

"THE YOUTH'S COMPANION'S" NEW BUILDING.

Messrs. Perry, Mason & Co., the publishers of *The Youth's Companion*, have begun the erection of a building for their business, on the corner of Columbus avenue and Berkeley street, Boston. This building is a large one, having a frontage on Columbus avenue of more than two hundred feet, and on Berkeley street, of one hundred feet. As will be inferred from the illustration, the architects have not neglected the opportunity to add one more to the imposing buildings of Boston.

Although many persons know that *The Companion* circulates very widely, and has nearly a half million subscribers, few realize the present size of *The Youth's Companion* business. To this publication belongs the honor of being the first weekly paper for young people published in the United States, and, as far as is known, in the world. Founded in 1827, it has steadily grown in favor until it now holds an unrivalled place in American Literature.

At present, *The Companion* occupies, in whole or part, four different buildings. Its offices occupy four floors in two building on

Temple place, while its Printing Department occupies the whole of the large buildings on the corner of Pearl and Franklin Streets.

In the new building all the different departments will be brought under one roof, which will be of material advantage to a larger development of the business. There will be found all the conveniences that are known at the present day of a first-class publishing house.

Each one of the subscribers to *The Companion* will feel an interest in the successful progress and completion of the paper's new home.



FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED TYPO-THETÆ OF AMERICA.

The fourth annual meeting of the United Typothetæ of America was held at Boston from September 2nd to 5th, with about 150 delegates present from all parts of Canada and the United States. The Employing Printers' Association of Toronto was represented by Messrs. W. A. Shepard (Mail Job Department), President; C. Blackett Robinson (Presbyterian Pub. Co.), Vice-President; H. Bruce Brough (Brough & Caswell), Secretary; James Murray (Jas. Murray & Co.), Chairman of Executive; W. H. Apter (Apter Bros.), and Hugh C. McLean (J. B. McLean & Co.), of BOOKS AND NOTIONS. Among others who accompanied the above were Messrs. R. L. Patterson (Miller & Richards), Fred. Diver, M. Corcoran (Canada Printing Ink Co.), Miss Murray and Mrs. Shepard, all of Toronto, and Mr. Fortier, of Montreal.

The proceedings were opened by an address of welcome by Hon. H. O. Houghton, of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., President of the Master Printers' Club of Boston, who, in speaking of the objects of the convention, said:—

Now, it is not only to cultivate good feeling among the members of our own business, but we have got one of the noblest kinds of business that any men in this country or in any country have. We are in touch with this

great universe. All the streams of knowledge flow through our fingers. The news of the world, the philosophy of the world, the reason of the world, all come and go through our manipulation, and it depends upon ourselves whether we are made better and wiser by this rare position in which we are placed, differing as it does from that of all other men, and all other professions in this country or in any country.

President Rockwell responded at some length to Mr. Houghton's address of welcome, and in speaking on international copy right law said:—

So far as this body is concerned, I suppose the question of an international copy right law has passed beyond the bounds of discussion. The preponderating sentiment in its favor among printers has been so strengthened that we need but to reaffirm our support of the measure as one of justice and expediency of justice, because it is a matter of common honesty, of expediency, because the American author is soon to be the chief fountain of supply for the American press.

The reports of corresponding and recording secretaries were read and adopted, also that of the executive committee.

When the question was brought up as to the next place of meeting, Messrs. Pugh, of Cincinnati, and Mr. Rollins, of San Francisco, advocated their respective cities. The latter gentleman, in the course of his speech, said, speaking of San Francisco:—

She bids you break away from this pent-up Utica, and stand within her illimitable borders, and thus comprehend your relationship; to cast off the straight jacket of convention-

alism, and don the robe of untrammelled freedom, to come to her shores and dispel the crude, unjust, and unworthy ideas you may have of her greatness, her possibilities, and her destiny; to tramp three thousand miles under the benediction of the stars and stripes, and find there the temple of justice and the shrine of Liberty; to come and forever dismiss from your minds the idea that the Digger Indian and his festive grasshopper, the cards and brawl of the gambler, the smile of the wanton, or the sneer of irreligion, are the sole indices of our highest civilization,—to come, I say, and find that in her soil are already sown the seeds of the world's grandest development in morals and in mind.

Mr. President, since the chronicles of authentic history have been written, the empire of man's dominion has pushed on towards the West. About forty years ago the hardy scout of the invading army tented on the earth's end. Vim, strength, pluck, and mind came trooping on. In September, 1850, the world's occupying army gained a double triumph,—one at the gate of the Pacific, the other at the door of the United States Senate. She came, not a trembling aspirant for the crown of statehood, but spurning the halting ceremonies of territorial government, she stood there demanding what she well knew would be given. In herself she exemplified the poetic fiction of the goddess springing full armed from the brain of her sire. She knew no infancy, no childhood.

The committee on apprentices reported that the present hap-hazard way of graduating journeyman printers from messengers, sweeps and "chore" boys, who are picked up without any reference to their future calling, is pernicious, and productive of so many "black-smiths" in the business. The present system