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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr Frederick W. Byers has been given the contract for building the new St. Benjamin's (Krider's) Lutheran Church, on a bid of $3,950.

Louis Rosenberger, of Lauraville, Md., formerly of this county, who served in Co. A, 6th Maryland Regiment, has been granted a pension.

Mr. H. L. Rinehart, of Frizellburg, who was recently quite ill with typhoid fever, has so far recovered as to be able to attend to business.

Mr. George H. Baer, of Baltimore, has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Western Maryland Railroad in place of the late John S. Harden.

Farmers are watching for opportunities to get their oats seeded. In this vicinity a little has been sown, but the work is retarded by the frequent rains.

Miss Mary Walkling, daughter of Mr. Frederick Walkling, died at the home of her parents, near Carrollton, on Tuesday last, of consumption, in the 19th year of her age.

Mr. Christopher Erb, of Berryville, Clark county, Va., formerly of this county, was married, at Winchester, Va., March 20th, to Miss Kate Jefferson, of that State.

We have received from Mr. J. J. Baumgartner, special agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, a handsome calender covering the year ending April 1st, 1891.

Mrs. Dr. Jacob Rinehart, of Frizellburg, has been called to Shippensburg, Pa., by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Peter Grabill, who is suffering with an attack of congestion of the lungs.

Among the aides-de-camp appointed by Mr. George R. Graham, the new commander of the department of Maryland, G. A. R., is Mr. Whitfield Stansbury, of Hampstead, a member of Burns Post, of this city.

The examination of applicants for certificates as teachers in the public schools of this county will be held at Central Hall School house, this city, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week.

Increase of pensions has been granted to John H. Crapster, of Finksburg, who served in Co. C, 6th Maryland Regiment; Benjamin F. Phillips, of Union Bridge, who was a member of the 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and Mrs. Eliza J. Shreeve, widow of the late A. T. Shreeve, of this city.

An interesting entertainment was given by the teacher and pupils of Mt. Vernon public school, in the village of Marston, on the evening of the 5th inst., of which we have a full account, the publication of which is deferred until next week for lack of space in this issue. The school is taught by Miss Laura V. Sellman.

At the raising of the frame work of Calvary Luthern Church at Woodbine, on the 3rd inst., a scaffold gave way and five men were precipitated to the ground, a distance of about fourteen feet. John Hatfield and William Shipley were considerably hurt, but their injuries were not serious. The others escaped with slight bruises.

The annual election for officers of the corporation of Union Bridge was held in that place on Monday last, and was quite a spirited affair. A hundred and ten votes were cast. The following officers were elected. For Mayor, Wm. Wood; for Councilmen, W. R. Straw, Wm. H. Marshall, Dr. John W. Dehoff, David Ogle and John Hartzock.

The President and Directors of the Westminster Savings' Institution have declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on the capital stock and 2½ per cent. on monthly deposits, clear of all taxes, and payable on and after the 21st inst. The fact, itself, speaks more forcibly than any language we can employ, of the remarkably efficient management of this institution.

The report of the committee on Westminster Theological Seminary to the Methodist Protestant Conference stated that 21 students are enrolled in that institution, of whom 17 are from Maryland. The seminary is in a growing condition, with bright prospects for a useful and prosperous career. It has received substantial aid from friends in Washington, D. C., and from Mr. Joseph Baker, of Frederick, Md.

Mr. Harvey F. Caylor, of Union Bridge, will dispose of his personal property at public sale to-day, and on Tuesday next will leave, with his wife, for Colorado, where they will make their future home. They make this change of residence chiefly for the benefit of Mrs. Caylor's health. The necessity and the fact of their removal from this county are deeply regretted by their many friends, who wish them a prosperous life and a happy home in far distant Colorado.

Among the bills signed by Governor Jackson on Tuesday last were the following local laws for Carroll county: To amend the law relating to Taneytown; to require the Commissioners of Carroll county to pay to the authorities of Westminster one-half the amount of road tax levied on property in that city; to enlarge the powers of the Trust and Deposit Company of Westminster, and to regulate the sale of liquor in the town of New Windsor and in New Windsor and Uniontown districts.

We have received several interesting accounts of Arbor Day exercises by public schools in this county, which are excluded this week for lack of space in which to print them. They may appear hereafter.

Thomas Ross, of Hagerstown, was lodged in the county jail on Sunday last on the charge of having stolen $5.00 from Thomas Dunson, a waiter at the Hotel Albion in this city. Small sums of money and articles of wearing apparel were also stolen from Dunson's fellow waiters. The theft was perpetrated on Saturday night and Ross went to Union Bridge on Sunday morning, where he was arrested.

The Spring Mills public school, taught by Mr. George W. Sullivan, of this city, held appropriate and interesting literary exercises on Arbor Day. Each grade planted a tree, making seven in all, which were named as follows: Abraham Lincoln, E. O. Grimes, James A. Diffenbaugh, Orlando Reese, Joshua S. Zepp, Wm. A. Roop, Alfred Stevenson, the latter three being in honor of the trustees. The trees were named by the pupils.

Appropriate Easter services were held in the several Churches of this city on Sunday last. The Holy Communion was celebrated at the Reformed and Lutheran Churches at the morning services and at 7.30 and 10.30, A. M., at Ascension P. E. Church. The floral decorations in all the Churches were unusually beautiful. In the evening services appropriate to the day were held by the Sunday Schools of the Reformed, Lutheran and Methodist Episcopal Churches. The attendance at all the services was very large.

The County Commissioners were in session on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and engaged chiefly in making transfers and abatements. Special pensions were granted to Rebecca Lindaman, of district No. 6, for $10.00, and Michael Sauble, of district No. 7, for $5.00. Andrew Wisner was appointed constable in district No. 3 for two years. Messrs. George W. Miller, Henry H. Miller and Jesse Long were appointed examiners in the case of the road for which petition was made by Jeremiah Elserode and others.

A meeting of the directors and managers of the Westminster Land and Improvement Company was held at the *Advocate* office on Monday. By-Laws for the government of the company were adopted and the following officers elected: President, Edward Lynch; Secretary, Chas. H. Vanderford; Treasurer, Geo. W. Albaugh. The books of subscription were opened and ten thousand dollars subscribed to the stock of the company. The amount has since then been increased considerably and most of the stock will probably be taken this week.

Mr. George W. Snyder, of Tiffin, Ohio, formerly of this county, in writing to subscribe for the SENTINEL, and to renew the subscription of Mrs. Rebecca Hoffman who left this county many years ago, says that potatoes have been planted and oats sown in that part of Ohio. The growing wheat is looking well in many places but in the black loam has been frozen out and some of the farmers will plow up their fields for oats and corn. Mr. Snyder is farming for a widow lady now 89 years of age, who is a native of Frederick county in this State.

Among the Carroll county bills named last week as having been signed by Governor Jackson was one entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioners of Manchester to purchase a lot for a hose house and hall." We are informed by a citizen of Manchester that no such act was passed by the Legislature. We collated the titles given from the Baltimore morning papers in which they were first published. The name of Manchester was probably substituted for that of some other town in transcribing the title of the law, at Annapolis, for publication.

The annual election for Mayor and Councilmen of Manchester, in this county, was held on Saturday last and resulted in the choice of the following: For Mayor, Chas. A. Myers; for Councilmen, H. H. Keller, John E. Masenheimer, Henry H. Miller, Nimrod Armstrong and I. D. W. Stonesifer. At the same time an amendment to the charter of the town was submitted for the decision of the voters, authorizing the Mayor and Council to increase the rate of taxation to not more than 50 cents on $100 of valuation. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 78 to 22.

Mrs. Mary Rachel Stonesifer, wife of Mr. John E. Stonesifer, a prosperous young farmer residing near Stonersville, about two miles from this city, died at her home on Saturday last after an illness of several weeks, in the 37th year of her age. Her husband and child survive her. She was a daughter of the late Josephus H. Hoppe and a grand-daughter of the late J. Henry Hoppe. She was a member of St. Benjamin's (Krider's) Lutheran Church and her funeral, which was held at the Church on Monday, was attended by the largest number of persons ever present there on such an occasion. She was an estimable woman, and her early death is deeply regretted by her many friends.

A fine gymnastic exhibition was given by the physical department of the Western Maryland College, in the Yingling Gymnasium Friday evening of last week, under the direction of Prof. H. G. Watson, the instructor of physical culture. The exercises on the horizontal bars, parallel bars, vaulting horse and on the rings were very skillfully preformed, and there was some fine acrobatic tumbling. The exhibition was witnessed by the students of the college and a number of invited guests. Among the participants were: Sheahan, of Maine; Lawler, of Illinois; Whealton and Lewis, of Virginia; Queen, of West Virginia; the Mills brothers, Parke, Robey, White, Lease, Watson and Elgen, of Maryland.

The 25th annual reunion and banquet of the Union Veteran Association of Maryland was held at the Carrollton Hotel, Baltimore, on Wednesday evening, and was a very happy occasion. Upwards of 100 veterans participated, among whom were Col. Wm. P. Maulsby, Col. Wm. A. McKellip, Capt. O. H. P. Mathias and Mr. John H. Mitten, of this city. Speeches were made by General (Judge) Charles E. Phelps, Gen. Adam E. King, Col. Wm. P. Maulsby, Col. Wm. A. McKellip, Col. Geo. W. F. Vernon, George E. Loweree and others. The following were elected officers of the Association for the ensuing year: President, Col. Wm. P. Maulsby, of Westminster; First Vice-President, Col. Arthur J. Pritchard, Pay Inspector U. S. N.; Second Vice-President, Lieut. Noble H. Creager; Secretary, Lieut. George W. Johnson.

Central Hall School.

Central Hall School celebrated Arbor Day by a private entertainment. About two hundred pupils assembled in the principal room and spent two hours in literary exercises. Three trees were planted in the school grounds.

During the year the following promotions have been made: From first grade—Esther Fitze, Ida M. Price, Grace Helm, Mabel Miller, Katie Baer, Julia Manning, Ada Bankert, Mary Yingling, Elsie Singer, Carrie Haines, Ethel Baker, Clyde Mobley, Harry Breitwiser, Harry Bell, Winfield Rupp, Winfield Heilig, Winter Dell, Charlie Barnes, Samuel Frantz, Charles Pfeffer, Joseph Mitten, Clarence Yingling and Edgar Dell; from the 2nd grade—Claudine Yingling, Mollie Kerby, Emma Hunter, Ada Stonesifer, Lummie Yingling, Rosa Swartzbaugh, Grace Hunter, Jack Smith, Archer Miller, Willie Stem, Harry Thomson, George Reigle, John Yingling, Dudley Vanfossen, Eltinge Shriver, Eddie Shriver, Walter Baker, Harry Bankert, Charles Webster, Percy Pfeffer, Willie Helm, Willie Thomson, Frank Schweigart, Willie Utz; from 3rd grade—Blanche Buckingham, Pauline Frizzell, Albert Thomson, Edward Thomson, Irwin Morgan, Arthur Smith, Harry Yingling, Arthur Bair, Carroll Lockard, Hashabiah Simonson, Arthur Zepp, James Snyder, Irwin Vanfossen, Eddie Stonesifer, David Haller, Carroll Haines, Irwin Miller and Bradley Miller; from 4th grade—Maggie Himler, Katie Routson, May Mackley, Margie Shugh, Ella Mobley, Carrie Fowler, Hattie Huber, Willie Keefer, Maurice Hess, Arthur Stonesifer, Samuel Taylor, Thomas King and Frank Butler; from 5th grade—Carrie Horner, Elsie Stevenson, Estelle Mitchel, Viola Warner, Carrie Shriver, Nannie Rinker, Cora Butler, Clara Bowersox, Dohnea Nygren, Harry Main, Clarence Orndorff, Harry Summers, Frank Miller, David Geiman, Henry Baer and Clarence Main; from 6th grade—Mabel Buckingham, Ida Essich, Katie Buckingham, Carrie Frizzell, Carrie Stouch, Minnie Groft, Agnes McDonald, Daisy Light, Lizzie Yingling and Frank Lamotte.

Woodbine Items.

The citizens of Freedom district are taking much interest in the local option question, and the opinion seems to prevail that the saloons must go, for they are carrying too many of our young men the downward road to ruin. The members of the several churches in the district are working with a will to get the monster evil from their midst, and the prayers of many kind mothers and their daughters are ascending high up to the throne of God that the cause of temperance may prevail. It has been shown that eighty thousand of the citizens of this Republic annually go down to untimely graves from alcholic drinks.

Business is completely paralyzed at Morgan and Woodbine stations on account of the roads, and we feel assured that if the Commissioners were to see them, they would double the levy on the sections leading to the two villages. Even then it would be impossible to fit them for travel.

The farmers will be backward with their work this spring, notwithstanding the open winter, for it rains and rerains almost every day; so much so that it is with difficulty that the soil can be worked at all.

Union Bridge Items.

Easter services were held in the several churches here on Sunday last. A special service was held in the Reformed Church at 6, A. M., and a Sunday School service was held at night. A special missionary service was held in the M. E. Church at night. All the services were well attended.

The Ladies of the Reformed Church will hold an oyster and meat supper on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings of this week in the basement of the Church.

A very interesting entertainment was given last Friday night by the pupils of the public school. A large audience was present.

Mr. Hammond Dern, of this city, recently caught, in Little Pipe Creek, a German carp that weighed 7 pounds.

Mr. Hamilton Repp has torn down his frame dwelling on South Main street and will erect a handsome residence in its stead.

Mr. George Roop, of Westminster, and Mr. Charles Hesson, of this city, have exchanged their butchering establishments. Mr. Roop will come to Union Bridge and Mr. Hesson will go to Westminster.

Harney Items.

The masons commenced work on the foundation of the Luthern Church last Monday.

The citizens of Harney held a railroad meeting last Tuesday evening in Shoemaker's Hall. A meeting had been held the previous Friday evening at which time S. S. Shoemaker was elected President and J. V. Eckenrode, Secretary. The object of the meeting was to show the Company our willingness to do what we can to get the road through here—to see to getting the right of way and secure subscriptions. At the last meeting a committee of three was appointed for the purpose above named. After listening to several interesting speeches the meeting adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening at which time we expect some eminent speakers and further information from headquarters.

Personal.

Rev. Dr. David Wilson, Chaplain U. S. A., Fort Meade, S. Dakota, is visiting friends in this city and county.

Mr. J. Frank Brinkerhoff, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday and Monday last with relatives in this city.

Mr. James A. Shaeffer, of Springfield, Ohio, is visiting his parents, Ex-Judge and Mrs. Joseph Shaeffer, near this city.

Miss Mattie Strayer, of Baltimore, Miss Winnie Scott and Mr. Eugene Veasey, of Pocomoke, are visiting at Rev. Dr. Mills'.

List of Unclaimed Matter

Remaining in the Postoffice at Westminster, Md., April 5th, 1890.

Myers, Mrs. H. B. — Stiffler, William H.
Nelson, Rev. E. H. — Yingling, Miss Jane
Rogers, D. E. — Yingling, Relatives of
Roop, Chas. — Late Mrs. Sarah

Persons calling for matter in the above list will please say it was advertised.

GEO. E. SHARRER, P. M.

[redacted]

Burns Post, No. 13, G. A. R., will meet at Odd Fellows' Hall, this city, at 7 o'clock, this, Saturday, evening.

Death of B. G. Blanchard.

Mr. Bennington Gill Blanchard, a retired merchant of this place, died at his residence on East Green street, Thursday morning, after an illness of several weeks. He was in his fifty-fifth year, and has been in delicate health, having retired from active business several years ago on that account. He was a native of New York city, and came to Maryland about the close of the war. For eight years he was bookkeeper for Charles Reese, in Baltimore. He came to Westminster about fifteen years ago. For three years he had been assistant secretary of the Westminster Savings Institution. During the war Mr. Blanchard was in active service with a New York regiment. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and has been a vestryman and treasurer of Ascension Church, Westminster, for a number of years. He was a most excellent and worthy gentleman and possessed the sincere regard and esteem of the entire community. He leaves a wife, who was Miss Geneva Marsh, of Marriottsville, Howard county, and one daughter, Miss Eva Blanchard. Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock, this, Saturday, morning, at Ascension P. E. Church, and the remains will be interred in the burial grounds adjoining.

An Easter Dance.

The Young Men's Social Club of this city gave an Easter dance to the young ladies at the City Hotel on Monday night last. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and was continued until a late hour. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock. It was the most successful ball given in this city for some time and was largely attended. The music was furnished by Nicholas Frantatuno & Bro., of Baltimore, formerly of Italy. Messrs. Arthur F. Smith and Will E. Everhart composed the committee of arrangements. Among those present were Mrs. Garrison, Miss Grace Garrison, of Norfolk, Va.; Misses Sophie Cook, Ethel Reese, Nellie Knell, Messrs. H. W. Cook, Shorb Neal, Tony Murray, of Baltimore; Miss Nellie Neal, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Agnes Lowell, Messrs. Conrad Hamilton, T. W. Claggett, of Waynesboro,' Pa.; Messrs. C. Stouffer, J. Norris, Walter Englar, Robt. Weaver, of New Windsor; Misses Bettie Shriver, Gussie Shriver, and Mr. Percy Shriver, of Avondale; Mr. Ira P. Bryan, of Centreville, Pa.; Mr. W. H. Foley, of Lincoln, Ills.; Mr. J. H. Campbell, of Harrisburg, Pa., Mr. Phil. Rau, of York, Pa.; Mr. Frank S. Rowe, of Union Bridge; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Reifsnider, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Clabaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Vanderford, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Thawley, Mrs. A. R. Stirling, Mrs. Dr. Frank T. Shaw, Mrs. Judge John E. Smith, Mrs. James A. C. Bond, Mrs. Wm. B. Thomas, Mrs. J. Q. A. Smith, Mrs. Lewis C. Trumbo, Mrs. Wm. Moore, Misses Nannie Roberts, Eloise Bond, Janie Thomas, Mamie Irwin, Lizzie Irwin, Mollie Roop, Winifred Smith, Julia McKellip, Lottie Moore, Pauline Trumbo, Maggie Baumgartner, Maggie Huber, Alice Huber, Mollie Shriver, Annie Shriver, Carrie Wampler, Mary Thayer, Messrs. John M. Roberts, John F. Everhart, John H. Cunningham, Nathan. H. Baumgartner, Will E. Everhart, J. Smith Reifsnider, Arthur F. Smith, George M. Parke, Frank Z. Miller, Ed. H. Manning, George L. Brown, Rennie Neale, Brooke Irwin, Joseph D. Brooks, Charles V. Dugan, James H. Dugan Chas. E. Hering, Dr. Joseph T. Hering, Wm. D. Reese.

Taneytown Items.

Mrs. James Fair, of Baltimore county, is visiting her father, Mr. Thomas Longley.

Miss Vinnie Mehring and Mr. Charles Kohler, of Littlestown, Pa., were the guests of Mr. H. D. Mehring on Sunday last.

Misses Ethie Flahearty and Minnie Stover, of Middleburg, spent Easter with Mrs. Alice Fuss.

Mr. Charles Forest, a drug clerk of Frostburg, Md., spent the Easter holidays with his mother, Mrs. Emma Forest.

Miss Mintie Koons, of Waynesboro, Pa., has been the guest of Miss Sadie Snyder.

The band favored the citizens with some choice selections of music on Easter Monday evening.

Mr. James F. Fringer started his select school on Monday last.

Next Sunday, 13th inst., Rev. G. W. McSherry will be installed pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Lizzie Clark, of near town, had twenty-eight chickens stolen from her chicken house, one night last week.

Mr. Theodore Fair, who was clerking for Mr. F. H. Elliot, has retired and intends to pursue some other vocation.

Mr. Charles Buffington, who was home spending Easter, returned on Monday to Liberty, Frederick county.

The officers of Trinity Lutheran Sunday School presented its members with cards and Easter eggs last Sunday morning.

Zollickoffer Bros. are having an artesian well bored to procure water to supply their engine.

The "Eagleton Institute," the family school conducted by Mr. Robert S. McKinney, was reopened on Monday with a large attendance.

Mrs. Catharine Koons, of Baltimore, is visiting friends and relatives in this place.

Mr. L. D. Reid, clerk of the town council, has tendered his resignation and Mr. O. M. Crouse has been elected to fill the unexpired term.

Public notices have been posted announcing a meeting for the nomination of candidates for Burgess and five Councilmen, on Thursday evening, April 11th, in the public school house.

Mr. Jacob Shriner, of Rehoboth Church, Virginia, is visiting his father, Mr. Samuel Shriner, on New street.

Arbor day was duly observed by the schools of this place by planting trees, speeches and singing.

Rev. Dr. Hauer, of Hanover, Pa., assisted Rev. G. W. McSherry last Sunday with the communion services in the Lutheran church. In the evening the services by the Sunday School were of an interesting character. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Hauer, Rev. G. W. McSherry and Dr. C. Birnie.

The Reformed church was crowded to its utmost capacity at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday last. There were sixteen new members added to the church, fourteen by confirmation and two by certificate. An Easter service was rendered by the Sabbath School in the evening, for which credit is due to those who had charge of the arrangements.

New Windsor Division, S. of T.

On Friday evening of last week the officers of New Windsor Division, No. 40, Sons of Temperance, at New Windsor, were publicly installed with appropriate and interesting exercises. The proceedings were opened with prayer by the chaplain. A short literary program followed consisting of recitations, readings and music, by members of the Division, after which Grand Worthy Patrarch, D. W. Duvall, installed the following officers: W. P., George Weller; W. A., Samuel Otto; R. S., Chas. Nusbaum; A. R. S., Miss M. Lovall; F. S., A. Fishpaw; Treas., D. Nusbaum; C., Miss B. Ecker; A. C., D. N. Burgoon; I. S., Geo. Smith; O. S., M. C. Smith; Chap., Wm. Mitten. J. E. Price is P. W. P. for the term. After the installation services appropriate addresses were made by G. W. P., D. W. Duvall; G. S., R. T. Smith, of Baltimore; P. G. W. P., Dr. Chas. Billingslea, of Westminster, and M. C. Smith, of New Windsor. A number of prominent citizens of New Windsor were interested spectators of the proceedings. New Windsor Division is in a flourishing condition and is making earnest efforts in behalf of the cause of temperance.

Proceedings of Orphans' Court.

Monday, April 7th, 1890.—David D. Bonsack and Uriah Bixler, administrators W. A., of Amos Cayler, deceased, returned list of sales of grain, list of debts, and settled 1st and final account.

Distribution among creditors of David Heltibidle, deceased, filed.

Emanuel D. Whitmore, executor of Joseph Whitmore, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Emanuel D. Whitmore, administrator of Ann C. Whitmore, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

David J. W. Earhart, executor of Elizabeth Yingling, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

Annie M. Bachman and Geo. M. Zepp, administrators of David Bachman, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

Urter Arter, administrator of Lydia Arter, deceased, returned list of debts and money.

Wm. H. Armacost, executor of Joseph Armacost, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels, list of debts, and reported sale of real estate.

Tuesday, April 8th, 1890.—James L. Strevig, executor of Juliann Kroh, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattels.

Wm. E. O. Hiner, administrator of William Hiner, deceased, returned list of sales of grain.

John J. Reese, administrator c. t. a. of Mary Ann Webster, deceased, settled 2nd account.

Margaret Reaver and James Reaver, administrators of Benjamin Reaver, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, and list of debts, and received order to notify creditors, and order to sell goods and chattels.

President Lewis' Report.

Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., President of Western Maryland College, made a very interesting report of the operations of that institution, during the past year, to the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, recently in session at Chestertown, Md., of which we make the following summary:

The number of students on the rolls of the college at this time is 219, an increase of 39, or 22 per cent. over the previous year.

Since the last Conference a complete steam laundry has been put in the College, at a cost of $1,000. Additional apparatus has been put in, so as to heat the entire main building and wing by steam from one boiler, at a cost of $1,525, and Ward Hall was remodeled entirely in its interior, at a cost of about $500, while other minor changes in the main building were made, costing about $300. This would make a total of $3,325 spent since last Conference on improvements.

Two notes for $1,000 each, the remains of the old debt, were paid, and the mortgage debt on Smith Hall, which was originally $7,000, but which had been reduced to $4,000 last year, was further reduced by $1,000, leaving but $3,000, which will be paid by July 1st, 1890. When Smith Hall was built the College carried a debt of $13,000, the last vestige of which will be obliterated at the date named. The trustees, however, intend to incur further indebtedness for the handsome improvements which are about to be made by the erection of the large additional wing to the main building. Dr. Lewis in his report gave the following interesting summary of the college debt from year to year, exclusive, we presume, of the mortgage debt on Smith Hall.

1868, Purchase of Building and fitting up	$22,105.42
1869, First annual Report of Treasurer, gross debt	24,550.00
1870	26,730.19
1871	27,445.54
1872	31,066.55
(The increase for this year is partly accounted for by the erection of a wing to the main building.)	
1873	$29,708.89
1874	24,271.74
1875	21,277.54
1876	29,959.97
1877	30,157.01
1878	21,603.69
1879	22,269.53
1880	22,318.81
1881	20,489.47

In 1878 a plan was devised by the Local Board for raising by notes payable when the full amount was subscribed a sum sufficient to extinguish the debt. This was prosecuted under the agency of Rev. J. B. Walker and succeeded to the extent of lifting all mortgages and liens from the property and leaving a debt for

1882	$7,562.13
1883	8,757.85
1884	10,493.06
1885	10,612.97
1886	10,762.08
(In this year, I was elected President, and at the expiration of the first year I reported the debt.)	
1887	$5,755.00
1888	5,600.00
1889	3,000.00
1890	All paid.

The debt of $10,762.08 reported in 1886, has been paid out of the receipts from the school for the last four years and $15,000.00, or more, for improvements.

This is a remarkable exhibit and probably without a parallel in the history of colleges in this country. The figures speak more eloquently than words can do, and tell the story of the superb financial management that has brought Western Maryland College to its present prosperous state, with the promise of a great future before it. Dr. Lewis deserves the highest encomiums for his able administration of the affairs of the institution, and its friends may well be congratulated on its grand success. After what has been accomplished who can doubt that the Christian Association Hall, that President Lewis says is the next memorial hoped for, will be established at no distant day.

Peach and other small fruit trees are in bloom in this locality.

Methodist Protestant Conference.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, which had been in session at Chestertown, Md., from Wednesday, 2nd inst., adjourned on Tuesday last to meet a year hence at Lafayette avenue Church, Baltimore. The proceedings throughout were of a very interesting character and exhibited a flattering degree of progress not only in material prosperity but in work and energetic effort for the advancement of this particular branch of the Church and for the cause of Christ. During the closing session a strong Prohibition resolution was adopted, and among the other proceedings were the following:

INCORPORATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

The committee appointed by President Strayer at the last conference to secure the incorporation of the conference reported that articles of incorporation of conference have been passed by both houses of the Maryland Legislature and now await Governor Jackson's signature. The articles provide that the corporation to be known as the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist protestant Church, shall consist of twelve members of the Church—6 ministers of the church and six laymen elected for terms of three years each. The trustees named in the articles of incorporation are Joseph L. Mills, James W. Gray, Roland Watts, Thomas A. Murray, John W. Charlton, Frank T. Little, Joseph H Elliott, Charles A. Benjamin, John D. Kinzer, James R. Caton and Jarrett N. Gilbert. The corporation has power to receive and hold property of all kinds anywhere in the United States for the benefit of the conference. It is also competent to receive and administer any special benevolent trust in behalf of the church or any religious, charitable or benevolent object connected with the church, or that may be confided or entrusted to it. President Strayer was authorized to appoint a committee to select an appropriate seal.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDS.

The conference stewards reported: Contributions to bible cause of $175.87; Tract Society, $123.21; Conference incidentals, $255.73; ministerial education, $454.23; seminaries, $1,017.80; superannuated claimants, $1,890.70; general home missions, $694.75. The collections for local interests and totals for all purposes were as follows: President's salary, $2,254.17; pastors salaries, $52,990.51; current expenses, $21,613.13; for building and improvements, $34,617.99; for all local interests, $126,650.82 for general interests, $6,366.44: for foreign missions, $4,854.87; totals for all purposes, $137,871.13.

Rev. S. C. Ohrum, steward of the Home Missionary Society, reported $2,255.70 distributed for all home mission purposes, including payment of $601.90 deficiency from last year. The total amount appropriated last year was $1,800, of which $1,651.80 was paid, leaving $146.20 due the missionaries. This is one of the best reports made by the society.

The statistical reports show that the membership of the church is as follows: Probationers now on roll, 1,206; full members, 19,325; received during the year, 1,943; number of Sunday-schools, 226; officers and teachers, 2,918; new scholars, 2,514; total, 20,638; conversions, 2,522; infants baptized, 1,262; adults, 498; itinerant preachers, 116.

The property statistics show: Appointments, 246; parsonages, 71; volumes in Sunday-school libraries, 22,702; value of church property, $1,003,918; debt on church property, $79,188.67; charges fully insured, 55; partly, 17; not insured, 22.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

There was a long discussion over the delegation of one of the powers of the conference to a committee of the faculty of instruction, which was brought up by a resolution offered by T. H. Lewis. It provided that the president of the faculty of instruction be authorized to associate with himself two other members of the faculty to act as a committee for the conference in the interim of the annual session in receiving quarterly conference recommendations of applicants for and from the board of ministerial education, and may recommend such candidates for admission into the conference school for preparation for the ministry.

THE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED.

President Strayer read the appointments as follows:

Accomac, George Farring; Alexandria, M. N. Poisal; Amelia and Chesterfield, C. W. McCallister; Anne Arundel, J. W. Gray, J. R. Nichols; Baltimore, A. D. Dick; Barren Creek, J. W. Forrester; Bedford, E. O. Ewing; Belair, S. A. Hoblitzell; Broadway, H. L. Elderdice; Cambridge, S. F. Cassen; Campbell, Elmer Simpson; Caroline, R. T. Lewis; Cecil, J. R. Jones; Central, S. R. Murray; Centreville, J. W. Balderston; Chesapeake, B. F. Benson; Chestertown, W. R. Graham; Chincoteague, H. S. Johnson; Clayton, J. W. Norris; Concord, C. H. Littleton; Crisfield, G. Q. Bacchus; Crumpton, G. R. McCready; Cumberland, C. E. McCullough; Deer Creek, J. F. Woodin; Deer Park, W. A. Crouse; Delta, S. C. Ohrum, (one to be supplied;) Dorchester, W. D. Litsinger; East Baltimore, John D. Kinzer; Easton, J. W. Trout; Ellicott City, to be supplied; Eutaw, J. M. Gill; Fawn Grove, J. L. Elderdice; Felton, B. A. Dumm; Finksburg, J. T. Lassell; First Church, Washington, J. E. Nicolson; Franklin City, R. H. Williamson; Frederick, W. J. Floyd, L. Bennett; Georgetown, D. C., to be supplied; Georgetown, Del., to be supplied; Grave, A. S. Beane; Hampden, John S. Straught; Harper's Ferry, D. E. Day; Harrington, W. H. Stone; Hurlocks, B. P. Truitt; Howard, Jesse Shreeve; Heathsville, C. H. Day; Jefferson, J. N. Sheridan, W. S. Phillips; Kennedyville, Quincy L. Morrow; Kent Island, J. W. Dougherty; Laurel, J. W. Kirk; Leipsic, H. W. D. Johnson; Liberty, S. G. Ferguson; Lisbon, J. L. Killgore; Lynchburg, T. E. Coulbourne; Mariners, J. H. Sewell; Middleway, G. R. Hoge; Milton, A. A. Harryman; Mt. Tabor, H. C. Cushing; Newark, L. R. Dyott; North Carolina Avenue, A. W. Mather; Oxford and Talbot, F. H. Mullineaux; Pipe Creek, J. W. Charlton; Pittsville, C. R. Blades; Pocomoke, J. W. Parris; Pocomoke City, A. D. Melvin; Potomac, to be supplied; Powellsville, A. J. Walter; Quantico, W. L. D. Lucas; Queen Anne's, S. J. Smith; Reliance, G. J. Smith; Rolandsville, J. W. Grant; St. James, S. B. Treadway; St. Luke's J. M. Holmes; St. Michael's, David Wilson; Salisbury, C. S. Arnett; Seaford, D. W. Anstine; Snow Hill, B. F. Jester; Somerset, W. J. Neepier; South Baltimore, J. E. T. Ewell; Starr, F. T. Little; Stewartstown, J. S. Bowers; Surrey, J. G. Sullivan; Susquehanna, J. E. Maloy; Sussex, G. D. Edmondston; Union, W. W. White; Union Bridge, W. S. Hammond; Warwick, J. M. Yingling; Washington Street, R. S. Rowe; Westminster, J. L. Mills; West Baltimore, D. L. Greenfield; Williamsport, to be supplied; Wilmington, J. T. Benson; Waverly, G. W. Haddaway; loaned St. John's, J. J. Murray; Chatsworth, T. O. Crouse; Board of Missions, F. T. Tagg; Western Maryland College, T. H. Lewis; Westminster Theological Seminary, J. T. Ward; Methodist Protestant, E. J. Drinkhouse, editor; Board of Foreign Missions, F. C. Klein and E. H. Vandyke; Board of Home Missions, B. W. Kindley; Maryland Tract Society, J. T. Murray. The superannuates are J. W. Everist, J. K. Nicholls, J. B. Southerland, C. S. Norris, D. W. Bates, H. J. Day, T. D. Valiant, J. H. Ellegood, James Thompson and J. A. Wiegand. Left without appointments at their own request, Augustus Webster, E. R. McGregor.

The report of the committee on beneficial agencies was adopted. A special committee on financial plan reported what is known as the card system, and its report was adopted. A resolution was passed authorizing the board of managers of the Home Missionary Society to lend to the Church Extension Society of Baltimore the moneys of the invested fund of the society at 3 per cent. interest.

Manchester Items.

On Good Friday preparatory and confirmation services were held in the Lutheran Church of this place by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Eyster. Fifteen young persons were confirmed and united with the Church. Communion services were held on Easter Sunday morning and were largely attended. Among the large number of communicants were those confirmed at the preparatory service. The altar and chancel of the church were beautifully decorated for the occasion with choice plants and flowers.

On Sunday night an Easter service was held in Trinity Reformed Church, conducted by the pastor Rev. N. J. Miller. The Sunday school was present in a body and participated in the exercises, which were of a very interesting character and appropriate to the occasion. Much taste was displayed in the arrangement of the flowers with which altar and chancel were beautifully decorated. A liberal collection was taken for Sunday School purposes.

On Easter Monday a meeting of the congregation of Trinity Reformed Church was held to elect officers and vote upon amendments to the by-laws. The following officers were elected: Elders, Lewis B. Lippy, Charles H. Everhart; Deacons, Nelson Grove, Frank Brilhart. The most important amendment proposed to the by-laws was a provision which permits women to vote. It caused considerable excitement and much comment. It was adopted with the other amendments.

An election for church officers was also held by the Lutheran congregation, and Messrs. Henry H. Miller and Nimrod Armstrong were elected elders and Jacob Roop and Harman Keck deacons.

An entertainment was given at the Odd Fellows' Hall Easter Monday evening by the scholars of the second and third grades of the public school, which was a decided success. The singing, recitations and dialogues were well rendered. The hall was crowded to its capacity and a number of persons could not get in at all. The same school will give another entertainment in a few weeks, with a change of program, for the benefit of the Fire Company.

The schools here observed Arbor Day in an appropiate manner. The rooms were handsomely decorated with plants, flowers and evergreens, and appropriate mottoes were displayed. Literary exercises, consisting of singing, readings, recitations, &c, were held. A dozen trees or more were planted.

The annual election for officers of the Manchester Fire Company was held Easter Monday night, and the following chosen: President, D. H. Hoffacker; Vice President, Hickman Myers; Secretary, Charles J. H. Ganter;