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LOCAL ITEMS.

Peaches and Watermelons have been offered for sale in this city this week, by the green grocers and fruit dealers.

The net proceeds of the festival held last week for the benefit of Salem Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city, were in excess of $100.

Mr. W. Berry Violette has been appointed a justice of the peace in Freedom district, in place of Mr. J. Oliver Wadlow, failed to qualify.

The Hagerstown base ball club won from the local club at Mount Airy on Wednesday by a score of 14 to 2. Winning battery, Cook and Sands.

Miss Carrie Ebaugh, of this county, a pupil in the first class, first division, of the Maryland School for the Deaf and Dumb, at Frederick, has been awarded a premium for scholarship.

In the quarterly distribution of the public school tax, made by the Comptroller on Friday of last week, Carroll county received $5,105.08 for white and $528.21 for colored schools.

Mr. Denton Driver, aged 81 years, died at his home near Woodbine on Tuesday. He was a very active man until last fall, when his health failed. He was a prosperous farmer and local preacher.

The attention of our citizens is again directed to the fact that the Firemen's festival will be held in their Hall, in this city, every evening next week. Let it be made a great success financially.

Mr. Harvey Caple, huckster, bought from Mrs. Margaret Jordan, of "Jordan's Retreat," near Dennings, on Tuesday, eighteen pounds of first-class butter, the product of the cream of two cows for one week.

Mr. H. F. R. Snyder, ex-'96, who is now a postulant for episcopal orders, has been appointed German master at Warfield College, Sykesville, this county, which position he will hold until prepared to enter Hopkins University.

A correspondent at Linwood writes: "I [illegible] to express my hearty approval [illegible] suggestion that we have an opportunity to vote for Mr. Harry M. Clabaugh for Congress next fall. With him at the head of the ticket I believe we will be sure to win."

According to the Hagerstown "Almanack" summer began on Thursday, 21st inst., which was the longest day in the year, the sun rising 4.34 in the morning and setting 7.26 in the evening. It was summer time in reality, however, several days before the date named.

The attendance at the summer term of school taught by Mr. A. W. Buckingham, at the West End Schoolhouse, recently ended, averaged 48 out of 52 pupils on the rolls—31 girls and 21 boys. This is an admirable exhibit and creditable alike to teachers, parents and pupils.

Burnett Painter, colored, aged 17 years, was arrested on Tuesday and committed to jail for a further hearing before Justice Wm. Moore, on Monday, on the charge of attempting a criminal assault on Bertha Danner, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. Abram S. Danner, of Avondale.

Miss Carrie E. Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fowler, and Mr. John F. Derr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Derr, of this city, will be married at the Methodist Protestant Church on Wednesday, 27th inst, at 3.45 P. M. Cards of invitation have been issued to the interesting event.

Mrs. Sarah J. Keefer, of Greenville, Taneytown district, informs us that she has a cactus plant upon which there are forty flowers. She has put up this season 22 quarts of cherries, and also 5 pounds in sugar, from one tree, and would like to know whether anybody can make a better showing.

Mr. J. R. Gosnell, a farmer near Woodbine, this county, died at his home on Tuesday, at the age of 65 years. His remains were interred at Morgan Chapel on Wednesday. He was a "Forty-niner," that is, one of those who went to California in 1849. He leaves a widow, five sons and two daughters, all adults.

Mr. Jesse Smith, of Linwood, writes: "I enclose you a clover stem containing seven distinct leaves, which I consider to be a curiosity. I have before found six leaves on one branch, but never more than that. I would like to know whether any of your readers have ever seen anything of the kind to equal or exceed it."

Keener Baker, son of Mr. Henry Baker, near New Windsor, a youth who was adjudged insane at the late term of the Circuit Court for this county, and was sent to the Maryland Hospital at Spring Grove, escaped from that institution on Friday night by sawing a bar from a window. He returned to his home in this county.

On Sunday last Mrs. Laura Dell, wife of Mr. Nicholas Dell, while on a visit at the home of her brother, familiarly known as "Bub" Mobley, on Green street near Church street, this city, took about an ounce of laudanum with suicidal intent. She was married to Dell less than a year ago, but the couple soon separated and Mrs. Dell has been living in the country. In consequence of a sharp rebuke from her father, Mr Levi Mobley, for some act which he disapproved, she attempted self-destruction in the manner indicated. Dr. John S. Mathias was summoned and by prompt and energetic treatment saved her life.

Edward Bachman, of Wakefield Valley, presented Rev. P. H. Miller, of this city, on Friday of last week, two eels that tipped the scales at seven pounds, the larger one weighing four pounds.

Miss Ossie Stitely gave a very pleasant party to her class-mates at Western Maryland College, at her home on West Main street, this city, on Friday evening. Those present were: Misses Edna E. Schaeffer, Carrie S. Gehr, H. Myrle Malehorn, Ora and Abbie Whitmore, Janie Woodward, Florence H. Mitten, Messrs. Arthur Menefee, Stirling E. Price, Edgar Buffington, Henry Jarman. Nice refreshments were served in abundance.

Miss Ida Diffenbaugh gave a very pleasant croquet party at her home, Fern Rock, near this city, on Thursday evening. The guests lingered until a late hour. Attractive refreshments were served. Among those present were: Misses Belle and Ida Diffenbaugh, Julia Yingling, Lulu Yingling, Elsie Rosin, Maggie Himler, Pauline Frizzell, May Mackley, Messrs. Charles Mackley, Harry Miller, Edgar Miller, George Yingling, James D. Mitchell and others.

On Wednesday Mr. Wm. J. Brown, of Upperco, Baltimore county, hauled to Messrs. N. I. Gorsuch & Son, of this city, the largest load of rye straw ever received by that firm. The weight of the straw was 11,560 pounds. This, in addition to the weight of the wagon, was an enormous load for six horses over the road from Upperco. Charles E. Bowman was the teamster. He has been driving for Mr. Brown for a long time and few understand handling horses, drawing a heavy load, better than he.

The upper story of the Eckington Hotel, Washington, D. C., kept by Miss Maggie McKellip, formerly of this city, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. The lower stories were somewhat injured also. Col. and Mrs. Wm. A. McKellip were among the guests, as were also a number of members of Congress and their families. The loss is estimated at $10,000, fully insured, covering probably damage to building and furniture, although that fact was not stated in the account of the disaster from which this statement is summarized.

The summer schedule of the Western Maryland Railroad will go into effect July 1. The Blue Mountain House and Buena Vista Springs Hotel will open June 21. For the accommodation of summer boarders in the Blue Ridge region the Blue Mountain express, with a parlor car, will be run as a special train westward to-day leaving Hillen Station at 3.20 P. M., and eastward next Monday, arriving at Hillen Station about 9.40 A. M. The regular run of the Blue Mountain express will commene June 30.

Charles T. Zepp, of Melrose, whose case has been frequently mentioned in the SENTINEL, and who has sold numerous copies of a sketch of his life, has undertaken the publication of a little monthly, of eight pages, which he has named the "Shut-In Friend." Mr. Zepp has been unable to walk or speak for twenty-five years, and the paper is a means of diversion and pleasure, to one who has been sorely afflicted, by enabling him to talk through it to his friends once a month. The size of the pages of the little monthly is 5½ by 3 inches. It can be had for a year by sending 20 cents to Charles T. Zepp, Box 51, Melrose, Carroll county, Md.

Mr. Frank J. Abbott, of Woodberry, died at his home in that place on Saturday last, after a week's illness, of paralysis, aged 38 years. He was a native of this county and a son of Mr. John J. Abbott, of Hampstead district. He leaves a widow and six children. His remains were taken to Hampstead on Monday morning and thence to St. John's (Leister's) Lutheran Church, where funeral services were held, Rev. Mr. Graves, of Hampden, Baltimore, officiating. A large delegation of Westminster Lodge, I. O. M., went to Hampstead and accompained the funeral cortege to the church, and after the church service performed the burial rites of the order at the grave of their deceased brother in the adjoining cemetery.

The property of Nelson Sinclair's London Shows was attached at Union Bridge, early this week, for employees' wages. The property consists of a tent, five horses, several performing dogs and a quantity of acrobatic paraphernalia. Exhibitions were given at Union Bridge on Friday and Saturday evenings, of last week, and were attended by fair audiences. The wife of the proprietor, who had the receipts in charge, claimed that she had been robbed and, a considerable sum having been due the employees for wages, they took legal steps to enforce payment. The show is consequently stranded for the time being. The proprietor and his wife went to Baltimore, where it is said they have residence, on Sunday afternoon, and the property is in the custody of Constable Delphey.

Past Captains W. F. Barnes and John Arnesberger, Captain H. C. Kennell, Delegate Orlando Porter and Division Chaplain A. Streaker represented Ayers Camp No. 16. S. of V., of Winfield, at the eighth annual encampment of the Maryland Division, at Annapolis, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12th and 13th inst. Ayers Camp is among the most efficient of the subordinate camps in this division, having received special commendation from the division colonel for the very creditable examination passed at the recent inspection. It is only outranked in proficiency by Garfield Camp, of Baltimore, and Logan Camp, of Washington, D. C., a fact that is certainly highly creditable to a camp with limited membership, and that speaks well for the fidelity and zeal of our Winfield boys.

Excursion trains will be run to Pen-Mar on the occasion of the Lutheran Reunion, on the 28th inst., as follows: First train, leaving Westminster at 9 A. M., second train, leaving Arlington at 8.24 A. M. The time of train's from stations in this county will be as follows: Finksburg, 9.10; Patapsco, 9.19; Carrollton, 9.26; Tannery, 9.31; Westminster, 9.00, 9.44; Avondale, 9.10, 9.51; Medford, 9.13, 9.53; Wakefield, 9.17, 9.57; New Windsor, 9.23, 10.03; Linwood, 9.30, 10.09; Union Bridge, 9.35, 10.16; Middleburg, 9.42, 10.22; Bruceville, 9.45, 10.25; D. P. Creek, 9.50, 10.30. The fare for the round trip from stations between and including Finksburg and Medford will be $1.00; Wakefield, 95 cents; New Windsor, 90 cents; Linwood and Union Bridge, 80; Middleburg, 70 cents; Bruceville, 65 cents; D. P. Creek, 60 cents. Returning, leave Pen-Mar for Arlington and intermediate stations at 6.45 P. M.

Chas. T. Reifsnider, Esq., has associated with him in the practice of the law his son, Chas. T. Reifsnider, Jr. The firm name is Reifsnider & Reifsnider.

Door to Virtue Lodge, No. 46, A. F. and A. M., of this city, after conferring the third degree and enjoying a banquet, on Thursday evening, was called off for the summer. Guests wers present from Union Bridge and Manchester.

President and Mrs. Lewis, of Western Maryland College, entertained the members of the graduating class at an elegant supper on Friday evening last and afterwards the whole school on the lawn of the president's residence. Refreshments were served.

If our account of the exercises of commencement week at Western Maryland College is less satisfactory than usual, the cause lies in our failure to receive a full report previously promised and upon which we depended until Thursday morning. As no part of it was then forthcoming we were obliged to hastily prepare it from such data as we had in hand.

An exceedingly pretty "daisy tea" was given by Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Gilbert, at their beautiful residence, East Main street, this city, on Thursday evening, to their daughter, Norma, in honor of her cousin, Miss Phoebe Neidig. The cards were hand-painted, the appropriate device being daisies. The decorations were entirely of daisies, and each guest was presented with a boquet of daisies tied with yellow ribbon. The souvenirs were miniature fans tied with yellow ribbon and containing tiny whistles which were to be blown at the refreshment table as a signal that replenishing was needed. The lawn was illuminated with torchlights. Mrs. Fred. D. Miller, Mrs. Richard Miller, and Miss Janie Thomas assisted Mrs. Gilbert in entertaining the little guests. Those present were the ladies mentioned, Mr. Gilbert, and Misses Phoebe Neidig, Norma Gilbert, Madeline Gilbert, Nellie Wantz, Bessie Winchester, Helen Gorsuch, Nettie Shreeve, Carrie Brown, Larue Herr, Irene Woodward, Maggie Royer.

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Death of Miss Lottie A. Owings.

Miss Lottie A. Owings, principal of Levine Hall, the primary department of Western Maryland College, died at the Church home, Broadway, Baltimore, at 5 o'clock, Tuesday morning last, from the effect of a severe surgical operation performed on the preceding Wednesday. Her death was a great shock to the people of this community and will be a great loss to the college.

Miss Owings was a native of Frederick county, and was about 53 years old. About twenty years ago she became preceptress at Western Maryland College, a position she filled with great acceptability until the establishment of the Levine Hall Department, when, on account of her fine administrative ability and rare qualifications as a teacher, she was chosen as the principal, and has ever since discharged the responsible and important trust with conscientious fidelity and with admirable skill, prudence and success.

She was a woman of fine mental endowments and wide culture, and by her noble Christian character and life won the esteem and regard of all with whom she was brought in contract. In recognition of her ripe scholarship and her valuable services to the college, the honorary degree of A. M. was conferred upon her several years ago.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at her former home at Johnsville, Frederick county, Rev. Dr. Thos. H. Lewis, president of the college, officiating, assisted by other clergymen of the Methodist Protestant Chuach.

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Death of Mrs. Dr. Geo. S. Fouke.

Mrs. Mary J. Fouke, wife of Dr. Geo. S. Fouke, died at her home, East Main street, this city, after an illness of only a few minutes, shortly before 10 o'clock, Tuesday evening. The announcement of the sad event was received with great sorrow by a large circle of loving friends of the deceased, who was an estimable and amiable lady. Her maiden name was Dorsey, and she was a native of Washington county, of which her father was a prominent citizen. She was an earnest, devoted and lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. She leaves four sons, Dr. George D. Fouke, of this city, and Messrs. Harvey, Frank W. and Prescott Fouke, of Baltimore. Her aged husband also survives her. Funeral services were held at Ascension Church, this city, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the rector, Rev. Jesse Higgins, officiating, assisted by Frs. Allen and Huntington. The pall-bearers were: Dr. J. H. Billingslea, Ex-Judges Wm. P. Maulsby, Jas. A. C. Bond, Messrs. Wm. H. Vanderford, Hugo E. Fiddis, Wm. H. Thomas.

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Stein-Hoffman.

The chancel of St. Paul's English Reformed Church, Baltimore, was decorated with flowers and plants on Tuesday night, when, at 7.30 o'clock, Miss Julia Hoffman, daughter of Mrs. John M. Hoffman, and granddaughter of the late G. L. Hoffman, was married to Mr. C. Harry Stein, of Union Bridge. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the church, Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz. Miss Georgia May Hoffman acted as maid of honor, and John M. Hoffman, Jr., was best man. The ushers were W. Albert Hoffman, George H. Mitten, C. Harry Girvin and G. Le Grand Mowen. The wedding marches were played on the organ by Miss Mattie L. Schmidt. Among those who witnessed the ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Fowble, C. C. Billmyer and Mr. and Mrs. David E. Little, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hoover and Miss Josie Smith, of Union Bridge, and Rev. G. G. Everhart, of Shepherdstown, W. Va. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Stein left on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for a trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City, after which they will make their home at Union Bridge.

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Orphans' Court.

Monday, June 18th.—The last will and testament of Rebecca Hesson, deceased, admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Josiah Unger and Milton Hesson.

Tuesday, June 19th.—Miles S. Long and George W. Long, executors of Wm. Long, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels.

Distribution among creditors of John C. Bush, filed.

Catharine B. Magin, executrix of Peter Magin, deceased, settled first account

William Bowers and Philip Humbert, executors of George Bowers, deceased, settled first and final account.

Twenty-Seventh Anniversary and Annual Commencement of Western Maryland College.

The public exercises connected with the twenty-seventh anniversary and the annual commencement of Western Maryland College began on Sunday morning, 17th inst., with the baccalaureate service, which was held in Smith Hall auditorium. As has been the custom for a number of years no service was held in the Lutheran, Reformed, Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant Churches of this city on the occasion, the pastors and their congregations attending and uniting in the services at the college.

The services opened with singing, Luther's Battle Hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," as a processional, during which the students of the college marched into and were seated in the auditorium in a body. The members of the Faculty, the the Graduating Class, Clergymen, Choral Society and others occupied seats on the platform, and a large congregation filled the body of the auditorium. The singing was led by the Choral Society. Rev. A. D. Melvin, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, offered an invocation, which was followed by the Hymn, "Jesus, These Eyes Have Never Seen;" The Lord's Prayer, led by Rev. P. H. Miller, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church; The commandments, with vocal responses by the Choral Society; The Apostles' Creed, in concert, led by Rev. C. S. Slagle, of St. Paul's Reformed Church; Scripture Lesson; prayer, by Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., President of Westminster Theological Seminary; anthem, Sanctus, The Choral Society; baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Thos. H. Lewis, D. D., President of the College. Dr. Lewis selected as his text a portion of Matthew XIX, 21, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor." The sermon was eloquent, deeply impressive, and admirably adapted to the occasion. Not even an abstract or outline of the production can be given here, but the prominent thought of the discourse was the inability of man to reach perfection by bending all his energies to subserve his own interests. The advantages possessed by the young man who came to Jesus inquiring the means by which he might gain eternal life, were sketched with the hand of a master, but the inevitable conclusion was reached that they were of no avail in furthering his quest for the higher and better life beyond, because they were held, cherished and employed for selfish ends. To attain to the perfection of that life man must not live for himself alone, but for humanity; he must not seek above all things else his own worldly welfare, but must promote, with all his power, the happiness and well-being of his fellow-man. The sermon made a profound impression, not only upon the young men and young women to whom it was especially addressed, and who are about to step from the stage of school life into the arena of more serious endeavor, but also upon the other students and the large audience present on the occasion. At its conclusion prayer was offered by Rev. Rev. J. L. Walsh, of Centenary M. E. Church, and the Choral Society sang the anthem, "The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God." The service was concluded with the benediction.

The sermon before the Christian Associations of the college was delivered in the M. P. Church at 8 P. M., by Rev. J. F. McCulloch, of Fairmount, W. Va.

MONDAY, JUNE 18th.

Monday evening at 8 o'clock was the elocutionary contest for the Samuel Norment prizes, $30 in gold to the best male and female elocutionist, respectively, in the Sophomore and Freshman classes, and $20 in gold to the second best, male and female. The program was varied with the calisthenic exhibition and was as follows: Floral March, Female Sophomores; The New South, Nicholas Oliver Gibson, Oxford; How Salvator Won, Elias Oliver Grimes, Westminster; The Hero of the-Tower, Bessie Wilson Gunkel, Warwick; Indian Club Drill, Male Seniors and Juniors; The Night Watch, Nannie Pauline Keating, Centreville; Sister and I, May Martin Kemp, Trappe; Spartacus, Marion Hearn, Salisbury; Dairymaid Drill, Female Sophomores and Freshmen; A Drop of Water, William Orion Livingstone, Seaford, Del.; The Sorrow of Rohab, John Willis Smith, Elkins, W. Va.; The Marriage of the Flowers, Miriam Lewis, Westminster; An Everyday Exercise, Male Freshmen; The Blind Girl of Castel Cuille, Lena Gray Parker, Suffolk, Va.; Zingarelle, Georgia Wilson Strayer, Buckeystown; A Race for Life and Liberty, Milton Leroy Veasey, Pocomoke City; Clubs, Female Seniors and Juniors;

The decision was by Mrs. J. W. Westlake, of Lake Helen, Fla., and will be found among the announcements of commencement day.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19th.

The field sports took place Tuesday morning and were of an interesting character. The first event was an 80-yards' dash, for which the enteries were: Messrs. Bennett, Pennington, Stull, S. Wells, Murphy, Forlines, Mewshaw, Taylor and Dryden; won by S. Wells, with Stull second, Bennett third. Time 9 seconds. Running high jump—Same entries as above, with the addition of C. M. Zepp. Bennett first, S. Wells second, Pennington and Stull tied for third place. Height 4 feet 7 inches. Putting sixteen-pound shot—Same entries as in first event, with the addition of J. M. Little. Little first, Bennett second, Pennington third. Distance 27 feet. 220-yards' hurdle race—Same entries as in first event, except Mewshaw. Stull first, Bennett second, Murphy third. Time 25 seconds. Pole vault—Entries: Pennington, Stull, S. Wells, Murphy, Forlines, Zepp, Taylor. S. Wells first, Zepp second, Stull third. Height 6 feet 8 inches. Result—S. Wells, 13 points, first prize; Bennett, 12 points, second prize; Stull, 10 points, third prize. The judges were: D. Edgar Wilson, of Washington, D. C., Graham Watson, of Centreville. Timekeeper, Professor George W. Ward. Starter, Prof. H. G. Watson. Scorer, N. R. Eckard.

The annual reunions of the literary societies of the college were held Tuesday afternoon, and were pleasant and interesting events. Many of the non-active members, former students of the college, were present.

The annual contest between the literary societies for the Merrill and Newell wreaths took place in the evening. The Webster Society held the Merrill wreath during the last year, and the Philomathean Society the Newell wreath. The contestants are chosen by the several societies, and comprise the best orators and essayists of the institution; hence these contests are always largely attended, and are regarded with great interest in the college and by the community generally. The Irving and Webster Societies are composed of male students, and the Browning and Philomathean Societies of female students. The orations and essays on the occasion were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music by the college glee and banjo and guitar clubs and the college orchestra. The judges of the contest were Mr. John D. Worthington, of the State Board of Education, and Mr. M. B. Stephens, school examiner of Caroline county. The essays and orations were delivered in the following order: Browning essay, "Success the Result of Effort," Miss Grace Shriver Weller, of Cumberland; Philomathean essay, "Civilization," Miss Olive Bohanan, of Park Hall; Irving oration, "Heaven's First Law," Thomas Crawford Galbreath, of Jarrettsville; Webster oration, "The Success of Failure," Seibert Silverthorn Strayer, of Buckeystown; Browning essay, "The Boon of Life," Miss Mary Be[illegible] Cochran, of Baltimore; Philomathean essay, "Gradation," Miss Ethel Blanche Murchison, of La Grange, N. C.; Irving oration, "Let There Be Light," Albert Norman Ward, of Forrest Hill; Webster oration, "Life's Best Guide," K[illegible] Oettier Murray, of Hampstead. [illegible] possession of both wreaths was [illegible] by the decision of the judges [illegible] awarded them to the Irving and Browning Societies, respectively.

The musical organizations of the college are composed as follows:

Glee Club—First Tenor:—E. D. Stone, Freeny and Woodfield; Second Tenor.—Prof. Black, and Keen; First Bass:—Prof. Watson and G. Revelle; Second Bass:—H. E. Nelson, W. Revelle and Strayer.

Banjo and Guitar Club—First Banjo:—Misses Noble, Rineheart, Smith, and Thurman, Messrs. Godwin and Grimes; Second Banjo: Misses Forsythe and Price, Messrs. Gehr, Jarman, Reese and Thomas. Guitar:—Misses Pfeiffer, Englar, Myers, Prof. Black (Leader).

Orchestra—First Violin:—E. J. Nelson (Leader), Freeney and Wantz; Second Violin:—H. E. Nelson; Cornet:—Hearn; Flute:—Hering; Piccolo:—Woodfield Bass Violin:—Smith; Piano:—Miss Davis.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th.

The class-day exercies took place at 10 A. M., and were of an interesting character. The members of the class assumed certain characters and appeared upon the stage in costumes appropriately representing them. The program consisted of roll-call, president's speech, reading of minutes, treasurer's report, class history, distribution of honors, class prophecy, unveiling class shield, and presentation of class annuals to the Faculty. Mr. Wm. G. Baker, of Buckeystown, was class president; Mr. Frank Shaw Cain, of Warren, secretary; Mr. Winfield H. Collins, of Vienna, treasurer; Mr. Albert J. Long, of Hagerstown, class historian, and Miss J. Pauline Barnes, of Washington, D. C., class prophetess.

The annual business meeting of the Alumni Association of the college was held at 3 o'clock, P. M. The retiring president, Prof. James A. Diffenbaugh, delivered an eloquent and forcible address which was heard with marked attention and interest by the many members of the association present. Prof. H. G. Watson, of the college, was elected president of the association for the ensuing year; B. Frank Crouse, of Westminster; Alonzo L. Miles, of Princess Anne, and Mrs. Martha Smith Fenby, of Baltimore, vice-presidents; Miss Mollie Shriver, of Westminster, secretary; Prof. W. R. McDaniel, of the college, treasurer, and Mr. L. I. Pollitt, of Fort Gibson, Miss., alumnal editor. Out of respect to the memory of Miss Lottie A. Owings, of the Faculty, whose death occurred on Tuesday morning, the reception usually given on such occasions was omitted.

The usual vocal and instrumental concert of commencement week was given in the auditorium at 7.45 P. M. and was attended by a very large audience, who were highly pleased with the skilful performance. The program was as follows:

Part First.—Donizetti, Overture, (two pianos) "Stradella," Misses Shriver, Earhart—Misses Davis and Gunkel; David, Contralto Solo, "Perle de Brazil," Miss Barnes; Saint-Saens, Duo, Danse Macabre, Misses Lewis and Westlake; Swabian Folk Song, Quartette, Dorothy, Misses Herr, Murchison, Gunkel and Barnes; Chopin, Polonaise in A flat, Miss Murchison.

Part Second—Cowen, Bridal Chorus, "Rose Maiden," The Choral Society; Gounod-Liszt, Faust Waltz, Miss Westlake; Saint-Saens, Cantabile, "Mon coeur s' ouvre a ta voix," "Samson et Dalila," Miss Lewis; Weber, (two pianos) "Jubel-Overture," Misses Murchison Dodd—Miss Kemp and Mr. Smith.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21ST—COMMENCEMENT.

The all important day dawned clear and beautiful, with a refreshing breeze tempering the heat of the summer solstice, and at an early hour throngs of people wended their way to the temple of learning that crowns the hill overlooking this city from the west. When the hour so long looked for with pleasant anticipation, by the members of the class of '94 and their friends, arrived, the scene in Smith Hall auditorium was as brilliant and inviting as any it has ever witnessed. On the stage were the august members of the college faculty, the young men and maidens just about to step from the quiet, happy period of their school days into the arena of active life, the trustees, visiting clergymen and other prominent friends of the institution. In the body of the auditorium were the students of the other classes and a large, interested and expectant audience. The interest did not seem to grow less as essay after essay was read and oration after oration delivered during the three hours consumed in the exercises, which were concluded with the valedictories. Minute description of the event cannot be given here. We append the program of the day and leave to the imagination of our readers the details and surroundings. The exercises opened with:

Marche Militaire, *Schubert*, Orchestra; prayer, President J. D. Kinzer, Md. Annual Conference, M. P. Church; salutatory oration, "The Nobility of Service," Edward C. Godwin, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; salutatory essay, "The End—The Beginning," Margaret A. Pfeiffer, Ellicott City; chorus, A Spring Song, *Pinzuti*, The Choral Society; first essay, "What Ought a Girl to Know," Mary R. Smith, McClellandsville, Del.; second essay, "Social Evolution," Blanche Noble, Federalsburg; first oration, "Environment," Albert J. Long, Hagerstown third essay, "The Source of Sovereignty," Ala B. Jones, Delta, Pa.; marsch und chor aus tannhauser, (two pianos,) *Wagner*, Misses Murchison and Lewis—Misses Kemp and Westlake; fourth essay, "Practice and Habit," Susie H. Waldron, Lynchburg, Va.; fifth essay, "Veritas Vos Liberabit," J. Pauline Barnes, Washington, D. C.; second oration, "The Falling Leaves," Luther A. Bennett, Chance; sixth essay, "The Oracle of the Times," J. May Thurman, Washington, D. C.; solo, "O, Mio Fernando," (La Favorita) *Donizetti*, Miss Jennie Pauline Barnes, graduate in vocal music; seventh essay, "Forces Silent and Unseen," Edith A. Earhart, Hagerstown; eighth essay, "Individuality," Cornelia C. Dixon, La Grange, N. C.; third oration, "Purity of Politics," Frank S. Cain, Warren; ninth essay, "Maryland, My Maryland," Levinia M. Whaley, Plymouth, N. C.; chorus, "To Thee, O Country," *Eichberg*, The Choral Society; tenth essay, "An Unpolished Stone," Lydia R. Woodward, Westminster; Eleventh essay, "Row or Drift," Annie R. Sparks, Centreville; oration, "Restless Masses," William H. Forsythe, Sykesville; oration, "The Call for Men," Winfield H. Collins, Vienna; Duo Fantasie in C Minor (two movements) *Mozart*, Miss Mary Eugenia Lewis, second piano accompaniment, *Grieg*, Miss Westlake; te deum, *Downes*, The Choral Society and School; valedictory essay, "The Unbounded," Ellen J. Harper, Upper Marboro; valedictory oration, "The Philosophy of Social Progress," William G. Baker, Buckeystown.

Immediately preceding the valedictories President Lewis announced the awards and honors, and conferred degrees, as follows:

HONOR ROLL FOR 1893-'94.

Senior Class—Honorable Mention, Blanche Noble, Federalsburg; Mary Rebecca Smith, McClellandsville, Del.; Jennie May Thurman, Washington, D. C.; Susie Henrietta Waldron, Lynchburg, Va.

Junior Class.—Gold Medal, Grace Shriver Weller, Cumberland; Honorabel Mention, Leila Margaret Reisler, Union Bridge; Lizzie Lovinia Thomas, Frostburg; Bertha May Chandler,; Oxford Pa; Olive Bohanan, Park Hall; Gold Medal, William Roger Revelle, Westover.

Sophomore Class.—Gold Medal, Carrie Eugenia Rinehart, Westminster; Honorable Mention, May Martin Kemp, Trappe; Miriam Lewis, Westminster; Bessie Wilson Gunkel, Warwick; Alice Mabel Elderdice, Mardela; Marion Hearn, Salisbury; Milton Leroy Veasey, Pocomoke City; John Willis Smith, Elkins, W. Va.

Freshman Class.—Gold Medal, Charles Edward Forlines, Graham, N. C.; Honorable Mention, Herbert Hays Murphy, Walkersville; Arthur Grandon Woodfield, Manasquan, N. J.

Sub-Freshman Class.—Certificate of Distinction, Thos. H. D. Patton, Roseland, N. J.; Honorable Mention, William Miles Garrison, Taylor; Emory Gorsuch Buckingham, Westminster; Clarence Emmet Berkshire, Easton, W. Va.

Third Year Class.—Certificate of Distinction, Iona Jewell Simpson, Westminster; Honorable Mention, Helen Kate Gorsuch.

Second Year Class.—Certificate of Distinction, Florence W. Miller, Westminster; Honorable Mention, Luther Paul Miller, Westminster.

First Year Class.—Certificate of Distinction, Harrison S. Martland, Newark, N. J; Honorable Mention, John Thomas Anders, Westminster.

Instrumental Music.—Gold Medal, Ethel Blanche Murchison, La Grange, N. C.

Vocal Music.—Gold Medal and Certificate of Graduation, J. Pauline Barnes, Washington, D. C.

Painting and Drawing.—Gold Medal, Annie Richardson Sparks, Centreville; Certificate of Graduation, Edith Adelia Earhart, Hagerstown; Annie Richardson Sparks, Centreville; Lydia Roop Woodward, Westminster.

Elocutionary Contest for Norment Medals.—Sophomore Medals, Georgia Wilson Strayer, of Buckeystown, John Willis Smith, of Elkins, W. Va; Mary Hood Baxley, Florence, Charles Edward Dryden, Hopewell.

Degrees.—The Degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon the twenty members of the Class of 1894.

The Degree of Master of Arts, *in cursu*, was conferred upon Virginia Smiley, Brooklyn, N. Y., Anna McFeely Thompson, Centreville, Md.; Rev. W. Morgan Cross, Baltimore, Md; Esther Anna Ebaugh, Catonsville, Md.; Rev. Bartlett Burleigh James, Baltimore, Md.; Grafton Ellsworth Day, M. D., Darlington, Md.; Albert Stevens Crockett, Solomons, Md.

The Degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. John D. Kinzer, President of Maryland Annual Conference, M. P. Church.

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Meeting of the County Commissioners—The Tax Levy.

The County Commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday and transacted routine and other business The proceedings in the Rinehart road case, in district No. 12, were ratified and confirmed.

The levy for State and county taxes for the year 1894 was made, as follows: For State purposes, 17½ cents on the $100; for county purposes, 42 cents on the $100. The county levy was divided as follows: For school purposes, 15 cents; for court expenses and magistrates and for officers' salaries, 12 cents; for jail, alms house, outdoor pensions, and for the support of insane paupers, 10 cents; miscellaneous, 5 cents.

The levy for road purposes in the several districts was made at the rate named by the road commissionerers of said districts, respectively, as follows:

Taneytown district, No. 1, 10 cents.
Uniontown district, No. 2, 8 cents.
Myers' district No. 3, 10 cents.
Woolery's district No. 4, 13 cents.
Freedom district No. 5, 18 cents.
Manchester district No. 6, 11 cents.
Westminster district, No. 7, 8 cents.
Hampstead district, No. 8, 16 cents.
Franklin district No. 9, 17 cents.
Middleburg district, No. 10, 10 cents.
New Windsor district, No. 11, 8 cents.
Union Bridge district, No. 12, 8 cents.
Mt. Airy district No. 13, 17 cents.

Baseball at the College.

A very exciting and interesting game of baseball was played by the Western Maryland College and Baltimore City College Clubs, on the college grounds here, last Saturday. After the B. C. C's. had been at the bat in the eighth inning the score was 15 to 8 in favor of the visitors, but the home club rallied and in its half of the inning scored six runs, thus leaving the City College only one run a head. In the ninth inning the score was tied, the Western Maryland making one run to a little round 0 for the city boys. In the tenth inning the visitors scored one run and the home club two, thus winning the game by a score of 17 to 16. It was the Western Maryland's eighth victory out of ten games played during the season. Winning battery—S. Wells and Sellman; losing battery—Swaine and Whitehurst. The score by innings was as follows:

Innings.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l
B. C. C.........	1	5	3	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	16
W. M. C.........	1	0	4	1	2	0	0	6	1	2	17

Earned runs—City College 11, Western Maryland 10. Two-base hits—Owings 2, Bonney, Keech, Watson. Three-base hits—Swaine. Home run—Anders. Base on balls—By Sellman 1, by Wells 3. Struck out—By Wells 4, by Swaine 3. Left on bases—City College 10, Western Maryland College 4. Double play—M. Whitehurst. Umpire—Crouse. Time—Two hours and 15 minutes.

On Monday the Western Maryland College Club closed its games for the season by defeating the Westminster Club by a score of 9 to 3.

BASEBALL AT UNION BRIDGE.

On Saturday last the S[illegible]nd Nine of [illegible] Bridge, and the F[illegible] Club [illegible] a match game at the former place, which resulted in a victory for the home team by a score of 27 to 9.

On the same day a game was played by the Third Nine of Union Bridge, and a team from Westminster, in which the latter suffered defeat by a score of 9 to 5.

An interesting tennis tournament took place on the court at Western Maryland College, on Monday morning last, in which the college was represented by Prof. Black and Mr. E. B. Pennington, who were opposed by Messrs. Smith and Edwin H. Manning of this city. The latter are both experienced players, but were handicapped by want of practice together, and were consequently defeated by a score of three sets to one. The score was 6—3, 2—6, to 6—4, 6—4.

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Commencement of the Woman's College, Frederick.

The Woman's College of Frederick, under the auspices of the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church, closed the work of the year with appropriate exercises, which took place last week. There was no graduating class as this was the first year of the college. The closing exercises were formally opened with a sermon by Rev. Dr. Eschbach, in the Reformed Church. On Monday afternoon the physical culture class gave an exhibition. In the evening the Lesbian Literary Society held its first anniversary in the college chapel. On Tuesday afternoon and evening the art reception took place. Three large rooms, handsomely decorated, contained many works of art, consisting of paintings in oil, water colors, pen and ink sketchings, and painting on china, silk and satin. Miss Florence Doub, who has won by her proficiency in art a reputation in Baltimore and throughout the State, has charge of this department.

On Wednesday afternoon the Board of Directors held its annual meeting. Miss W. A. Lantz, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, Mass., and a teacher of considerable experience, was elected to the chair of science. On account of the increasing patronage the Board decided to finish and furnish additional rooms.

A concert was given by the music department on Wednesday evening and afterwards a reception was given by the faculty and students to the friends of the college.

Last spring one year ago the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church, at a special meeting held in this city, decided to establish at Frederick a high grade college for the education of young women. The first year of the college has been successful beyond the most sanguine expectations. One hundred and twelve students have been in attendance during the past year. We notice among the list five from Carroll county.

The success of the college during the first year of its existence is evidence of the fact of the need of the institution, and that the aim of the Church to offer the best educational facilities is being appreciated.

Rev. C. S. Slagle, of this city, is one of the directors.

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Union Mills Items.

Mrs. Lucy Wirt, Mrs. D. E. Winebrenner, Miss Kate Shriver and Miss Amelia Myers, of Hanover, Pa., visited Mr. H. Wirt Shriver, on last Tuesday.

Rev. F. T. Tagg, and his son, Mr. Stanley Tagg, of Baltimore, are spending a few days with the former's mother, Mrs. Wm. Tagg.

Mr. T. Herbert Shriver gave three of his guests, Misses Josephine and Rosa Shriver, of Baltimore, and Mr. Samuel Bacon, of Washington, D. C., an outing on the field of Gettysburg, on Monday last.

Our base ball club will go to Hanover, Pa., on the afternoon of the 23rd inst., to play a game with the club at that place. The club also proposes holding a festival on its grounds, here, on the evenings of the 29th and 30th inst., to raise funds towards the purchase of uniforms.

B. F. Shriver & Co. have not yet commenced work at their canning establishment located at this place. The peas raised on their home farms have been sent to the Littlestown factory to be packed.

A lady bicyclist, from Baltimore, attired in bloomers, and attended by a colored valet, also on a wheel, passed through our village, on the 20th inst., on her way to and from Gettysburg, Pa.

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New Windsor Items.

Mrs. Jennie Smith has improved the appearance of her handsome residence by giving it a new coat of paint. Dr. J. W. Helm has also given his dwelling a coat of paint which adds to its appearance very much. The Bankard Bros. were the painters.

Miss Florence Nusbaum, of New Windsor, is visiting her uncle, Mr. John C. Naill, Hagerstown.

Dr. G. H. Brown is changing the style of his residence by putting on new weatherboarding and otherwise. Mr. Ed. Snader is the carpenter.

Personal.

Miss Eva Sullivan, of Oxford, is the guest of Rev. A. D. Melvin, this city.

Miss Ada Childs, of Woodberry, is visiting the Misses Shriver, this city.

Miss Hattie Stouffer, of Frederick, is visiting Mrs. Nimrod Bennett, this city.

Miss Laura Jones, of Chesapeake city, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Baldwin, this city.

Rev. J. T. Murray, of Baltimore, is the guest of Dr. J. W. Hering, this city.

Mrs. Margret Condon, of Baltimore, is visiting friends in this city.

Rev. J. J. Murray, of Union Bridge, visited friends in this city this week.

Mrs. Alonza Miller, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Louisa Marsh, of this city.

Mr. Samuel Six, of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting friends in this city.

Mrs. J. Frank Mitten and daughter, Miss Pauline, of Gettysburg, Pa., are visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. Anna Harvey, of Baltimore, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. Frank Beaver, Green street, this city.

Miss Agnes Lowell, of Waynesboro, Pa., is the guest of Miss Margaret Huber, this city.

Rev. T. J. Cross, wife and three sons visited Dr. and Mrs. George E. Baughman, of this city, this week.

Miss Annie Cover, of Sams Creek, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Diehl, on Liberty street, this city.

Miss Mira McDave, of Hagerstown, is visiting her cousin, Miss Carrie E. Brown, this city.

Miss Mary S. McNair, of Emmittsburg, is visiting Miss Clara M. Bankert, Spring Mills.

Miss Margie S[illegible], of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Jean F. Mackintosh, West Main street, this city.

Mrs. C. H. Sellman, of New Windsor, is a guest at the Sellman House, Atlantic City.

Mr. C. D. Barnitz and family, of Baltimore, are domiciled at their summer residence, East Main street, this city.

Dr. John A. Shower, of Woodberry, Baltimore, spent Tuesday in this city with relatives.

Mrs. Frank M. Cline and Miss Maud I. Brooks, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. John M. Yingling, of this city.

Master J. Albert Mitten, of this city, is visiting the Misses Mergard, of Frederick city.

Mr. John W. Coon, of Georgetown, D. C., is visiting his brother, Mr. William Coon, Liberty street, this city.

Messrs. Howard F. Schaeffer and Harry C. Albaugh, of this city, are on a visit this week to friends at Browntown, Va.

Misses Carrie Benner and Edith Kailer, of Hagerstown, are visiting Miss Maude Saylor, West Main street, this city.

Mr. Chas. C. Gorsuch and children, of this city, will leave on Monday for a trip to New York, Niagara Falls, Montreal, Canada, and to the Thousand Islands.

Mrs. Richard Miller, of Richmond, Ind., is visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. Fred. D. Miller, West Main street, this city.

Miss Reta Reindollar, of Taneytown, and Miss Kittie Vinton, of Camden, N. J., are visiting Miss Carrie S. Gehr, Bond street, this city.

Mrs. Scott Snader and child, of McConnellsville, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Snader's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jehu Utz, of Liberty street, this city.

Miss Ida B. Hull, of near New Windsor, attended the commencement this week and is visiting her cousin, Mrs. S. C. Stoner, this city.

Mrs. Joseph Bowers and son, of Harrisburg, Pa., spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. S. Thomas Buckingham, of this city, this week.

Mr. D. Harry Weaver, of the Coatesville, Pa., *Times*, wife and little daughter have been guests of Mr. Weaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs J. Edwin Weaver, of this city, during the past week.

Rev. J. M. Yingling, wife and daughter, Mrs. Wilson, Rev. L. Wilson, and Miss Grace Baker, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Shipley, of E. Green street, this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lasher, Miss Grace Lasher and Mr. Chas. W. Lasher, Jr., of Chicago, Ills., are visiting Mr. Chas. C. Gorsuch, this city. Mr. and Mrs. Lasher and children will sail for Europe on Tuesday.

Miss Annie Kane, of Cockeysville; Miss Stella A. Burgoon, of Union Mills, and Miss Sallie E. Fuss, of Middleburg, attended the commencement exercises at Western Maryland College, this week, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hoffman Fuss, Liberty street, this city.

Mrs. Wm. Downey, Misses Downey and Hopkins, near Frederick; Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., of Hanesville; Samuel Vannort and daughter, of Chestertown, and Isaac Anann, Jr., of Emmittsburg, were guests of Mr. E. O. Grimes and wife, of this city, during commencement.

Rev. T. J. Lassell, wife and daughters, May Etta and Laura, of Uniontown; Mrs. S. Rayners, of Baltimore; Mrs. S. Margaret Troxell, of Reisterstown; Mr. Dore and Mr. Saturwaite, of the Remington Co., of Wilmington, Del., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Albaugh, of this city.

Miss Mamie Swormstedt, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Elizabeth Dorsey, of Calvert County; Miss Sherman Scott, Mrs. J. J. Reindollar and son, of Fairfield, Pa.; Miss Ida Wood, of Union Bridge; Miss Caroline Elliot, of Taneytown, and Mr. Emerson Eckert, of New Oxford, Pa., were guests of Mr. J. T. Erb, this city, this week.

Among the guests at the Hotel Albion who attended the commencement exercises at the college were: Mrs. Levi Plank, Mrs. L. M. Lemmon, of Honeybrook, Pa.; Mr. S. B. McKinstry, McKinstry's Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ressler, Union Bridge; W. E. Butler, Philadelphia; C. E. Clay, New Market; Thomas J. Ward, Daisy; George W. Thompson, Charles Gerwig and eight others, of Ellicott City.

Among those who attended the commencement exercises this week were the following who were guests at the Montour House: Mr. J. H. Earhart and son, of Hagerstown; Mr. Wm. G. Baker and wife, Mrs. John H. Baker, Miss Alice Thomas, Rev. Webster M. Strayer and wife, Mr. C. B. Strayer, of Buckeystown; Mr. Wm. Forsythe and wife, of Sykesville; Mr. J. C. Franklin, wife and child, of Lynchburg, Va.; Mr. D. V. Stauffer and wife, Miss Hallie Walker, Mr. J. D. Baker, of Frederick; J. Gunkel, of Warwick; Mrs. Mewshaw and son, Miss Fannie Smith, Mrs. J. H. Clabaugh, Mr. A. Young and wife, Miss Rosa Lee Young, F. R. Jones, of Baltimore; Mrs. Harper, Mr. W. H. Harper, of Upper Marlboro; Mr. A. P. Forsythe, wife and daughter, Miss Ida Forsythe, of Hood's Mill; Miss Margaret Linthicum, of Roxbury; Miss Gertrude Matthews, of Glenwood; Mr. Van[illegible], Manasquin, N. J.; Mrs. Fulton, of Se Amboy, N. J.; F. Elgin, of Washington, D. C.; E. W. Lightner, of Hanover, Pa.; R. S. Randall, of Newark, N. J.

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Taneytown Items.

Mrs. Upton Birnie and two sons, of Philadelphia, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Birnie's sisters, the Misses Galt, of this place.

The venerable old horse, "Dave," belonging to Mr. E. E. Reindollar, was taken sick on last Sunday evening with colic and, before any thing could be done, he died. Mr. Reindollar has used him at the warehouse for a number of years and he was considered the best pulling horse in the county.

Mrs. O. M. Crouse and two children, of Westminster, visited friends and relatives at this place for a few days last week.

The corporation authorities are busily engaged in macadamizing and remodeling the streets of this place and are getting them in fine condition. The improvement was very badly needed.

One of the heaviest thunder storms of the season passed over this place on last Saturday morning. Heavy peals of thunder and vivid flashes of lightning were heard and seen. Lightning struck the house of Mr. David Bollinger, on Baltimore street, tearing the shingles and splitting the rafters as it went. It also struck in the house of Mr. Tobias Fringer. But little damage was done. Both must have been cold strokes, as it did not set fire to either house. Qui[illegible] number of trees were also struck [illegible] torn to pieces near this place.

A game of base ball was played at this place on last Wednesday, between the junior club of Littlestown, and the club of this place. The home club seemed to be too much for the visitors, and the game closed at the seventh inning, the score having been 33 to 1 in favor of the home team. Come again boys.

Mr. Jas. Buffington has a great curiosity which is attracting much attention at this place. It is a double lily. A perfect lily is formed and right in the center of the same is another one which is not quite as large as the outer one, but is of very good size. The stalk on which they grow is but a very small one, not being quite a year old. Your correspondent would like to know if anybody has a simular one.

Miss Sallie Bishop, an aged lady of near this place, died at her home on last Monday night and was buried at the Lutheran cemetery on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. Geo. W. McSherry officiated.

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For the SENTINEL.

Children's Day at New Windsor.

A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent last Sabbath with the children of the M. E. Church of New Windsor. Owing to the threatening weather many persons were deprived of the pleasure of hearing the little ones speak. For the same reason several of the country children could not take the parts assigned them. Those present acquitted themselves with credit. It was children's day in earnest, as the little orators and recitors proved. The church was beautifully decorated with potted flowers, &c. Mrs. G. Hiltabridle presided at the organ; Mr. Ed. Devilbiss coronetist, and Mr. G. Hiltabridle violinist. The program was as follows: Singing, "Welcome to-day," by the school; prayer, by Rev. T. J. Cross, pastor of the church; singing, by the school, "The Fountain of Life;" greeting, by Mr. Howard Englar; singing, by the school, "O the Good We May be Doing;" exercise, The Little Missionary; A Welcome to All, by 14 children; recitations, by Masters Maynard Jones, and J. Albert Galt; recitation, Children's day, by Miss Winnie Wampler; solo, by Miss A. C. Engel; recitation, Our Father Will Provide, by 3 little boys and 2 little girls; solo, by Miss Maggie Engel; recitation, the Future Church," by 6 small boys and 2 girls; singing, by the school, Blessed Mansion; exercise, What Can the Children Do, by 16 children; address, by Rev. T. J. Cross; duet, by Mr. and Mrs. G. Hiltabridle; singing, by the school, "The Sunlight of Hope;" benediction, by Rev. Mr. Jones, junior pastor of the church. The ushers were: Messrs. Edward Nusbaum, Geo. Smith, Edward Cross, and ——Cross; superintendent, Mr. Geo. P. B. Englar.

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Gamber Items.

The Y. P. C. E. Association pic-nic on Saturay last at Providence M. P. Church here was a success. In spite of drawbacks there was quite a good attendance. The Mechanicsville Cornet Band rendered excellent music on the occasion. Everything passed off very pleasantly and all seemed to enjoy the occasion. I have been informed that the net proceeds will approximate $25.

Farmers are busy working their corn and many are cutting their clover. Some are talking of commencing to cut their grain about Monday next, while those whose grain was badly damaged by the hail storm will be 10 days or 2 weeks later. It is surprising to notice how the grain, after it had been beaten down by the hail, put up fresh shoots from the ground which are out in heads. The heads are small and how it will fill cannot as yet be told. The supposition is that the hot sun will injure it.

On July 14th Mechanicsville Cornet Band will hold its annual pic nic on the old ground, which has been enlarged. Carroll county Reed Band, Prof. Frock's Orchestra, Winfield and other bands will be present. Many amusements for the public will be gotten up. The work on Mrs. Lida Wilson's house is progressing finely and is almost completed. It makes a very fine and imposing appearance.

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Melrose Items.

Mr. Milton Shaffer, of Baltimore, is spending a few days with his friends, who reside in our town.

Last week your correspondent went to Mr. Solomon Hoff's farm to view the poplar tree which was struck by lightning on Monday previous. The tree, which was the nicest poplar in that neighborhood and fully 60 feet in height, was splintered to within about 20 feet of the ground. Splinters and pieces of bark were thrown 300 feet in all directions. The ground around the tree is torn up considerably. The wonderful power of electricity can be readily seen by viewing the remains of this tree.

One of Mr. Uriah A. Wentz's horses was cut badly in the leg by kicking against a scythe.