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Local Items.

Hay making was interrupted by the rains during the early part of this week.

To day is the summer solstice and the longest day of the year, the sun rising at 4.34 and setting at 7.26.

Mr. Arthur F. Smith, whose knee was fractured by a fall in Annapolis, two weeks ago, is at his home in this city, and is able to be about on crutches.

A cablegram from Miss Janie B. Thomas to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Thomas, of this city, announces her safe arrival at Queenstown.

Mr. Thaddeus Crapster, of Taneytown, was among the graduates at the Maryland Agricultural College, on Wednesday. He stood third in a class of ten.

We are indebted to Ex-Mayor Milton Schaeffer, who attended the Republican National convention at St. Louis, for copies of leading papers published in that city.

The lot and residence belonging to the estate of the late Dr. George S. Fouke, on East Main street, near Centre, in this city, has been purchased by M. E. Walsh, Esq., for $3,500.

The appeal of D. H. Lynn vs. the State of Maryland, has been decided in favor of the State. Messrs. Henning and J. M. Reifsnider represented the State, Bond and Roberts the appellant.

Mr. Adam Rohrbaugh, distiller, in Manchester district, made a deed of trust to Dr. John F. B. Weaver, of Manchester, on Tuesday. The trustee gave bond in the sum of $20,000.

The case of Mrs. Martha A. Duttera, by her next friend, Maurice C. Duttera, against Mrs. Sarah Babylon and others, which was taken to the Court of Appeals from the Circuit Court of this county, has been decided in favor of the appellees.

A grand double tournament will be held in Steffey's grove near Gamber, on Saturday, July 18th. Frank Long, Esq., will deliver the charge to the knights, and Ivan L. Hoff, Esq., will make the coronation address. A dance will follow the coronation ceremonies.

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Elections on Tuesday the resignation of Mr. Martin L. Morelock, as a judge of election and officer of registration in Manchester district was received and accepted and Mr. H. S. Musselman was appointed in his place.

Mr. Charles V. Wantz has had his cigar store papered with cigar labels of various and beautiful designs, the effect being unique and attractive. The work was planned by Mr. Wantz and executed by Messrs. Matthews & Myers, and is very creditable both in design and execution.

At the meeting of the president and directors of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster, on Monday, Mr. Luther H. Hoffacker, of Manchester, was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, the late Judge David H. Hoffacker.

A memorial service will be held by Charity Lodge No. 58, K. of P., of this city, to-morrow, Sunday, afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the lodge room in Odd Fellows Hall. After the exercises in the room the lodge will repair to Westminster Cemetery and decorate the graves of deceased members with flowers.

The assessors have been hard at work in the several districts of this county, during the past ten or twelve days, distributing blanks. The number of these blanks required is greater than was anticipated and County Treasurer Buckingham has received the third lot of them in response to his requisitions.

The bicycle parade in this city next Wednesday night promises to be a successful affair. The committee of arrangements has assurances of the general participation of the local cyclers and the line will be swelled by visiting wheelmen. Citizens are requested to abstain from sprinkling the streets during the afternoon immediately preceding the parade.

The Grand Architect and Grand Conductor of the Grand Lodge I. O. M., of this State, paid an official and fraternal visit to Westminster Lodge No. 41, on Tuesday evening and assisted in conferring degrees on two candidates. After the work of the lodge was completed social features were introduced and refreshments of ice cream, cake, &c., were served in honor of the occasion.

The commencement exercises of Warfield College, near Sykesville, attracted a large number of persons on Thursday morning, 11th inst. The school is about thirty miles from Baltimore. An address was made by Bishop Paret sketching the history of the school past and present and the hopes of the future. Prizes were given to Henry Hollingsworth for neatness in dormitory; to Charles A. Banks for improvement in penmanship; to George Selwyn Colburn for the highest standing in scholarship, and the John Powell prize for highest standing in sacred studies; to Franklin Johns Bohanan for perfect record in department and punctuality; for excellence in reciting Catechism to Howard L. Waterall and John S. Piper.

Mr. Jesse Leister, of Pleasant Valley, is very ill with catarrh of the stomach, and fears are entertained that he will not recover.

'Squire Wm. J. Mitten, the oldest native male citizen of Westminster, was stricken with paralysis on Monday last and is lying critically ill at his home on Church street, with apparently a fatal termination of the attack inevitably impending.

The Board of Managers of the Home for the aged of the Methodist Protestant Church held a meeting in this city on Wednesday, and decided to open the "Home," for the reception of inmates, July 15th. The event will be attended with appropriate ceremonies, a program of which will be announced in the press preceding the date set for the opening.

The Westminster Branch of the Baltimore Flower Mission will resume its work on next Thursday afternoon, the 25th inst. All persons having flowers or fruit are requested to assist the ladies having charge, by sending them to the room over M. W. Babylon's store, where they will be received every week between the hours of 3.30 and 4.30 p. m. Receivers and packers, Misses Kittie T. Noel, Nannie Rinker.

Mrs. Aritta Hausbaugh, widow of Mr. William Hausbaugh, died on Tuesday, of paralysis, at the Aged Woman's Home, Lexington street, Baltimore. She was in her eighty-first year, and was the last of a large family. Her father, Mr. Joshua Hooker, who died a number of years ago, was one of the early settlers of Carroll county. Soon after the death of her husband, which occurred four years ago, Mrs. Hausbaugh became an inmate of the home.

Mr. Eli Hull, of Cranberry, dropped into the SENTINEL office a few days ago to pay his subscription to the paper in advance for another year, and during the course of conversation with the editor remarked that he had been a subscriber continuously for fifty-three years. The renewal was for the fifty-fourth year. Not many newspapers can boast of fifty-year subscribers, but the SENTINEL has a number of them. Mr. Hull still looks vigorous and stalwart, in spite of his three score and fourteen years.

A Winchester, Va., paper of the 16th inst., says: "Rev. W. L. Seabrook, pastor of the Lutheran Church, of this city, met with a very painful accident at his residence on Market street, last night. He went into the yard to close the window shutters and the night being very dark, especially to anyone just coming from a lighted room, he did not notice the cellar doors being open. He stepped out to reach the shutters and fell into the cellar injuring himself about the back."

A pretty home wedding took place at 1508 Argyle avenue, Baltimore, Monday evening at 8.30 o'clock. The contracting parties were Miss Laura Shelby Rippard, daughter of the late Dr. Wm. H. Rippard, and Mr. Charles Ernest Prince. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Chapman, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church South. The bride was attired in white organdie over white silk, and carried bride's roses. After the reception the bridal couple departed for a trip to Washington, D. C. The bride is well known in this city.

Another important enterprise is about to be established in Westminster. The Standard Oil Company has purchased half an acre of ground of Mr. Edward Lynch, on the railroad in the rear of Bennett & Co's. lumber and coal yards, on which storage tanks will be erected for the purpose of making this the distributing point for most of this county and territory immediately adjoining. Mr. Howard F. Schaeffer, president of the board of Supervisors of Elections and teller of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster, will be superintendent of the enterprise.

The Court of Appeals, in the case of the Caledonian Insurance Company of Scotland vs. Julius Traub & Bro., appeal from the Circuit Court for Carroll county, has reversed the judgment, which was for $4,512 60, and awarded a new trial. This case has already been tried twice in the Circuit Court for Carroll county and twice in the Court of Appeals. In both cases the verdict of the lower court was for the plaintiffs and was set aside by the Court of Appeals. Messrs. Hewes and Reifsnider & Reifsnider are counsel for the company, and Messrs. Clabaugh & Roberts for Traub & Bro.

The Western Maryland Railroad's Pen-Mar excursion season for 1896 began on Wednesday and will continue, as usual, until terminated by the cold weather of autumn. A new departure has been made by including Sunday as an excursion day, and the Pen-Mar express will therefore be run daily, instead of on week days only. The Sunday excursions are to be of a quiet order. On the grounds the programs will include sacred concerts and drives to High Rock and other points of interest on the mountains. There will be no opportunity for dancing and, says the Baltimore *Sun*, "the carousals and kindred amusements will be closed." A prosperous season is anticipated, as many special excursions have been booked, among them the reunion of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches.

"Chick a go runk" is the title of a work published by the Class of '96, Western Maryland College. A description of its contents would fill a volume and they are as varied as voluminous, and both serious and amusing, being, in fact, the veracious annals of the class. The book is profusely illustrated, among the pictures being handsome likenesses of President Lewis and Prof. Reese, and groups of the baseball, musical and other organizations. There are also some really fine caricatures. The volume is beautifully printed on heavy tinted paper and is handsomely bound in cloth. The staff charged with its production was as follows: Editor in chief, J. W. Smith; assistant, Miss Miriam Lewis; associate editors, Messrs. S. C. Freeny, W. A. Melvin, W. E. Pettet, Misses M. M. Kemp, S. V. Spielman; illustrators, Miss L. G. Parker, Messrs. F. D. Posey, Paul Reese; business manager, E. O. Grimes, Jr.; assistant, Miss N. P. Keating.

Melrose Items.

Mr. Chas. W. Mace, as justice of the peace for this part of the district, will be at Manchester every Saturday afternoon, at that place being a more convenient centre for his work.

Miss Emma S. Shaffer, of Bachman's Valley, spent a few days in this vicinity recently.

Lawler-Huber.

Miss Alice Carey Huber, second daughter of Ex Postmaster A. H. Huber, and Mr. Lewis Bruce Lawler, of Rushville, Ills., were married at the home of the bride on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. It was a very pretty and interesting affair. The bride wore a traveling gown of bluette shade, trimmed with white oriental lace, and carried sweet peas. Mr. Winter D. Huber, the bride's brother, and Mr. Walter H. Davis were the ushers. An aisle was formed with ropes of daises, the bridesmaids, Misses Margaret and Hattie Huber, sisters of the bride; Agnes and Grace Lowell, of Waynesboro, Pa., cousins of the bride; Katharine Lloyd, of Baltimore and the Misses Rinker, of this city, holding the floral barriers as the bride and groom advanced to the spot in the handsomely decorated parlor, where the marriage ceremony was performed. The officiating clergymen were Rev. A. D. Melvin, a former pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of this city, and Elder Ephraim W. Stoner, of the German Baptist Church, Union Bridge. The floral decorations were daisies and palms. The interesting event was witnessed by quite a number of the friends of the contracting parties, many of whom accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lawler to the railroad station where they took the 6.04 train to commence their bridal trip and their journey to Rushville, where they will reside. Many earnest wishes for their happiness and prosperity were expressed, not only by those present but by others who have known the bride from her infancy.

A Baseball Invasion of Westminster.

To-morrow, (Sunday) 21st instant, Manager Hanlon, Secretary Von der Horst, and a number of the star players of the Baltimore Baseball Club, accompanied by a due contingent of thirty-third degree rooters, will be the guests of Prof. James A. Diffenbaugh at the Maples. The party will arrive on the morning train at 11.12 and return on the Fast Mail in the evening, and will include, besides Messrs. Hanlon and Von der Horst, players Robinson, Clarke, Hoffer, Pond, Corbett, Doyle, Jennings, Kelley and Keeler; and rooters Major A. K. Fulton, Prof. Thomas F. McNulty, Capt. George V. McGowan, Dorsey Guy of the Baltimore *Sun*, John H. Anderson of the *Herald*, Willie Watkins of the *American*, Frank F. Patterson, Official Scorer, F. D. Madeira of the Associated Press, Charles E. Ford of Ford's Opera House, Edward J. Silkman, Hon. John K. Cowen's private secretary, Capt. A. L. League of the Police Boat Lannan, Capt. Louis H. Robinson, Immigrant Inspector, Capt. Charles W. Miller of the Western Maryland Railroad, Hon. Wm. J. O'Brien, Jr., Thomas F. McHugh, Henry Poske, Ernest Hasenbalg, B. A. Schneidereith, Frank H. Sterling, A. H. Kuhlman, Wm. J. Blair, George Wade, Jerome H. Joyce and Harry W. Amoss.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, June 5th.—Alexis E. Wells, executor of Julia A. Wells, deceased, received order to notify creditors.

Mary Fowble and William O. Fowble, executors of Richard Fowble, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, inventory of money and list of debts and received order to notify creditors.

Rev. John Edelblute, on behalf of Emma J. Smith, infantile, were granted to Michael E. Walsh, who returned list of debts.

The last will and testament of Margery E. Owings, deceased, admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Albin Owings.

Letters of administration on the estate of Elizabeth Wertz, deceased, were granted to Peter C. Wertz.

Tuesday, June 16th.—Distribution among the creditors of John Peter Woods, deceased, filed.

Letters of administration de bonis non on the estate of Thomas B. Owings, deceased, were granted to W. Burns Trundle.

John W. Hoffacker and Luther H. Hoffacker, executors of David H. Hoffacker, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, and received orders to sell goods and chattels and notify creditors.

Daniel A. Cox, executors of Melchor Cox, deceased, settled seventh account.

Children's Day at Pleasant Grove.

Mr. Howard Lockard, superintendent, and his helpers are to be congratulated on the pleasant Children's day service given at Pleasant Grove Church, on last Sunday night. The array of the large number of small children upon the platform, in their attractive attire and with trained step, was a beautiful sight, while recitations from older scholars and the music of the school, quartets, duets and solos, furnished good entertainment. The church in the rear of the platform was tastefully trimmed. An overflowing congregation was present and a good collection was taken for the specified object. Those of the larger or adult scholars who gave recitations were Misses Maggie Leister, Jesse Matthews, Viola Blizzard and Luther Baer. Miss Gertrude Shipley and Mrs. Clifford Leister were the organists, and the committee to assist the superintendent consisted of Mrs. Clifford Leister, Miss Fannie Caple, Mrs. Wm. Leister and Mr. T. O. Shipley.

Meeting of County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners were in session this week, and among the business transacted granted a pension of $10.00 to Mary A. Stultz, of district No. 2. Collectors of taxes for the several districts of the county were appointed, as follows:

Taneytown.—W. W. Crapster.
Uniontown.—Wm. U. Marker.
Myers' John F. Maus.
Woolery's.—John G. Hoffman.
Freedom.—Jos. J. Brandenberg.
Manchester.—Jacob Rupp.
Westminster.—Wm. G. Rinehart.
Hampstead.—Geo. R. Rupp.
Franklin.—George E. Wright.
Middleburg.—Hezekiah Fox.
New Windsor.—Wm. W. Smelser.
Union Bridge.—George P. Buckey.

An Evening Wedding.

Mr. Frank B. Sheets, son of Mr. Jesse Sheets, of Hanover, Pa., and Miss Carrie Elizabeth Arnold, of Harrisburg, Pa., were quietly married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. John G. Mumpers, Tuesday, June 9th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Alex. Lamberson, new pastor of the M. P. Church. After the ceremony a bountiful collation was served. The bride was the recipient of many nice presents. Mr. and Mrs. Sheets will reside in Hanover. Mr. Sheets formerly resided in Frizellburg, Carroll county, where he is well known.

WESTERN MD. COLLEGE.

Twenty-Sixth Commencement.

The most successful year in the history of Western Maryland College closed with the twenty-sixth annual commencement on Thursday. Nearly three hundred students were on the rolls during the year and the graduating class numbered thirty-eight. The growth of the institution has been almost phenomenal and it has been on substantial lines and not evanescent. In buildings, in the number of students, in the standards of the curriculum constant upward progress has been made. All this is apparent. The careful administration, the wisdom to devise and the ability to execute, which have wrought all this satisfactory development, are not overlooked. The chief credit is, of course, accorded to the executive of the institution, who has also had able support in its business affairs from the board of trustees, and in its educational progress from the excellent faculty, among whom are some of the ablest instructors to be found in any of the colleges of the country.

The commencement was preceded by the usual interesting exercises, which may be said to have begun with the annual elocution contest of the Freshman class for the Norment Prizes, which took place on Friday evening, 5th inst., and in which the participants were Misses Baile[illegible]well, Rinker, Darby, Simpson and McCauley, Messrs. Straughn, McKinstry, Ridgely, Reese, Dixon and Douglas.

On Friday evening, 12th inst., President Lewis gave a reception to the members of the graduating class, at the president's residence, which was a very pleasant affair and was greatly enjoyed by his student guests, who were handsomely entertained.

With the baccalaureate service on Sunday morning began the exercises of commencement week. This service and most of the events of the week were held in Smith Hall, the college auditorium. All the churches in the city were closed except the Methodist Episcopal, in which a service was held for the benefit of persons unable to go to the college. Rev. C. S. Slagle, of St. Paul's Reformed Church, conducted this service.

The morning was inclement and threatening, but the elements did not prevent the attendance of a large congregation at Smith Hall, and those who ventured to be present were well repaid for the risk of a drenching incurred by doing so. The service throughout was deeply interesting and impressive. It began with a processional, during which the students entered the hall, the undergraduates preceding the senior class and halting in the aisles, facing inward, while the latter in cap and gown, headed by the president and faculty, similarly attired, passed between the ranks to the stage. Rev. Dr. W. R. Graham, of the Methodist Protestant Church, offered the invocation. The singing was led by the choral society of the college, and was exceptionally excellent. Miss M. E. Lewis, the musical director, presided at the piano, with violin and violoncello accompaniment.

Rev. P. H. Miller, of Grace Lutheran Church, led the Apostle's Creed and offered prayer. Miss Lewis sang "Eye Hath Not Seen," a solo, with Miss West. Ph. D., of the faculty, led the decalogue, with vocal responses, and the "Te Deum" was chanted by the choral society and students. The Psalter and Gloria was led by Rev. Dr. J. T. Ward, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, with responses by students and audience; Rev. Joel Brown, of Centenary M. E. Church, read the Scripture lesson, and the choral society sang the "Hallelujah" Chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

The solo by Miss Lewis and the "Hallelujah Chorus were marked features in the exercises. Miss Lewis sang beautifully and with great expression and the chorus was magnificently rendered.

The baccalaureate sermon by President Lewis was an impressive and powerful discourse and enchained the attention of the audience from its first sentence to its close. The text was from II Samuel, 1. 18. "Teach the Children of Judah the Use of the Bow."

It would be impossible to give an abstract of the sermon that would do it justice. Some extracts, however, may serve to give an idea of its spirit and the thought dominant throughout. The preacher said in part:

"One of the chief aims of education should be to teach a national patriotic spirit, and with this we must combine the arts of peace. The instinct of this generation has been to develop the national spirit too far and the spirit of militarism and trial by the sword is the purely commercial party any better? A jingo is not good material for a nationalhero, but what will you do with a coward? or with the man who never to himself hath said, 'This is my own, my native land?' To have a nation we must have the national spirit, the spirit not of brag and bluster, but yet of pride and love and determination to preserve and defend the nation. And talk as we will, the only logical conclusion of a national spirit is the martial spirit. The ultimate analysis of every determination, individual or national, is force. He that determines to secure or hold an object must determine that ultimately, if no other way is possible, he will fight for it.

"Terrible indeed would be the calamity if our nation should be plunged into the horrors of war. No indignation would be too hot for those who would needlessly declare it; but there are some things worse than the jingo spirit. To purchase peace too dearly is worse. To love material prosperity, and luxury and ease so well as not to love honor more is worse. We may beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruninghooks, but we shall find we still have the martial spirit to deal with as long as we aspire to be a nation. The love of war for the sake of war is a brutal passion, but it is a perverted passion; but that from which it springs is not brutal nor unworthy the highest type of twentieth-century men. It is the martial spirit, the spirit of patriotism, the spirit that dares all, that risks all to make our country right and to keep it right. To develop this spirit is one of the high and solemn duties of our schools today. We may make a wise nation by teaching science and philosophy and literature, but we will never make a righteous, or a secure or a permanent nation until we teach the children of Judah the use of the bow.

"There is necessity for keeping the martial spirit under control. It was never intended to be an unregulated, lawless spirit, but must be under the dominion of a controlling moral order. The Jewish nation was one of the most warlike of antiquity, but they fought the battles of the Lord. It was given to this people above all others to perceive a great moral order in this world, with God as its author. To uphold and promote this they poured out their blood as a religious sacrifice. Our own nation drew the inspiration of its origin from the same source. The voyage of the Mayflower was a religious pilgrimage. According to their light, those valiant men sought and governed as they worshiped—in the fear of the Lord and in the beauty of holiness. The modern pilgrim seeks to escape religious duties rather than religious persecution, and freedom to worship God has become to many the liberty of not worshiping at all. Whatever scoffers and doubters may say, we are in all things real and great—a Christian nation. Woe to those apostles of license who would teach us that we are the children of the devil! to those demagogues who would waken the martial spirit slumbering in every American breast without having brought that spirit under the firm control of moral order!

"These are the two forces, then, with which we have to reckon—a martial spirit and a spirit of moral order. Let us now consider what is our immediate business with them, or, in other words, see what is the practical use of the bow the youth of this generation should be taught. Peace hath its victories no less than war! This is an age of ideas, and the martial spirit of the age is now to be evoked in the defense and promotion of ideas. "The first thing to consider is your own personal life. It is useless to talk of saving a nation except by saving the individuals who compose it, and no individual reaches salvation except through a fierce conflict with impurity of thought, word and deed. Remember that the pure in heart are blessed, for they shall see God."

In the course of his remarks the speaker made a clarion call for clean men to go into politics and fight the demons of rascality and greed.

The choral society, faculty, students and audience joined heartily in the closing hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. D. Melvin.

The annual sermon before the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations of the college was delivered in St. Paul's Reformed Church, at 8 o'clock, Sunday evening, by Rev. Eddard Heyl Delk, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hagerstown. It was a forcible presentation of the superior merit of Christ's rule in human hearts over worldliness and materialism, made in exceedingly chaste and beautiful language, and was heard with deep interest and attention by an audience that completely filled the church. Its sentiments, if adopted and engrafted upon the hearts and minds of the young men and women to whom it was particularly addressed, cannot fail to elevate them in the scale of moral life and make them, with their opportunities of mental culture, influential in prompting and helping others, with whom they may come in contact, to aspire to and reach after the true standard of true christian manhood and womanhood.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

SOPHOMORE RECITAL.

Some years ago Mr. Samuel F. Norment, of Washington, D. C., a warm friend to the college, offered to the Freshman and Sophomore classes, the sum of one hundred dollars, for the best improvement in elocution during the year. During his lifetime the offer was continued, and since his decease his son Mr. Clarence F. Norment, has kept up the custom. The Freshman contest came off June 6th, as before related.

Although occurring in the early afternoon, the Sophomore contest on Monday drew quite a large audience. The recitations were all finely rendered, among those especially deserving of mention being those of Misses Lewis, Johnson and Howard, and Messrs. Clemson, Shreeve and Woodford. The decision of the contest takes into account the grades of the contestants for the year, and is not announced until Commencement Day.

The program was as follows:

Piano Duet.....Charge of the Lancers
Misses Brown and Keller.
Marguerite.....J. G. Whittier.
Clara Greenwood Bacchus, Washington, D. C.
Robert of Sicily.....H. W. Longfellow.
Chas. Orlando Clemson, Union Bridge, Md.
The Bazaar Girl.....Sir Edward Arnold.
Miriam Baynes, Baltimore, Md.
Piano Duet—"Loin de Bal,".....Gillet.
Miss Wheelton, Miss Smith.
The Lifeboat.....
Edwin Webster Mather, Bay View, Md.
Little Rocket's Christmas.....Vandyke Rhen.
Mary Eliza Howard, Rutland, Md.
Regulus to the Carthaginians.....E. Kellogg.
James Henry Shreeve, Clinton, Md.
Sobre Las Olas.....Rosa.
Mandolins and Guitars.
Aunt Rhody's Dream.....E. B. Bacon.
Olive Gertrude Johnson, Frostburg, Md.
A Race for Life and Liberty.....Geo. Rodney.
Olin Robson Rice, St. Michaels, Md.
My Red Rose.....Ethelbert Nevin.
Clara Ward Lewis, Westminster, Md.
Piano Solo—"Magic Fire Music,".....(Die Walkure) Wagner-Brassin.
Mr. Benson.
The Hippodrome Race.....Geo. Cooper.
Fuller Farrith Taylor, Atlantic, Va.
Aux Italiens.....Owen Meredith.
Hallie May Wheelton, Chloeanna, Bulwer
Nydia Saves Glaucus from.....
Leigh C. Lewis, Catonsville, Md.

MONDAY EVENING.

ANNUAL CONCERT.

One of the most attractive features of the week, and one which always draws a great crowd, is the concert. For three years the department of music has been in charge of Miss M. E. Lewis and Miss Gertrude G. Westlake, and the results of their careful and conscientious work are now made most apparent. The musical on Monday night was an entertainment of the very highest order. There were three graduates in instrumental music, Miss Ida May Dodd, Carmichael, Md.; Miss Mary Martin Kemp, Trappe, Md., and Miss Caroline Eltinge Jones Shriver, Westminster.

The program opened with an instrumental quartet, Moszkowski's "Waltz in A flat," by Mr. Benson and Misses Simpson, Fulton and Keller, exceedingly well rendered. A Fantasia in C. minor was given by Miss Dodd, to which Miss Lewis played Greig's second piano accompaniment.

The third number was a vocal solo by Miss Gunkel, Braga's "Angel's Serenade," with a violin obligato by Mr. Tyson. Miss Gunkel's voice is a rich contralto, and her singing showed the most thorough training. Liszt's Rhapsodie, No. 6, was well played by Miss Kemp, and Miss Shriver gave Beethoven's Concerto in C major, 1st mov.

In a most finished and artistic manner, Miss Lewis sang a double number, Chaminade's "Chanson Slave," and Massenet's "Ouvre tes Yeux Bleus."

The last number of the first part of the program was a Tarentella, Venesia e Napoli, by Liszt. This was played by Miss Westlake, and her rendition was marked by the most sympathetic interpretation of the great composer's work.

The second part of the program consisted of the cantata "Barbara Freitchie," given by Miss Herr and choral class. The solos were well sung, and the volume of the chorus of forty voices was grand in its effect. The whole recital reflects the greatest degree of credit upon Miss Lewis and Miss Westlake, as well as upon their pupils.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

SOCIETY REUNIONS.

At 2.30 P. M., on Tuesday, occurred the reunions of the different Literary Societies.

BROWNING SOCIETY.

A large number of exactives and friends were present. The following program was rendered, after which refreshments were served:

Scripture Reading.....
Prayer.....
Welcome.....Miss Sarah Myers.
Instrumental Solo.....Miss Rinehart.
Life of Mrs. Browning.....Miss Kemp.
Recitation, "Herve Riel,".....Miss C. Lewis.
Vocal Solo, "In the Land of Yesterday,".....
Miss Herr.
Society History.....Miss M. Myers.

PHILOMATHEAN SOCIETY.

Reunions are always pleasant, and when the occasion is the reunion of Philomathean's old members with the present society it becomes especially enjoyable to all. The literary program furnished by the society on this occasion showed both skill and talent. The guests were welcomed by Philo's president, Miss Hopkins, in a few well chosen words, and soon were listening enraptured to the well trained, delightful voice of Miss Gunkel, while she sang "Ava Marie" and "Hark! Hark! the Lark!" Miss Banks next recited "Maestro's Confession" with much talent and dramatic skill. An instrumental duet by Misses Brown and Keller was well played and very much enjoyed. Then the history of the society, telling of its progress and success during the past year was given by Miss Keating, and in a few moments were again lost in dreams while the sweet strains of the guitar, gracefully played by Miss Kimbal, floated through the room. The last number was a recitation, "To-morrow at Ten," which Miss Parker gave in an exceptionally pleasing manner. After the literary program was concluded refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed in pleasant converse upon "ye olden times" among Philo's loyal members and ex-members. Separating finally with the hope that just such another pleasant reunion may be had next year.

WEBSTER SOCIETY.

The society was called to order by President W. E. Pettet, who delivered an address of welcome. A vocal quartet, by Messrs. Lane, Revelle, Nelson and Mather followed. Mr. Daugherty gave the declamation, "Uncle Pete and Marse George." Patrick Connor was recited by Mr. Straughn. The next was a reading by Mr. J. W. Smith, "Jimmie Brown's Sister's Wedding," followed by a guitar solo, by Mr. Lane; a recitation, "Uncle Daniel," by Mr. E. Mather. A guitar and mandolin duet, by Messrs. Smith and Lane, was the next number on the program. Mr. H. Murphy delivered an address to the class of '96, to which Mr. Veasey replied on behalf of the class.

The speeches by exactives and friends were the most interesting part of the occasion. Messrs. Weigand, Dumm, Watts, Watson, Cain, Murray, Mullineaux, Mather and others spoke encouragingly. After dismissal all repaired to the Freshman hall, where refreshments were served.

IRVING SOCIETY.

The program of the exercises at the Irving reunion was as follows:

Prayer.....
Address of Welcome.....President.
Address to exactives.....Burch '97
Singing of Ode.....By the Society.
Recitation,.....Garrison, '98.
Reading.....Day, '98.
Oration, (Concentration)..Reckord, 98.
Recitation,.....Buckingham, '98.
Reading,.....Baer '99.

DEBATE.

Resolved:—A right to vote should depend upon property qualifications.

Affirmative. Negative.
Melvin, '96. Ward, '96.
McNutt, '98. Grimes, '96

GENERAL DEBATE.

Farewell to Seniors.....Ridgely, '99.
Responses.....

Quite a number of Irving exactives were present, much to the pleasure of all. Their words were greatly enjoyed by all the members, especially the talk of Prof. Watts.

The Seniors, in words of much emotion, spoke of the feeling of sadness that filled their hearts in leaving the dear old walls of Irving.

After hearing the flights of oratory, recitations, debates, and that which develops the intellectual part of man, refreshments were served, and thus renewed the old bond of fellowship amid Irvingite's of applause for the[illegible]

SOCIETY

The event that usually stirs up the deepest [illegible] during commencement [illegible] the students between the Webster and Philomathean Societies. Two prizes, the Merrill and the Newell trophies, are awarded each year. The contest on Tuesday evening was by far the most interesting ever held on College Hill. On the stage were seated the essayists and orators, together with the presidents of the various societies.

The program was as follows:

"Onward"—Gebel.....Glee Club.
Browning Society.....Masters, May M. Kemp; Second Oration, The Law of Change, J. Robert Bosley; *Third Oration, (Scientific), Can Man Create? J. Willis Smith; Fourth Essay, The Bell of Liberty, Ida M. Dodd; Fifth Essay, Breaking the Record, Nannie P. Keating; *Sixth Essay, Deep in the History of our Nation's Past, Lyda B. Hopkins; Fourth Oration, The National Nominating Convention, Lawrence C. Freeny; Fifth Oration, Inadequacy of Language, D. Edwin Stone; Seventh Essay, Image Christi, Rachel A. Buckingham; Eighth Essay, With Arms Akimbo Set, A. Mabel Elderdice; Ninth Essay, Ich Dien, G. Wilson Strayer; Sixth Oration, Compensation Nature's Law, Wm. A. Melvin; *Seventh Oration, The Holy Grail, Paul Reese; Tenth Essay, Lifting the Veil, Nellie S. Porter; Eleventh Essay, Looking to the End, Lena G. Parker; Twelfth Essay, A Woman's Part, Sara V. Kenly; Eighth Oration, Our Debt to the Past, Nicholas O. Gibson; Ninth Oration, Abraham Lincoln, C. Clarence Billingslea; Thirteenth Essay, The Corner-stone of the Nation, Sadie E. Myers; Fourteenth Essay, The Future Lies Before Us, M. Elizabeth Sensency; Fifteenth Essay, Never Alone, Bessie G. Herr; Tenth Oration, Origin of Written Constitutions, Harry A. Lakin; Eleventh Oration, What the Age Demands of Young Men, William E. Pettet; Sixteenth Essay, The Musical Ear, Carrie E. J. Shriver; Seventeenth Essay, Blind in the Midst of Beauty, Mamie E. Englar; Twelfth Oration, Liberty Under Law, William O. Livingston; Thirteenth Oration, Our Country's Greatness, E. Oliver Grimes; Essay, The Spirit of Our Times, Laura V. Spielman; Fourteenth Oration, Personal Worth the Standard, Claude T. Smith; Essay, The Pleasures of Memory, Hannah E. White; Fifteenth Oration, The Value of Decision, J. Lemuel Ward; *Valedictory Essay, (Scientific), The Solitude of Occupation, Bessie W. Gunkel; *Valedictory Oration, (Classical), The Evolution of Language, Frank D. Posey.

*Only those whose names are starred spoke.

Degrees and honors were announced as follows, by President Lewis:

On the members of the graduating class the degree of A. B. The degree of A. M. in course on N. P. Turner, '92; H. E. Gilbert, D. W. Lewis, E. J. Reese, '98. The degree of A. M., honoris causa, on C. A. Veasey, M. D., of Philadelphia.

Junior class—L. S. Hurley, Miss S. L. C. Snyder, gold medals; H. H. Murphy, C. E. Forlines, A. G. Woodfield, E. C. Nelson, G. H. Revelle, Miss L. J. Morris, honorable mention.

Sophomore class—E. T. McNutt, gold medal; A. L. Benson, E. W. Mather, O. R. Rice, T. R. Woodford, J. H. Shreeve, C. S. Friend, Misses O. G. Johnson, E. C. Smith, honorable mention.

Freshman class—H. G. Reese, Miss E. G. Darby, gold medals; J. H. Straughn, J. L. McKinstry, V. L. Ridgely, Misses E. R. Foxwell, E. R. McCauley, honorable mention.

Sub-Freshman class—Miss K. F. Thomas, John Welch, certificates of distinction; Miss Sarah Weeks, A. F. Curley, W. B. Vanleer, honorable mention.

Third year—G. C. Fitzo, certificate of distinction.

Instrumental music—Miss May M. Kemp, gold medal; Mr. Benson honorable mention.

Vocal music—Misses Bessie W. Gunkel, Bessie Ober Herr, gold medals.

Elocution—M. L. Veasey, gold medal.

Miss Clara Ward Lewis, J. H. Shreeve, were awarded the Norment prizes for the Sophomore class, and Miss Iona J. Simpson and Arminius G. Dixon for the Freshman Class.

At the conclusion of the exercises, the audience united in singing "My Country 'tis of Thee," and the benediction was pronounced in an impressive manner, by President Lewis.

Among old students and others who attended the commencement exercises were the following:

Alumni—Mrs. Mary Ward Lewis, '71; Mrs. Clara Smith Billingslea, '73; Mrs. Martha Smith Fenby, '74; Miss Laura O. Stone, '86; Rev. B. A. Dumm, '86; Mrs. Margaret Rinehart Tracy, '94; Mrs. Mary Rinehart White, '79; Miss Mollie Shriver, '90; Prof. H. G. Watson, '89; B. F. Crouse, '73; Rev. T. O. Crouse, '71; W. H. Litsinger, '93; Miss Florence Wilson Stone, '79; Miss——Keller, '79; C. B. Strayer, '93; Lizzie F. Dorsey, '93; Ellen Harper, '54; W. R. McDaniel, '80; Wm. P. Wright, '71; F. S. Cain, '94; L. A. Shipley, '91; Dr. G. E. Day, '91; Miss Lydia G. Hull, '93; Miss A. Laura Jones, '89; Rev. H. L. Elderdice, '82; Miss Agnes Lease, '82; Miss J. Mary Thuman, '94.

Old Students.—Miss Clara Vannort, Miss Mabel Ely, Miss Lillian Dennis, Mr. S. Butler Grimes.

Other Visitors.—Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D., Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, D. D., Rev. F. T. Little, Mr. J. H. Grimes, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Joyce, Cambridge, Md.; Dr. David Wilson, Washington, D. C.; Mr. John Dodd and Miss Bertie Dodd, Centreville; Col. Samuel Vannort, Chestertown; Rev. F. B. Benson, Carmichael; Mr. and Mrs. John F. Conrey and Miss Conrey, Towson; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Veasey and Miss Veasey, Pocomoke City; Mrs. Roe, Easton; Mrs. T. H. Jarman, Greenboro; Rev. B. P. Truitt, Lisbon; Miss Bessie Tyson, Frederick.

The exercises on Commencement morning began at 9.30. By request, the Choral Society reproduced the Hallelujah Chorus, and then followed the program:

*Salutatory Essay, (Classical), Habits of Thought, Carrie E. Rinehart; *Salutatory Oration, (Scientific), Our Country, Milton L. Veasey; *First Oration, (Classical), The Classics and Culture, Marion Hearn; *First Essay, (Classical), The Charms of Literature, Miriam Lewis;