

TIMES AND KEYSTONE.

PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

CITY NEWS.

THE CATHEDRAL CEMETERY.—It is now eighteen years since the first Cemetery, Mount Auburn, at Boston, was dedicated for use in this country. Mr. Justice Story delivered the oration on the occasion. Since then every city in the land, of any size, is possessed of many similar places, removed from the bustle of the dense population, where their dead can rest. That it is a system far preferable to burying in the heart of the city in vaults, none can doubt. We know that it matters but little to one after death where the body lies; but still every one has a preference as to where his remains should rest. Apart from all sanitary considerations, there is no one but would prefer being laid to rest away from the noise and confusion, amid the quiet of the country, where the forest trees may wave over the green sod—the wild birds chaunt the songs of melody in plaintive tones, the shades of evening steal over the earth. There is a propriety in having the graveyards removed from the thoughtless crowds who throng our thoroughfares, which meets the approbation of every sensitive mind; and it is with pleasure that we encourage the general diffusion of this feeling.

A "Map of the Cathedral Cemetery," which lies before us, reminds us of a visit we paid to this newly contemplated burial place for the dead. It is situated on the Lancaster Turnpike, two and a quarter miles from the Market street bridge. The whole area is forty-three acres, thirty of which are laid off into sixteen sections. Fronting on the road is a large space which it is not designed to occupy for graves at present, and in which the chapel is to be built. The whole of the land is now surrounded by a beautiful white paling. The front entrance is beautifully designed, and is being erected. The chapel is to be of the Gothic order, and when finished will be beautiful indeed.

Back of this front lot is "St. Mary's" Avenue, from which the sections—four deep—run to St. Paul's Avenue, being a rise of about six feet, and the whole including eight sections divided by St. John's Avenue, of smaller width. From St. Paul's Avenue back to St. Joseph's Avenue are eight more sections divided by St. Luke's Avenue, and the whole on a line. St. Ann's Avenue bounds the cemetery on the East, St. Joachim on the West, St. Joseph on the South, and St. Mary's on the North. St. Peter's Avenue divides the whole into halves, running North and South—there are also smaller Avenues between the sections. In the centre, at the junction of St. Peter and St. Paul's Avenues, is a large artificial mound of about thirteen feet in height, surmounted by a cross—as also there are at the intersections of most of the others. The whole of the grounds is being beautifully planted with trees of all varieties by Mr. Patrick Kerevan. The buildings are now progressing rapidly toward completion, under the direction of Mr. Charles B. Cooper, bricklayer, and Hugh McGoldrick, carpenter—and the whole under the superintendence of Mr. Peter Snyder, the excellent superintendent. The design is from the hand of John B. Colahan, and does great credit to him—we have rarely seen one so simple, unique and beautiful. The consecration of this cemetery to the service for which it is intended will take place to-morrow at 3 P. M. Bishop Kenrick and the Bishop of Texas, assisted by the Catholic Clergy of the City will conduct the interesting services, and we doubt not those who can make it convenient to go, will be much edified and pleased should they attend.

Monroe Village lies a little to the west of the Cemetery, and there are numbers of very pretty private residences in the neighborhood. The scenery in and around is very beautiful, and the situation of the Cemetery itself is one peculiarly suited for the purpose for which it is now to be appropriated. We doubt not this will be one of our most popular places in which friends will delight to leave the remains of all that is dear to them, of the mortality of those they once so loved. It is a pleasing task to leave them where their earthly bodies will be surrounded by all that is so lovely in nature. The appearance which it now presents from the road is very picturesque. The neat

white railing which surrounds the whole is deserving of special notice as light and airy, and yet strong enough for all protective purposes. When the whole design shall have been put into execution, this will be one of the very best and most lovely Cemeteries in the country. The lots are large and all well-situated, and can be had at very cheap rates, from \$10 to \$20; this will place them within the reach of the humblest of our citizens.

At two o'clock, P. M., to-morrow, omnibusses will start from all the Catholic Churches, in order to accommodate those who may wish to participate in the interesting services of the Consecration.

City Commissioners' Office, Philadelphia, January 1, 1850. CLEANSING THE CITY.

SEALED Proposals, endorsed "Proposals for Cleansing the City," will be received at this office until the 1st of February next at 12 o'clock, noon.

Each Proposal shall be for one year from the 2d of March next, and for the whole City. The contractor will be required to keep the city clean. He will be obliged

Once in each week to cleanse all the paved streets, lanes, courts and alleys of the city, whether public or private, by sweeping and scraping the same, and the gutters thereof, thoroughly, in every part, and causing the matter collected therefrom to be removed forthwith out of the city. For this purpose the city shall be divided by said committee into six districts, each one of which shall be cleaned on some designated day of the week. The contractor shall forfeit twenty dollars for each and every day that he neglects the duty thus required of him.

During the months of June, July, August and September, to employ, in addition to the force required for the usual purpose and duties of his contract, at least thirty-six men, who shall be constantly engaged in gangs of three men each, in washing and cleansing twelve districts into which the city shall from time to time during said months be divided by the Committee on cleansing for that purpose.

To sweep, scrape, and wash that part of the city lying east of Tenth street, between the hours of six, P. M., and six, A. M. The rest of the city at any time that he may desire.

To collect and remove daily all offal of kitchens and yards, and all ashes that may be placed by housekeepers for that purpose in positions convenient for removal; the said offal in water tight carts.

At least twice in each week, and as much oftener as the Committee on Cleansing may direct, to cleanse thoroughly the market houses of the city; and during the months of May, June, July, August and September, to wash the same at the time of such cleansing.

Whenever it may become necessary, or the said Committee may direct, to cleanse the inlets to the common sewers, forthwith remove out of the city the matter taken therefrom, and line said inlets.

To cause snow and ice to be removed and kept from the crossings of the streets, for a space at least six feet wide, and to keep the gutters free from snow and ice, and open, so that there shall be a passage for water through and along the same.

To remove from the streets, at the request of the Mayor, the President of the Board of City Commissioners, or the Committee on Cleansing, any offal or other substance that may become a nuisance.

To purchase the whole stock and apparatus of the city for Cleansing; including that bought last summer, at the valuation of two impartial men, of whom one shall be named by him, and one by said Committee; in case they differ, the matter shall be decided by an umpire, to be named by said two men.

Payments will be made every second week; so, however, that the City, for its security, shall always, until a final settlement, be in arrears to said contractor for a portion of the amount due him.

The City will protect itself by requiring sureties for the performance of the contract and by special clauses therein designated, to enforce its observance.

By order of the Committee on Cleansing the City.
AD. TRAQUAIR,
President City Comrs.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE, STOCKS, &c.—M. Thomas & Sons, auctioneers, sold last evening, at the Philadelphia Exchange, the following properties, &c:

- 1 share Philadelphia Library, \$24.
- 2 shares Mercantile Library, \$7 50.
- One-sixth part of eight 3 story brick houses and lot of ground, Apple st., N. L., \$316.
- Tract of land, 11 acres 156 perches, on the Ridge Road, District of Penn., \$9,500.
- Three story brick dwelling, 15 by 30 feet 6 in., Jones' alley, \$1,400.
- Valuable Lot, three fronts, District of Richmond, \$1,775.
- Two 3 story brick dwellings and large lot, and ground rent of \$45, Kensington, \$2,550.
- Three story brick store and dwelling, 13th st., above Parrish, S. Garden, \$590.
- Three story brick dwelling, 13th st., above Parrish, S. Garden, \$445.
- Building lot, Tenth st. below Wharton, 16 by 105 feet \$400.
- Building lot, Austin st. above Wharton, 20 feet 2 in by 105 feet, \$180.
- Building lot, Austin st. above Wharton, 15 feet 10 in, by 50 feet, \$190.
- Building lot, 12th st. above the Parade lot, 31 feet 4 in, by 53 feet, \$380.
- Building lot, 12th st. at the N. W. corner of said Parade lot, \$1,425.
- Two story brick dwelling, Lombard st. between 8th and 9th; 18 by 78 feet, \$800.
- Two story brick dwelling, corner of Linden and Benton sts., 24 by 38 feet, \$1,975.
- Three story brick dwelling, Benton street, 14 by 24 feet, \$1,078.
- Two 3 story brick dwellings, Ogden st. between Sch. 8th and Br. ad, 16 by 50 feet, \$475.
- Ground rent of \$36 a year, \$425.
- Two ground rents of \$13 a year each, \$230.
- Ground rent of \$18 a year, \$230.
- Ground rent of \$20 a year, \$250.

NEW Church of the Assumption, 1849.

The Catholic edifice of this name, located in Spring Garden street, near Twelfth, under the pastoral charge of C. I. H. Carter, will be open to the public on Saturday next, and services be held on the Sabbath following, at the ordinary hours. The congregation are deeply indebted to the energetic measures of Mr. Carter, for the completion of their church, and to him is also due the credit of first proposing and agreeing that such an edifice should be built. He has been untiring in his efforts to procure means for the success of the noble scheme, and so far as claims have been presented, has met with the most liberal encouragement.

The structure is of the Gothic order, with two angular towers front, and spires, surmounted by finials and crosses, of the custom of the XIV. century. The towers are about eighteen feet in diameter, and the spires ornamented and crocketed, with a height of 170 feet from the base of the towers. The front of the edifice is embrazured with three entrances, and double half-turrets, surmounted by crocketed pinnacles. Each pinnacle is 85 feet high, and the main front, from the base of the building, about 80 feet high. Between the turrets is the main door, and on either side, an aisle door, which also leads to the gallery pews. Three circular and three gothic windows are added to the front, containing stained glass of various hues, which gives to the building a rich and splendid appearance. The actual width of the structure is 75 feet, including the towers, with an interior width of 60 feet, and a full length of 116 feet.

The organ gallery is immediately over the front doors, with staircases leading thither from a vestibule beneath, so that in ascending, the congregation need not be disturbed in the body of the church. There are, on either side, six windows, each differently stained, and in dimensions 6 by 15 feet, which we regard as magnificent work. The tracery is among the finest we ever saw, and the coloring equal to the glass of Trinity Church, New York, which cost treble the amount paid for this. The arches of the windows are beautifully filled with chaste work, which harmonises with other ornamental portions of the building. Each aisle contains 25 pews, and each pew capable of holding ten persons. Their extreme length is 80 feet, and the height, to the apex of the arches, 32 feet. The ceiling is groined, with bosses at the intersections of the moulds, which give additional elegance to the style of the pattern adopted. At the ends of the aisles, corresponding with the chancel, are two circular windows, of stained glass, one (that to the right) containing a figure representing the Virgin Mary, and one (that to the left of the altar) representing St. Charles, which are very well executed, and reflect credit upon the taste of the artist. It is contemplated to paint the pews in imitation of oak, the caps of the back boards being already of that wood.

At the rear entrance of the aisles, are two sacristies, which will be used as such, and for no other purpose. They are clever sized rooms, of about 18 by 20 feet dimensions. The arches of the nave and aisle ceilings, which unite, (although the former are much higher than the latter,) are supported by five full, and two half columns, of Persian mould, but Gothic capitals, which rest upon the floor of the edifice. They will be handsomely finished, one made to imitate the dark stone of the building. Each column is 22 feet high, and probably sixteen inches in diameter.

The Nave is of the same length as the aisles, and contains 92 pews. From the floor to the apex of the arch, is 59 feet, with the ceiling groined, as in the case with the former. The clere story contains twelve small windows, of stained glass, 9 feet by 4 1/2 dimensions, and answer to the twelve apostles, "shedding light into the holy sanctuary." The arch of the nave springs from an ornamental capital, which is supported by a plain shaft, resting upon a carved head, and designed to represent important characters of the scriptures.

The chancel is separated from the nave by a pier arch and a carved grating. It is 18 feet in depth, and of the width of the nave. In the rear of the altar, the wall is tastefully decorated with arcade work, and tracery, surmounted by an enriched angular pediment. In front stands the altar, and when completed it will be a splendid affair. It is erected to imitate a miniature church, with the tower to be used as the tabernacle, and on either side six niches, which will contain figures of the twelve disciples. Overhead, and admitting the light, are three gothic windows, the centre frame of which has a full length figure of Christ, with a dove in altitude above him; and on his right, a full length figure of St. Peter, and on his left, a figure of St. Paul. They are severally of stained glass, executed with great care and labor.

The gallery will contain an organ of the finest class, but at present it will be occupied by one

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