

THE NEW POLICE STATION.

Dedication of the Second Precinct Headquarters.

The recently erected Police Station at the north-west corner of Union and Madison streets, designed for occupancy as the headquarters of the second Precinct, was last evening formally dedicated. The large hall on the main floor of the building, soon to be transformed into a court of justice, was the theatre of the festivities attending the occasion. The apartment on ~~every side~~ was handsomely decorated with flags of various nations, banners, transparencies, etc., lending to the scene an enlivening feature. Captain George M. Miller, the able and genial commander of the precinct, having a hand in the preparations for the affair, in conjunction with citizens of the West Division, so perfected the appointments as to make the evening one of rare pleasure to the participants. Tables beautifully laden with a cold collation, such as any fastidious *A-f-de cuisine* might be proud of arranging, were placed along the eastern and northern boundaries of the hall. The main entrance was crowned with a small transparency bearing "Welcome" to the guests, a congratulatory word in this case having some significance. Hanging on the walls were transparencies, two, more prominent than the rest, bearing the following mottoes: "We Protect Virtue and Punish Crime;" "We are the Servants of the People." The Mozart Singsongbund, composed of excellent singers, and Messrs. Bretterns and Blankenfeld, violinist and pianist respectively, were present and provided a feast of music which called forth acclamations from all.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the assembled guests took their seats at the table, and then war upon edibles was the order of the hour. Hon. T. B. Brown, President of the Board of Police, presided at the head of the main board. After full justice had been done to the viands, President Brown rose and addressed the guests, dwelling upon the object of the occasion, and referring in lauding terms to the efficiency of the police force of Chicago in general, and the second Precinct in particular.

He was followed by Hon. H. B. Miller, member of the House of Representatives of this State, who made a few remarks, an epitome of which is something in the way of an assault on the press of Chicago for its course taken against an increase of pay for the officers of the Police force. Captain Miller next responded, to long continued calls, in a neat and appropriate speech, which was received with great applause. Alderman Macalister, General Salomon, General McArthur and others, also delivered speeches congratulatory on the occupancy of the new station. The evening's entertainment concluded at a late hour, after every one present had had a surfeit of the delicacies provided.

The edifice has already been fully described in the columns of THE TRIBUNE, thus rendering any remarks as to its manner of construction, at this time, unnecessary.