

MRS. CLEVELAND NEEDS REPOSE.

THE EX-PRESIDENT'S FAMILY RETIRES TO LAKEWOOD, FOR THE WINTER.

Ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland and baby Ruth left the city yesterday afternoon for Lakewood, N. J., where they will probably be domiciled until Spring. They were accompanied only by some of the family servants. The trip was made over the Jersey Central Railroad, and upon arriving at Lakewood the Cleveland party was conveyed at once to Mr. Nathan Straus's cottage, which had been put in order expressly for the use of the ex-President's family.

The cottage is a handsome one and provided with all the modern comforts. It nestles in a grove of pine and cedar not far from the Lakewood Hotel. There it is hoped and expected that Mrs. Cleveland will enjoy the seclusion and repose necessary for the complete recovery of her health and strength.

Although not an invalid in the extreme sense of the word, the happy mother of little Ruth has been the recipient of so much attention from well-meaning friends that the restoration of her strength has been retarded. Her physician began to fear the effects of a continuation of even such mild excitement, and he prescribed absolute repose. While at Lakewood the Cleveland family will avoid participation in social pleasures and will observe strictly their physician's injunction to keep perfectly quiet.

Mr. Cleveland will be at his office in this city almost every day, but he expects to be able to return to Lakewood every evening in time for dinner. The surroundings of the cozy cottage occupied by the ex-President's family are such that Mrs. Cleveland will be able to enjoy quiet drives without the slightest annoyance from any source. Her closest friends understand the necessity of her having the most complete rest, and therefore there will be no intrusion upon her privacy.

POSSIBLY EDWARD MURPHY, JR.

HE MAY BE SELECTED AS NEW-YORK'S NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN.

The Democratic State Committee will meet at the Hoffman House at 10 o'clock this morning and will select a successor to Hermann Oelrichs as the member of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. Oelrichs, it will be recalled, resigned during the heat of the last campaign in this State.

Only a few of the members of the committee were in town last night. These included Edward Murphy, Jr., Chairman of the State Committee; S. A. Beardsley of the Twenty-third Congressional District, John F. Flanagan of the Twenty-ninth Congressional District, and James H. Manning of Albany, who came down to act as proxy for D. Cady Herriok.

Mr. Murphy was visited at the Hoffman House last night by Richard Croker, William Bourke Cockran, Police Commissioner James J. Martin, and Corporation Counsel William H. Clark. When asked who was likely to be Mr. Oelrichs's successor, neither Mr. Murphy nor any of the New-Yorkers professed to be informed on that point.

Later in the evening it was declared, by people who are in a position to know absolutely what the plan is that will be carried out to-day, that the place would go neither to a New-York man nor to a Brooklyn man, but to a Democrat whose home is in the interior of the State. Whom these people had in mind was a matter for speculation.

Chairman Murphy was thought of by many as a man who would fill the bill. An effort was made to get him to take the place when William Steinway resigned.

Daniel G. Griffin, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the State Committee, was also mentioned. Mr. Griffin, it was said, would be acceptable to all Democrats. He arrived here late last night.

An Albany dispatch that came last night predicted that Mr. Murphy would be named as the committeeman.

IN PRAISE OF WENDELL PHILLIPS.

A fashionable audience filled the large hall of the Young Men's Christian Association in Brooklyn last evening, to hear the oration of the Hon. George William Curtis on Wendell Phillips. Mr. Curtis spoke eloquently of the great work done by the patriot in the cause of freedom, and compared Wendell Phillips's mission to that of Luther and the other reformers through whom the world became greater and civilization purer. The life of Wendell Phillips was reviewed and outlined from his youth through his entire career in the field of public affairs, and the audience applauded enthusiastically.

Gen. John B. Woodward, who introduced Mr. Curtis, said that in place of the oration on George Washington, which was to have been delivered on Feb. 22 by James Russell Lowell, the Hon. George William Curtis would deliver an address on the same date on the dead poet-statesman.

The Rev. John W. Chadwick, M. A., read an original poem, "In Honor Bound," and the evening's exercises were brought to a close with the singing by the audience of the national hymn, "My Country, 'tis of Thee."