

The Medical Schools and Hospitals of Philadelphia.—Philadelphia has long been celebrated for the number and character of its medical schools and hospitals, and, as the former are about resuming operations for the fall and winter term, we give the following list, as collated for the "Medical and Surgical Reporter," a weekly journal issued in this city, for the use of students and the medical profession:—

Medical Colleges.—Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, Jefferson Medical College, Medical Department of Pennsylvania College, Philadelphia College of Medicine, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Homoeopathic Medical College, Female Medical College, Eclectic Medical College, Penn Medical University, Medical Institute of Philadelphia, Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery, Philadelphia School of Anatomy, College Avenue Anatomical School.

Hospitals, &c.—Pennsylvania Hospital; Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane; Philadelphia Hospital, Bockley; Wills Hospital, (diseases of eye and limbs); City Hospital; Episcopal Hospital; St. Joseph's Hospital; Episcopal Hospital; Children's Hospital; University Hospital and Dispensary; Jefferson College Hospital and Dispensary; Pennsylvania College Hospital and Dispensary; Philadelphia College Hospital and Dispensary; Lazaretto Hospital and Quarantine Station; Friends' Asylum for the Insane; Preston Retreat (Foster Home Association); Charity Hospital, Buttonwood street; Philadelphia Lying-in Charity; Home for Invalids with Disease of the Chest; Western Clinical Infirmary; Philadelphia Dispensary; Northern Dispensary; Medical Department, House of Industry; Homoeopathic Hospital.

There is no city in the Union which presents so many advantages for giving a thorough knowledge of medicine as Philadelphia, and at a cost so trifling, as the following estimate from the same journal will show: The expense for two full courses of lectures and one summer's residence in this city, under the tuition of a private preceptor, is estimated at only \$1680, the following being the items:

Eighty weeks' board, including two full winter courses and one summer course, at \$1,320; washing, fuel and light, \$50; Professors' tickets, two full sessions, \$210; matriculation ticket, \$5; Preceptor's tickets, one and a half years, \$150; practical anatomy, one course, \$15; hospital ticket, one course, \$16; clothing, \$100; books, \$100; graduation fee, \$30; outfit—medicines and instruments, \$70; extras, \$20; total, \$1,810.

These estimates may be increased by extravagance, but to those who study economy, the above sum will be found ample. The above facts naturally lead to the thought of the immense income Philadelphia derives from her medical schools. Allowing 1100 students, a figure below the real number, during a winter term, and allowing them the moderate average expenditure of \$56 each, we have an aggregate of \$325,000 of direct outlay.

The Washington Monument.—By invitation of the Directors of the Tenth Section, a meeting of delegates from the different School Boards was held last evening, at the Chester Street School House, to devise means to interest the scholars and their parents towards the erection of a monument to Washington. Delegates were present from the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 21st and 24th sections—in all 11. James H. Randall, Esq., of the 10th, was called to the chair, and John H. Wheeler and Joseph Cooper appointed Secretaries. Mr. Randall, after stating the object of the meeting, said that Friday afternoon were employed by the female scholars in sewing, and he had no doubt a fair could be got up, the articles for which would be cheerfully supplied by the scholars. The State Arsenal, one of the largest buildings in the city, could be got for little or no charge, to hold such a fair, and if it were determined upon now, the arrangements could be completed to have it by Christmas. He thought, also, that Mr. Everett might be induced to deliver his lecture on "Washington" in aid of the monument fund. There were now \$55,000 invested by the Cincinnati Society in State 5's, in two separate funds, now held by the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, who are the agents of the State. This fund could, no doubt, be reached, if sufficient exertions were used to raise enough money to complete the monument, which would probably require some \$70,000 or \$75,000.

Mr. M. J. Dougherty moved that a committee of five be appointed to consider the matter, and report a plan or plans, to be submitted to this body at a future meeting.

The motion was adopted, and the Chair appointed, as the Committee, Messrs. M. J. Dougherty, W. J. Jackson, B. F. Hart, W. B. Stephens, and J. S. Bosler, after which the Chairman and Secretaries were added.

Several suggestions were then made as to the best means of accomplishing the object in view. The idea of a Fair seemed to meet with approval, but nothing definite was agreed upon, the subject being left to the Committee.

The Secretaries were directed to notify the sections who have not sent delegates, recommending them to unite in the movement, after which the meeting adjourned to meet on Friday evening, 15th inst., at the same place.

This is the second movement started within a short time for this object, the other being the associations and companies bearing the name of Washington, which seems to have been given up. If that movement were vigorously carried out, in connection with the movement of the School Directors, there is no doubt that the object could be successfully accomplished, provided the Society of the Cincinnati give their support to the undertaking.

Nov. 11-58 — L Oct. 6-58 —

Trial of the Eclipse Steam Fire Engine.—Yesterday afternoon, the Cincinnati steam fire engine Eclipse was tried in Arch street, above Eleventh. The trial was superintended by Mr. A. B. Latta, the builder. There were not many lookers on, no public notice having been given of the trial. Steam was raised in ten minutes. After raising steam, the Eclipse played first through 255 feet of hose and an inch and an eighth nozzle, 255 feet, receiving her supply of water from one plug. With an inch and a quarter nozzle, she threw a stream 225 feet, through the same length of hose as before. She then played two streams at once, which was not measured, but the distance appeared to be about 140 feet. Her performance yesterday was rather better than on Monday last, but it does not appear from either trial that she is superior to the steam engines built in this city. The Philadelphia steamer, at the late trial on Boston Common, threw water 255 feet, the same distance as the Eclipse did yesterday, although she is smaller and not as powerful. The engine was returned to the house of the Diligent Engine Company. She will be taken to New York to-day.



Baker-street beauties—

A QUEER MANIA.—In the reports of the attempt to sell the Pennsylvania Bank building, at the Exchange, last week, it was stated that an individual present interrupted the proceedings frequently by crying out that no title could be made to the property. The person who thus cautioned those who might think of purchasing is an odd character about town who is appropriately named McCracken. Mr., or rather Captain McC. is cracked upon the subject of real estate, having the most extravagant notions of his own rights. As a specimen of the Captain's modest pretensions, we will say that he imagines that he is the real and absolute owner of all the soil of Pennsylvania, claiming it under a grant which entirely supersedes James II. charter to William Penn. The Captain is naturally an intelligent man, and he seems to have been thoroughly acquainted with the early history of the province, and of the titles to the soil, before he became demented upon the subject. On several occasions where heavy sales of real estate have been negotiated, he has gone to the intended purchaser and by his plausible manner and his display of historical knowledge, he has actually persuaded him to throw up the bargain under the persuasion that the title was defective.

The wags about town amuse themselves by making heavy purchases of the Captain; and Fairmount, the State House, Girard College, the Custom House, and other snug pieces of property, have been sold over and over again by the monomaniac without making him any richer in funds. But the Captain is not content with his claims on the soil of Pennsylvania; he also asserts that he is the rightful owner of all the land in New York and the New England States, a large portion of Ohio and New Jersey, and, we believe, the whole of Delaware and Maryland. It is amusing to hear the Captain explain the difference between the English and Dutch titles in New York, and the weakness of both; criticises the rights of the Van Rensselaers; tell of the worthlessness of the claims of the descendants of the Puritans; scout at the titles of Lord Baltimore, and the Swedes; and finally demonstrate to his own satisfaction that the only true titles are in the McCrackens, and the Captain as their sole and lawful representative. Madness assumes strange shapes and this is one of the most fantastical.

Nov. 12-58 — L Nov. 1-58 —

THE WEST END.—To a person familiar with the appearance of the western part of the city ten years ago, and who again visits it now, after a long absence, the present condition of the same district must appear almost like a work of magic. Brick ponds have been filled up, and blocks of handsome houses occupy their sites; and the "Shinny" grounds of the boys, are covered with fine mansions; and upon every hand, beautiful buildings have arisen. The improvements have generally been of the most substantial and elegant character, and brown stone, marble, and fine brick dwellings, of a very superior description, have sprung up in every portion of the western part of the city. These elegant improvements are not confined to the western part of the old City Proper, alone; but they extend over Bush Hill and Penn district, and cover those lately desolate regions with splendid mansions, almost to the Schuylkill. While these elegant structures have been springing up and completely changing the appearance of the western skirts of the city, east of the Schuylkill, the old business and fashionable thoroughfares have been undergoing a great change. Hundreds upon hundreds of old fashioned and inconvenient buildings have disappeared within a few years, and noble stores, in keeping with the progress of the age, have taken their places. Ten years have been sufficient to completely revolutionize the appearance of a very large portion of the city. We will not venture to predict what ten years more will accomplish.

CHILDE HAROLD.—"I find in the attributed poems of Lord Byron the following enigma, viz:

"'Twas whisper'd in heaven, 'twas muttered in hell,
And echo caught faintly the sound as it fell;
On the confines of earth 'twas permitted to rest,
And the depths of the ocean its presence confessed.
'Twill be found in the sphere when 'tis risen asunder,
Be seen in the lightning and heard in the thunder.
Nor even in the whirlwind of passion be drown'd;
Attends at his birth, and awaits him in death;
It presides o'er his happiness, honor and health;
Is the prop of his house, and the end of his wealth;
Without it the soldier, the seaman, may roam,
But woe to the wretch who expels it from home.
In the whispers of conscience its voice will be found,
Nor even in the whirlwind of passion be drown'd;
'Twill not soften the heart, and, though deaf to the ear,
'Twill make it acutely and instantly hear;
But in shade let it rest, like a delicate flower—
Oh! breathe on it softly—it dies in an hour."

What is the answer to this?..... We do not wish to be understood as being willing to go unreservedly into the business of solving enigmas and puzzles, when we state that the mystery of this one is the letter "H." We should probably have passed the inquiry by without answer, were it not proper to vindicate the claim of the real authoress of the above fine enigma from the unjust ascription of it to Lord Byron. If the enigma is printed in the works of Byron, it has no business there. It was written by Miss Catharine Farnshaw, of Deepdene, England, in 1816.

J. G. sends the following answer to the question of "Marcellus," as to the shortest time in which a coat has been known to have been made from the wool. H. says:
"The time was twenty-four hours. The wool was dyed in one minute, the tailor cut and made the coat in twelve hours, putting in nine thousand two hundred stitches and a fraction of a hundred—John Thorncroft, journeyman tailor, at Mr. Broadhurst's, Stockport, England. The cloth was manufactured by steam power, by Peter Marsland, Esq., of Stockport. Mr. Wm. Horrocks was the inventor of power looms in Stockport, 1783. Peter Marsland was the first to manufacture woollen cloth by steam power, and George IV. was presented with the first piece of superfine blue broad cloth by Peter Marsland, Esq., from his establishment in Stockport. Peter Marsland's father was the first to commence a Sunday school, in the year 1780, and in 1805 the largest Sunday school in the world was built in Stockport, to accommodate five thousand children of all denominations. It has been enlarged, and has over eight thousand children taught reading, writing and arithmetic."

Nov. 21-58 —

WHAT THE PAUPERS COST.—A special meeting of the Board of Guardians of the Poor was held, on Friday afternoon, for the purpose of considering the annual appropriation bill for 1859, which will be presented to City Councils for their action. The sum total demanded for the support of the family of paupers saddled upon the city amounts to the snug sum of \$260,195. The heaviest item is \$30,500 for beef, mutton and pork; then comes \$26,800 for flour and corn meal. Coal for the use of the Almshouse sums up \$10,800; tea and coffee \$7,000; brown sugar \$5,200; butter and lard \$2,800; molasses \$3,100; potatoes and beans, \$3,100; marketing, \$4,000; drugs and medicines, \$6,500; brandy for the Hospital, \$250; wines, \$650; whiskey, \$700; porter, \$1,300; tobacco, \$1,700; wood for fuel, \$1,700. The bill was ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

Nov. 14-58 —

Oct. 19-58 —
Sheriff's Sale at Jones' Hotel.—Yesterday the furniture of Jones's Hotel, of which Messrs. Marshall and Power have been for some time past proprietors, was sold under the hammer. The sale was a speedy one, and the hundred and thirty-one rooms were soon bestowed in accordance with the bids. Last Saturday the hotel was closed, and who will carry on the hotel hereafter has not been announced. This hotel is one of the oldest and has been one of the most popular in the city.