CITY COUNCIL.

PROCEEDINGS LAST NIGHT.

THE MCMICKEN UNIVERSITY.

The Board met to consider the state of matters under the new University. An official bond of £500 was first approved.

THE FIRE TELEGRAPH.

Counsellor then took a recess of twenty minutes to witness experiments upon the Fire Alarm Telegraph of Mr. Gamewell. He explained the operations and explained the experiments with it. The instrument and principle have been elaborately described in our columns. Counsel were so favorably impressed that it is quite likely they will adopt it at this meeting.

THE SPECIAL ORDER.

The ordinance to provide a devise by Charles McMillen to the City of Cincinnati was taken up in Committee of the Whole Council, and adopted, with some amendments.

Sec. 1. Entitles the University to establish the "McMicken University of Cincinnati," and provides that white children, wards of the University, and legal residents of Cincinnati, of such age and qualifications, as to scholarship and moral character, and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Directors of said University, and the relatives and legateses, also, who may be entitled under the will of McMicken, shall by preference be admitted, upon proper evidence of their claim and qualifications, as pupils of the college.

Sec. 2. Provides that the government of the University and the management and control of the devise, and the general administration of the same, shall be vested in a Board of seven Directors, six of whom shall be elected by the City Council, who shall hold office six years, and who shall be resident and voters of Cincinnati, and nominated and appointed by the Mayor, and the Mayor shall be the Director of the city. Within 30 days after the Secretary shall be convened by the Mayor, and determined by lot different from the election of the Secretary. The 31st December, and, and Council is required to fill vacancies accordingly at their regular meeting in December.

Sec. 3. Provides that the Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings on the first Tuesday of March, June, September, and December, at which each Director shall make an account of the proceedings of the school, and shall be present at the opening of the school, and shall hold any amount of money by said trust. They shall appoint one of their own number President, and may employ a Clerk and a Messenger. They shall cause a full record to be kept of all proceedings, and accounts of the property and funds of the estate, and of receipts, disbursements, use, and management thereof; also, full and exact statements of the number of students, their ages, and state of health, and attending in said University, to be kept in books, which book and record shall be at all times open to the inspection of any person, and the Board shall be responsible for the purpose. Said Directors shall in December, every year, report to the City Council, concerning such matters as may be required of them. Any Director who shall be absent from four regular meetings shall be considered to have resigned his office and shall be reported to the City Council.

Sec. 4. Provides that the Board shall apply themselves to the establishing and carrying on of the Institutions of the management of the estate, to endow it according to the intent of the provisions contained in the will of the testator, and shall have all the rights and powers vested in the City under said trust. Subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of this Ordinance and such general By-Laws as may be passed by the
Sec. 5. Requires the Directors to take measures immediately to obtain possession of all the estate, wherever situated, given by Charles McMicken to the city; and they may require the aid and advice of the City Solicitor, and may employ additional counsel, if deemed necessary, and take all measures proper for obtaining and securing said estate for the purposes contemplated in said devise. And as fast as said estate is obtained, a correct inventory shall be made, and a true and accurate description of the same shall be furnished to the City Treasurer, and a bond for the faithful discharge of the trust, and none of the funds shall be expended or drawn, except by the order of a majority of the Board of Directors, duly certified upon the City Auditor, and his warrant thereon to be drawn upon the City Treasurer, and that the care and management of said estate, and the collection of its revenues and funds, may employ such agents and collectors, and upon such terms as they shall deem necessary and proper, and if the Board should determine the same, they may at any time, for the faithful discharge of their duties, be dismissed from office by vote of the City Council.

Sec. 6. Requires the Board of Directors, after ascertaining the value and probable income of said estate, to report and repair to the City Council, with all convenient speed, their plan for establishing and carrying on the University, such as in their judgment and upon the best information and advice they can obtain here and elsewhere, will most completely and fully effectuate the objects of said devise. They shall then report their plan for the proper division and organization of the several colleges of the University, and for the instruction of the pupils, and the term and course of studies proper to be pursued, the age, qualifications, and conditions proper to be required for the admission of pupils, and such general by-laws as shall be necessary to the government of said University, and the government of its officers and inmates. Provided, that in the exercises and course of instruction in said University, the Holy Bible of the Protestant version, now accepted and in use, shall be the text-book; and the exercises shall be framed with particular reference to the will of the founder. That the moral instruction of all the pupils of said Institution shall form a prominent part of the education of the young men, and shall teach them the knowledge of their duties to their Creator and their fellow men, but so as to avoid denominational theology or sectarian doctrines. Provided also, that the Directors shall not proceed to establish the said Institution until the same shall have been provided, first reported to the City Council and by them approved.
Sec. 7.—That when the University has been fully projected, approved and established as hereinbefore ordained, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to proceed as fast as the rents and income of said estate will enable them to erect and finish the buildings and improvements so authorized, and provide other things necessary for said University, and at all times keep the said buildings, grounds, and improvements in good order and repair, and supply furniture, books, apparatus, &c., as they may be needed. Also, to appoint professors, tutors, and all other officers and servants as may be authorized as aforesaid, for such time and upon such terms as said Directors may deem proper; and make all other provisions necessary and proper for opening, maintaining and carrying on the University, pursuant to the system adopted. And it shall be the duty of the Directors, and they shall have power, at all times, to direct, govern and superintend the University, its officers, inmates, and affairs, and they may, so far as they may deem proper, commit the control, course and internal management, and discipline of said University, to the officers appointed by them and under such rules and regulations as said Directors may prescribe.

Sec. 8.—Provides that the Directors shall not sell or make any bargain for the sale of any of the lands of said estate authorized by the will of Charles McMicken, to be sold without the consent and order of the City Council first obtained.

Sec. 9.—Provides that in addition to the Standing Committee of the City Council, there shall be a Standing Committee of three members of the Free University, who shall perform such duties as may from time to time be ordered by the City Council.

Sec. 10.—Provides that amendments or alterations of this Ordinance or of the by-laws passed under the provisions hereof, shall be read and laid on the table one week before being acted upon by the Council.

Mr. Toohy moved in committee to strike out the phrase “Protestant version” (of the Bible) in the 6th section. He said it implies denominational theology. He did not consider it necessary to its agreement with Mr. McMicken that the words should be embodied in the Ordinance. Other members disagreed with him and the amendment was lost.

**Passage of the Ordinance.**

After the committee rose, the Ordinance passed without amendment, and without dissent. Mr. Toohy being excused from voting.