptist church, South Omaha, Twenty-seventh near M. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Stephenson. The ordinance of baptism will be administered in the evening. There will be revival meetings every evening during the week. All are welcome.

Methodist Episcopal church, corner Twenty-third and N streets. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., E. M. Richardson, superintendent. Preaching 11 a. m., subject, "The Power of Prayer." Class meeting 12 m., led by J. O. Eastman. Epworth league meeting, 6:45 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Power of Testimony." Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. C. N. Dawson, pastor.

LOSS OF THE CHURCH.

Death of Rev. A. Anderledy, S. J., General of the Jesuits.

On Monday at 7:30 p. m. solemn office of the dead will be chanted at St. John's church by the clergy and surpliced students' choir of Creighton college.

This will be the opening service of the solemn obsequies in memory of the recently deceased general of the Jesuits, the Very Rev. Anthony M. Anderledy. On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the pontifical mass of requiem will be chanted at St. John's by Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, D.D., assisted by the following ecclesiastical dignitaries: Assistant priest, Very Rev. Vicar General Choka; deacons of honor, Rev. William Kelly of the cathedral, Rev. J. Jennette of St. Patrick's; deacon to the Rt. Rev. Bishop, Rev. P. F. McCarthy, rector of the cathedral; subdeacon of the mass, Rev. George J. Clauber; master of ceremonies, Rev. S. F. Carroll of St. Cecilia's church.

The requiem will be chanted by the college students' choir. Rev. Ferdinand Moelier, S. J., professor of music at Creighton college, will preside at the organ.

SCHOOL BOY MURDERERS.

They Assault a Teacher and Beat Her Brother to Death.

LIMA, O., Jan. 23.—John Stephenson, Burt Smith, William and Charles Spurlock, school boys of various ages, are in Kenton jail charged with murder. Their teacher, Miss McLaughlin, corrected them for some misdemeanor in school yesterday, whereupon they became ungovernable and began to beat her. Frank, the teacher's 12-year-old brother, interfered, when the boys turned on him and beat him into insensibility and inflicted injuries from which he died in a few hours. Miss McLaughlin is also badly injured and her recovery is doubtful. The young murderers are being guarded, as there are threats of lynching.

ENTIRE TRAIN CONSUMED.

Two Fatally Hurt and Others Injured in a Rock Island Wreck.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 23.—The entire train, including the mail car, on the Rock Island road, bound for Omaha, which was wrecked near this city last night, burned. Nobody was killed, but several passengers were injured, some of them probably fatally.

The fatally injured were:
GEORGE PATTON, Huntingdon, Que.
AN UNKNOWN MAN.
Among the injured were:
MRS. RAY, Blue Island, Ill.
AN UNKNOWN WOMAN, enroute to Iowa City, Ia., cut about the face and head.
T. E. CATE, baggageman, hand crushed.
Several others received less serious hurts.

Imprisoned in Mexico.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 23.—A dispatch from the City of Mexico stating that Daniel Burns, police commissioner of San Francisco and well known state politician, had been arrested and placed in Belen prison occasioned much surprise. Burns was arrested under the mining laws of Mexico.

The Evening Bulletin quotes Colonel Frazer of this city as saying that Burns was liable both civilly and criminally. The proceedings may be the beginning of an attempt to regain the Candelaria mines, which were located in 1886 and 1888 by Mr. Burns, and in which both Burns and Colonel Green are interested.

Bohemian Society Celebration.

The Bohemian societies of Omaha and South Omaha are preparing to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of John Amos Thomensley (Comenius), the celebrated reformator of pedagogy.

The festival will take place Sunday evening, March 27, at Washington hall.

The program will consist of music, song and speeches in English and Bohemian, some of the best English speakers in the state having been invited.