Western Md. College.

THIRTY-THIRD COMMENCEMENT.

INTERESTING EXERCISES.

An event of interest preliminary to if not regarded as the opening of commencement week at Western Maryland College was the closing exhibition of the preparatory school, held on Friday evening last, at 8 o'clock. The program of the occasion was as follows: Chorus, "Joy of Spring," by the school; America's Promised Land, original, Jesse Robert Plummer, Melitola; "Gabriel Grubb and the Goblins," Susanna Stevens Sparks, Suddlersville; Our Persecuted Sect, original, Romie Dale Hersman, Speed, West Va.; The Legend of St. Christopher, Samuel Ellis Coe, Belair; Indian Superstitions, original, Sarah Anne Stallings, Baltimore; piano solo, Spring Dawn, Edith Margaret Mills, Washington, D. C.; Rienzi, William Nelson Selman, Westminster; Earnestness, original, Lillian May Nelson, Baltimore; Amy's Humiliation, Carrie Hull Thomas, Buckeystown; The Question of the Hour, original, Lewis Edward Purdum, Mt. Airy; chorus, Farewell, by the school.

Certificates of graduation, entitling the holders to enter the sub-freshman class of the college, were granted to all the pupils taking part in the program, and also to the following: Wm. Henry Bown, Jr., Westminster; Raymond Stanley Litsinger, Blackwells, Va.; Philip Raimer, Baltimore; Lawrence Fairfax Reifsnider,, Westminster; Englar McClure Rouzer, Linwood; Eleanor Elizabeth Harrington, Annapolis; Edith Bradley Lloyd, Sudlersville; Anna Pearl Miller, Westminster; Mabel Cathel Phillips, Baltimore; Laura Priscilla Spencer, Lapidum.

The following received honorable mention: Romie Dale Hersman, Lillian May Nelson, Edith Margaret Mills, Susanna Stevens Sparks, Carrie Hull Thomas, Sarah Anne Stallings.

Saturday, June 13.

On Saturday afternoon athletic contests for the individual and class championships of the college took place on the athletic field. The conditions, however, were unfavorable, a brisk wind having interfered materially with the sport, preventing any record-breaking feat. The events were as follows:

100 yards dash, won by Tredway, '05; Brown, '06, second.

One mile run, won by Stevens, '06; Whiteford, '06, second.

220 yard dash, won by Tredway; Wilson, '05, second.

880 yards run, won by Tredway; Graves, '06, second.

440 yards dash, won by Tredway; Myers, '05, second.

Relay race, won by class of '06; class of '05, second. The students who ran in this race were Wilson, Myers, Larkin, Tredway, '05; Brown, Beall, Scott and Stevens, '06.

High jump, won by Tredway, Wilson, second.

Shot put, won by Cooling, '06; Henry, '05, second.

Broad jump, won by Wilson; Adams, '06, second.

For the individual championship Tredway made 25 points and was the winner; Wilson second with 11 points.

The class of 1905 won the championship, having made 47 points, to 32 by the class of 1906.

A game of baseball between the Reisterstown team and a picked up nine of the college, closed the field sports.

On Saturday evening President Lewis gave a reception to all the students of the college and afterward entertained the members of the graduating class, at his residence on the college campus.

Sunday, June 14th.

Sunday was baccalaureate day and witnessed the beginning of the exercises incident to commencement week at the college. The morning was inclement, and up to the hour of service a heavy rain was falling. This materially diminished the attendance, but notwithstanding that fact the audience was a fair one in numbers and those present were well repaid for braving the elements, by the impressive service, fine music and eloquent sermon delivered on the occasion. The service, as well as all the other exercises of the week, was held in Alumni Hall.

As has been customary on such occasions for years, the Reformed, Lutheran, Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant Churches of the town were closed out of courtesy to the college and to enable their congregations to attend the services which inaugurate the commencement exercises of the institution. Before the students below the senior class entered the hall the faculty, members of the class last mentioned, the Choral Society, participating clergymen and visitors were seated on the platform. Among the last named was Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., whose presence was quickly noted with interest by the large audience.

Sang Luther's Battle Hymn.

The entire body of students, other than those named, marched to the platform before the service began, singing Luther's battle hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," as a processional. As they moved with measured step the hymn had to be partially repeated before they reached their places. Prayer was then offered by Rev. C. S. Slagle, pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, this city. Then the students who joined in the processional marched from the platform to seats on the floor, after which the service was continued in the following order: The commandments, read by Rev. James W. Reese, Ph. D., of the college faculty, with antiphonal responses by the students; the Psalter, led by Rev. P. H. Miller, D. D., pastor of Grace Lutheran Church; the Apostles' Creed, in unison, by faculty, students, clergy and audience; solo and chorus, "Heavenly Father," Miss Duncan and the Choral Society; scripture lesson, Phil. ii., 5-13, Rev. Dr. Schick; hymn, "Rise, My Soul, and Stretch Thy Wings."

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the president of the college, Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., from the text "For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven."

His theme was the reward of a good life, but he discussed at some length the meaning of the beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount. The good life, he said, is made up from the full complement of the beatitudes and not from a single one of them manifested in each of eight different individuals, respectively. In substance, he said that the reward of their observance is the blessedness of the kingdom of Heaven. The beatitudes do not describe eight distinct forms of the good life as they appear in separate individuals, as though one man should be blessed because he is poor in spirit, and another because he mourns, and another because he is meek, and so on; but these are all elements of every good life, and no good man can ignore any of them. Goodness is not to be estimated in spots or put on in patches. The good man is good in every element of his nature.

"As soon as we enter poverty of spirit we enter not only a quality of mind and heart but the results or reward, of that quality. Our first step in grace is a step also in glory; the poor in spirit begin at once their citizenship in the kingdom of Heaven. Those who complete the course have in fullness what they who began had in beginning—the kingdom of Heaven."

He said there is nothing larger or richer to inherit than the kingdom of Heaven. It comprises everything else. When we number over all the joys we expect and all the rewards of eternity there is no way of summing them up except to call them all the kingdom of Heaven. This kingdom is not meat and drink · it is within us.

Not an External Kingdom.

The thought was forcibly expressed that it is not an external kingdom, although somewhere we find it visibly represented in the world. This expression is partly true, as the kingdom of Heaven is certainly revealed in this world, as if the invisible church is hidden in the human heart it will manifest itself in certain forms of external organization.

The blessings of the kingdom of Heaven which fall to those who lead the perfect life are heavenly as distinguished from earthly blessings; they are blessings wrought within us rather than given to us.

Many desire a successful life much more than a perfect life. The man who lives a perfect life lives a life of the spirit, develops qualities of mind and heart in himself and may not add one dollar to his income. So this man should expect the blessings of the perfect life in spiritual terms. "Now," he said, "I can understand that this is not the way to make the good life attractive. This seems to resolve all substantial gains into the vague realizations of personal improvement, which will only count in another world. For this reason it is necessary to add that if this be not real blessedness—nay, the only real blessedness—then there is none. It is just as false for this world as for any world to say that the blessedness of living comes from what we get out of it.

Formula of the Good Life.

"When the Jews celebrate the Passover, standing with girt loins and staff in hand, one of them recites the beautiful formula: 'This year we eat the Passover here, but next year in the land of Israel; this year we eat it standing as slaves, but next year in the land of Israel reclining as free men; this year we are exiles, but next year we shall be gathered home.' It is a formula of the good life. To every follower of it there are glimpses of a sky far off, but radiant with the promise of morning. This year we labor, but next year we shall reap. This year we groan, being burdened, but next year we shall sing the jubilee. This year we are pilgrims and sojourners, but next year we shall enter upon our kingdom, which is in Heaven. If this be but a dream let me dream on. Let me catch some light in this dark world of toil and sorrow. Let me hear some music and feel some thrill that may lift up my poor spirit in its prison house. I cannot live as a beast and toil as a slave and struggle as a maniac. If there is no Heaven, nothing better than this, no outlook, no hope, no sunrise upon an eternal day, then, O God, strike me down now and quiet at least my ceaseless unrest; give me the nepenthe of eternal sleep in the dust from which I came, and let men complete the mockery of my existence by writing over my pameless grave: 'Here lies one who thought he was more than dust, but his thought was nothing. He wrought after ideals unrealized because his ideals were nothing. He lifted his heart to the boundless sky of love and dreamed he was following the path of God, but the sky was a mirage and love was a dream and his dream was nothing, for God had no home and there is no God and all is waste!'

"O pitiless doctrine of devils. I lift against thee a dream, but it is a dream of light, and the shadows shall flee before it. O Paradise, I welcome thee as the necessary, the inevitable complement of all that earth lacks. Thou art the good man's reward; thou art God's vindication; thou art life's explanation. Thou turnest man from destruction and makest it sweet to live. Breathe on us today thy odors, salute us with thy songs, and our tired spirits shall freshen again for all that awaits us."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Choral Society sang "O Paradise," prayer was offered by Rev. L. F. Warner, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, the doxology was sung and Rev. D. L. Greenfield, D. D., of Chestertown, prononced the benediction.

Annual Sermon Before the College Christian Associations.

The annual sermon before the Christian Associations of the college was delivered on Sunday evening by Rev. Dr. Schick, pastor of the Reformed Church in Washington, D. C., attended by President Roosevelt. The service was conducted by Rev. L. F. Warner, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, this city. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. H. Miller, D. D., pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, this city, and the congregational singing was led by a choir composed of members of the choirs of the several churches which united in the service. The choir also sang several anthems in an admirable manner. A very large audience was present, few of the chairs in the large hall having been unoccupied.

The sermon of Dr. Schick was an impressive, eloquent and instructive discourse. His text was: "Ye are the light of the world," Mat. 5 : 14. Taking the physical world as a figure he portrayed, in vivid terms, the darkness which ever prevails upon that part of its surface which is turned from the sun. He demonstrated that, notwithstanding this darkness, light is not destroyed. That a pencil of the sunlight shines past the darkened surface of the earth, reaching the moon and the other planets from which its rays are reflected back. Christians with their faces toward God, reflect his rays of righteousness and become the spiritual light of the world. The preacher earnestly exhorted his hearers to let their light shine out into the darkened places of the earth that others, seeing their good works, may glorify their Father in Heaven.

The closing prayer was made by Rev. J. E. Maloy and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Schick.

Preceding this service the cantata, Rebehah—a Sacred Idyl, was rendered in Baker Chapel, which was filled to overflowing by a very large and highly appreciative audience.

Monday, June 15.

At 10.30, A. M., the exhibit of work in art and drawing, by students of the Art Department, was opened in Smith Hall and was visited by many persons who inspected the large collection and were pleased and surprised to find so many evidences of artistic skill on the part of the students.

We unhesitatingly declare the exhibit a very creditable display of earnest, serious work by the students of both divisions of the departmental work. In the preparatory school free hand drawing we noticed the prize given to Lawrence F. Reifsnider, whose drawings showed decided ability and interest in his work. Mr. Purdum, Mr. Rider, Thorwald Holton, W. D. Beggs, Philip Raimer, Misses E. M. Mills, C. Thomas, S. Stallings and L. P. Spencer received honorable mention in free hand drawing. Of the freshmen young ladies Miss R. Thayer received the prize and Misses Marjorie Lewis, Anna Blanford, Madeleine Gilbert, Ruth King and Nellie Nicodemus received honorable mention. Of the freshmen young men a great quantity of excellent work was displayed by Mr. Frank Brown and Mr. Norman Leonard and they tie in prizes. Among the other members of this class who received honorable mention we especially noticed Messrs. Graves, Keller, Dexter, Sterling, Scott, Smith, Cooling, Rawlings, Beall, Adams, Reindollar, Woolson and Weeks. The great quantity of good work from all students speaks of their interest and enthusiasm in their work. In the special art class the work of Mrs. E. S. Mobley, of this city, attracts great attention and ranges from still life to nature sketching and portrait and figure work, a very fair portrait of her husband being her latest work. The work of Mr. George Medders is very promising, including still life, cast, nature sketching, pen and ink and figure work in painting, and a handsome chair, taboret and picture frames in pyrography. The excellent drawing of Mr. John Edwards, including charcoal, pen and ink and pencil sketching was admired by all. His life sketches plainly point out what his future career should be. The water colors of Miss Hilda Bennett and Miss Reba Garey are very commendable while the Indian paintings and nature work of Iny Miller and Edwin Gehr are remarkable in first year student work. Misses Chaffinch and Dulses have a number of very attractive pieces, their marine scenes and nature sketches being especially so. The roses and peaches by Palmer Tredway are much admired.

Miss Irving, who has charge of the art department, had some work of a very superior character of her own on exhibition. The work of her pupils indicates her great ability and fidelity as a teacher.

The reunions of the Literary Societies were held at 2 P. M., in their respective halls, and were occasions of much interest to the participants.

At 8 P. M., the recital by graduates in music and elocution took place in Alumni Hall before an audience probably greater in number than any indoor assemblage ever previously gathered in Westminster. Every chair was occupied and several hundred people sat in the aisles or on the stairways or occupied standing room in the rear of the hall. It is estimated that from 1300 to 1400 persons were present. They were well entertained, the musicians and elocutionists having all performed their parts with credit to themselves and honor to the college. They were all very heartily applauded. Following was the program:

PIANO.

Chanson Creole, Op. 56 - Ketterer.
Fannie May Ayers, Parkton.

Impromptu in A flat, Op. 90 - Chopin.
Irma Scott Bevans, Pocomoke City.

Polonaise, Op. 55 - - - Hoffman.
Ethel Miller, Irvington.

Grande Valse de Concert, Op. 34 - Moszkowski.
Mabel Goshelle Garrison, Baltimore.

Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 6 - Liszt.
Anna Marie Senseney, Union Bridge.

VOICE.

Recitative and Aria, "O mio Fernando," from La Favorita - Donizetti.
Idella Withers Tredway, Cambridge.

Recitative and Aria: "And is it Thus Attained," from Alessandra Stradella Flotow.
Emma Weltha Duncan, Elizabeth, N. J.

ELOCUTION.

The Blind Girl of Castel Cuile - Longfellow.
Nettie Alice Whitmore, Westminster.

Selection from "Rudder Grange," - Stockton.
Eva Pauline Herr, Westminster.

The Rescue of Princess Osra - Anthony Hope.
Edward Eugene Tarr, Marion.

The Rivals, Act 1, Scene 2: Sir Anthony Absolute; Jack Absolute - Sheridan.
George Medders, Kennedyville.

At the conclusion of the recital President Lewis presented to each of the performers a certificate of graduation in the department which he or she represented.

Tuesday, June 16.

Among the numerous functions of commencement week none is, perhaps, of interest to as many persons as the contest of the Literary Societies for the possession of the Merrill and Newell trophies. Of all the students who have attended the college at any time few have failed to connect themselves with some of the societies. These students are now scattered all over the country and some reside in foreign countries, but the society bond is still strong and they and their friends, generally, look with interest for the result of the contest.

Another event, also of particular interest, is the contest in elocution for the Norment prizes, established by the late Samuel Norment, of Washington, D. C. Two of these prizes, one of the value of $30 and one of the value of $20 in gold, go to the sophomore class and two of equal value to the freshman class. This contest took place at 10.30 A. M., in Alumni Hall, and was of a very interesting character. The contestants and their themes were as follows:

Female Freshmen—Margaret S. Miller, Cumberland, Sandy McDonald's Signal; M. Rebecca Thayer, Oakland, An Afternoon in a Hotel; Mary G. Gehr, Westminster, Tim's Vacation; Madeleine L. Gilbert, Westminster, Uncle Ben.

Male Freshmen—Elwood C. Weeks, Atlantic City, N. J., Jack Hall's Boat Race; Frank L. Brown, Atlantic City, N. J., How Uncle Podger Hung a Picture; Roy C. Smith, Denton, The Wooing of Miss Woppitt; Wesley D. Adams, Atlantic City, N. J., The Last Days of Herculaneum.

Female Sophomores—D. Mayfield Wright, Belair, The Rhyme of the Duchess May; Alice Wailes, Salisbury, A Theatre Party; Laura V. Clark, Ceilton, Miantowona; S. Reba Garey, North East, selection from "The Little Minister."

Male Sophomores—Franklin E. Rathbun, Mt. Lake Park, The Lay of St. Cuthbert; John M. Henry, Vale Summit, Jimmy Hay; Paul Gray, Grayton, Laughing in Meetin, Francis K. Little, Baltimore, The Mount of Laws.

The musical features of the event were a piano duet, by Ruth Harris, of Henderson, N.C., and Ethel Stauffer, of Walkersville; vocal solos by Nellie Adele Sellman and Mabel Goshelle Garrison, of Baltimore, and a piano solo, by Blanche Louise Walls, of Church Hill.

The names of the successful contestants will be found among the awards of commencement day.

In the society contest the Philomathean and Browning Societies contended for the Newell trophy, and the Webster and Irving Societies for the Merrill trophy. Those who represented their respective societies, with their themes, were as follows:

Philomathean Essays—An American Woman's Ideal, Marianna Sterling, Crisfield; Stars and Star-Dust, Grace Agnes Thomas, Frederick.

Browning Essays—Hope, the Motive Power of Man, Maude Melvina Stremmel, New Windsor; Semblance and Fact, Mary Emily Clark, Ceilton.

Webster Orations—Altruism, the Hope of the Race, Levin Irving Insley, Bivalve; The March of Mind, Charles Martin Elderdice, Rock Hall.

Irving Orations—The Spirit of American Democracy, Franklin Ellsworth Rathbun, Mt. Lake Park; The Man of Destiny, John Michael Henry, Vale Summit.

The judges on composition were: Mrs. S. K. Herr, Mr. A. H. Huber, Rev. B. B. James, Ph. D.; on delivery, Mr. M. Bates Stephens, Rev. C. A. Sinkinson, and Mr. W. L. W. Seabrook. Their ratings, when averaged, gave the Merrill trophy to the Irving Society and the Newell trophy to the Philomathean Society. The result was announced by Mr. Sinkinson. Both in quality of matter and manner of delivery all the contestants made a very creditable showing.

The Glee, Mandolin and Guitar Clubs delighted the large audience present by the music with which the program was interspersed.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday and the Board was in session the entire day, having had much routine and other important business to transact. The vacancies in the Board, caused by the deaths of Rev. Dr. B. F. Benson, of this city, and Rev. Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, of Baltimore, were filled by the election of Rev. Dr. D. L. Greenfield, of Chestertown, and Rev. Thomas O. Crouse, of Baltimore.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held at 4 o'clock, P. M., when officers for the ensuing year and other important business was transacted. The officers elected are as follows: William G. Baker, Jr., '94, president; Baltimore vice-president, Miss M. Belle Cochran; Eastern Shore vice-president, J. Frank Harper; Western Maryland vice-president, Miss Mollie Jones; New York City vice-president, Dr. Harry D. Watson; Washington City vice-president, D. Fulton Harris; secretary, Miss M. Louise Shriver; treasurer, Prof. W. R. McDaniel; alumnal editor, Harry Gilligan, Baltimore; assistant, Miss Miriam Lewis. After the meeting the annual banquet of the association was held.

Wednesday, June 17, Commencement.

The commencement exercises were held in Alumni Hall, beginning at 9.30 Wednesday morning. The undergraduate students, followed by the members of the graduating class and faculty, passed to the stage singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," as a processional. Twenty seven students were graduated. All prepared essays or orations for the occasion, but only 10 of them were publicly delivered. They were by the salutatorians and valedictorians and six others chosen for excellence in composition and delivery during the junior and senior years.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. F. T. Little, D. D., president of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. The speakers and their themes were as follows:

Nettie Alice Whitmore, Westminster, "The Model American Girl" (salutatory); John Bowen Edwards, Westminster, "The Value of Decision" (salutatory); Hattie Hamilton Ennis, Baltimor, "Alma Mater's Contribution to Our Life"; Jesse Lee Cochran, Baltimore, "History in Modern Fiction;" Mabel Goshelle Garrison, Baltimore, "The Essence of American Humor"; Robert Richard Carman, Taylor, "Division and Reunion"; Edward Eugene Tarr, Marion, "The Present Outlook"; Harvey Clifford Hancock, New Britain, Ct., "Social Evolution and Progress"; Emma Weltha Duncan, Elizabeth, N. J., "The Influence of Environment" (valedictory); David Roger Englar, Medford, "American Civilization" (valedictory).

The graduates who did not speak, with their themes, were: Fernand Bonnotte, Westminster, "The French Revolution"; Elwood Arthur Davis, Willmington, Del., "Agassiz and Science in America"; John Scott Hurley, Seaford, Del., "The Restoration of the Jews"; Ward Stone Ireland, Pleasantville, N. J., "The College Man's Field"; George Medders, Kennedyville, "Tommasso Salvini"; Winfred Poulson Roberts, Baltimore, "Sampson and Schley"; Fannie May Ayers, Parkton, "The Limit of Scientific Investigation"; Irma Scott Bevans, Pocomoke City, "Motherhood in Shakespeare"; Mary Kathleen Gooding, Chesterstown, "The Greater America"; Mary Agnes Gorsuch, Westminster, "The Young and Old in the Business World"; Marion Handy, Pocomoke City, "After the College Course"; Eva Pauline Herr, Westminster, "Society—America's Leisure Class"; Ethel Miller, Irvington, "Warfare in Chivalrous Times"; Anna Marie Senseney, Union Bridge, "Music Essential to Our College Course"; Idella Withers Tredway, Cambridge, "The Aim of Education"; Ethel Kenly Trout, Elizabeth, N. J., "The Refining Influence of Women"; Alma Anna Wathen, Loveville, "The Influence of Modern Journalism."

The standing of the salutatorians and valedictorians was reported as practically a tie. The degree of bachelor of arts was conferred on all the members of the class. The diplomas were presented by M. Bates Stephens, state superintendent of education.

The honor roll was as follows: Graduates summa cum laude, D. R. Englar, J. B. Edwards, Emma W. Duncan, Nettie A. Whitmore, Irma Scott Bevans and Ethel Kenly Trout; cum laude, Harvey C. Hancock, Marian Handy, Fannie May Ayers.

In the junior class gold medals, indicating the highest honors, were won by Paul Culler Whipp, of Jufferson, and Mary Emily Clark, Cecilton, with honorable mention, in the order of rank, of Jacob Shamberger, of Shamburg; Bayard C. Devilbiss, of Walkersville; George Leroy White, of Princess Anne; Ella Love, Lonaconing; Eugenia C. Chiswell, Poolesville, and Maude M. Stremmel, New Windsor.

In the sophomore class gold medals were won by Melvin R. Harkins, of Chestnut Hill, and Cornelia Lansdale, of Davidsonville, with honorable mention of John M. Henry, of Vale Summit.

In the freshman class gold medals were won by Herbert C. Apsley, of Baltimore, and Anna S. Blandford, of Clinton, with honorable mention of Mary R. Thayer, of Oakland; Mabel L. Fleming, of Parkersburg, W. Va., and Nellie Darby, of Riverton.

The Norment elocution prizes for the sophomores were won by Francis K. Little, of Baltimore, and Miss S. Reba Garey, of North East; the freshmen prizes by Roy C. Smith, of Denton, and Madeleine L. Gilbert, of Westminster.

Miss Mabel Goshelle Garrison was awarded the gold medal in piano, Miss Emma Weltha Duncan the gold medal in vocal music, and George Medders the gold medal in elocution.

The degree of master of arts in course was conferred on Larkin Amos Shipley, '91, LL. B., University of Maryland; John Robert Bosley, '96, M. D., Johns Hopkins University; Harry Allen Lakin, '96 M. D., University of Maryland, and Milton Leroy Veasey, '96, LL. B., University of Pennsylvania.

President Lewis announced that the trustees had decided to convert the Yingling Gymnasium into a building for scientific studies, and to erect a much larger structure for the department of physical culuure.

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WESTMINSTER, - MARYLAND.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1903.

Hon. Stevenson A. Williams, of Belair, has announced his willingness to become the Republican nominee for Governor of Maryland. Mr. Williams will, we believe, be generally acceptable as a candidate to the Republicans of the State. He is a gentleman of high character and decided ability, and is, it is believed, without factional affiliations.

It is next to impossible to keep track of the many rumors concerning the new owners of the Western Maryland Railroad, most of which must be taken as of little value. For instance, in connection with the news that the Gould interests have won a legal victory over the Pennsylvania Railroad, by which the Wabash will reach tidewater over the Pennsylvania's tracks, it was stated, on Thursday, that an agreement had been reached between the contending companies, through which the Western Maryland would be transferred to the Reading. The story had a fishy look to be sure, and nobody was surprised, therefore, when it was contradicted in toto this morning.

School Fund Distribution.

On the 15th inst., Comptroller Hering made the first quarterly distribution of the public school fund in conformity to the recent decision of the Court of Appeals setting forth that the appropriations for colored schools should be distributed upon the basis of the whole population, white and colored, between the ages of five and twenty years. The following table exhibits the amounts received by the several counties and the city of Baltimore under the new method:

Counties and City.	Colored.	White.
Allegany county	$ 1,809 77	$ 8,813 57
Anne Arundel county	1,197 39	5,831 30
Baltimore county	2,776 70	13,522 54
Baltimore city	14,867 95	72,407 04
Carroll	1,042 24	5,075 71
Calvert	371 46	1,809 01
Caroline	568 12	2,766 75
Cecil	750 59	3,679 73
Charles	638 57	3,109 83
Dorchester	968 94	4,718 75
Frederick	1,693 81	7,810 57
Garrett	619 00	3,017 75
Harford	906 84	4,416 25
Howard	530 31	2,582 60
Kent	565 59	2,754 40
Montgomery	1,006 75	4,902 88
Prince George's	1,002 09	4,880 26
Queen Anne's	640 89	3,121 14
St. Mary's	698 14	3,107 77
Somerset	880 44	4,289 29
Talbot	686 94	3,345 41
Washington	1,385 59	6,747 38
Wicomico	788 23	3,838 68
Worcester	727 08	3,550 63
Totals	$37,000 00	$180,190 24

Gettysburg Battle Anniversary.

As the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg falls on the same days of the week as those on which the battle was fought, July 1, 2 and 3, a national celebration of the event is to be held at Gettysburg on the dates named. Distinguished soldiers of each side are to deliver historical addresses on the occasion, presenting their views of the conflict and it is intended to bring together as many as possible of those who took part in the contest, and their friends, that they may meet in brotherhood and friendship on the ground made sacred by the memory of the brave men who strove on the bloody field. An invitation has been extended to Burns Post No. 13, G. A. R., of this city, to be present on the occasion, and with the invitation a suggestion is made that the Post arrange for an excursion on the days named. Excursion tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip will be sold at all points on the line of the Western Maryland Railroad on June 30, July 1, 2 and 3, good to return until July 6. The event will include many interesting events not enumerated here.

Another Awful Flood Disaster.

On Sunday night a cloudburst sent a flood of water 20 feet deep rolling down upon Heppner, the county-seat of Morrow county in Northern Oregon, destroying almost all the residence portion of the town. The inhabitants of the place numbered about 1500, of whom, it is said, 500 were drowned, the flood having come upon them with such swiftness that escape was impossible.

A large part of the village of Lexington, nine miles below Heppner, was also destroyed, but no loss of life was reported.

The Presbyterian annual reunion will be held at Pen-Mar on July 9. The participants will include members of the Northern, Southern, Cumberland and United Presbyterian Churches, and will hail from all parts of Maryland, portions of West Virginia and Southern Pennsylvania.

The General Synod of the Lutheran Church, which closed its sessions in Baltimore, on Thursday evening of last week, adjourned to meet in Bethany Church, Pittsburg, Pa., June 14th, 1905.

It has been officially announced that the summer encampment of the Maryland National Guard will be held at Belair, and that the Naval Reserves will cruise at Love Point.

President Roosevelt was the guest of the Northeast Saengerbund of North America on Monday evening and made a speech in the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore. He received an ovation.

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LOST.—A pocketbook, in or about Mr. Lewis C. Brock's fruit and provision store, Westminster, on Saturday evening. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning it to the undersigned. JOHN ROYER.

TRUE BLUE.—I hear everybody talking about True Blue. It must be something great. What is True Blue? It protects you, your family, and your business, and costs less than 9 cents a day to carry its full protection.

Mayberry Band will hold a festival at Mayberry, on Thursday and Saturday evenings, June 18th and 20th. The Pleasant Valley Band will be present on Saturday evening.

TRUE BLUE.—The majority of the business men of Cumberland, Hagerstown and Frederick, Md., are members of True Blue.

True Blue is not something new. With years of experience it offers you to-day the best plan of Protection only offered by True Blue.

NEW ADVERTISMENTS.

PROPOSALS FOR SPRINKLING STREETS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster, for sprinkling the streets of the City of Westminster for one year. The proposals to be sent to the Clerk of the Council, on or before July 1st, next. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

By order,
O. D. GILBERT, Mayor.
H. B. GEAMMER, Clerk. ju 19 2t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters of administration on the estate of

SUSANNAH MORELOCK,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having c aims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 15th day of December, 1903; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 14th day of June, 1903.

JACOB O. MORELOCK, Administrator.
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE WESTMINSTER SAVINGS BANK, AT WESTMINSTER, IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JUNE 9th, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 196,325 36
Stocks, securities, etc		266,065 92
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		12,000 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned		273,750 05
Due from National Banks		1,855 93
Due from State Banks		2,657 83
Checks and other cash items		1,345 39
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		26 51
Money in bank, viz:		
Specie	$2,336 00	
Legal-tender notes	2,000 00	
		4,336 00
Total		$ 765,242 99

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund	30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	12,753 27
Special Deposits	378,040 43
Certificates of deposit	148,361 07
Weekly and Monthly Deposits	186,089 22
Total	$ 765,24 1 99

State of Maryland, County of Carroll, ss:

I, Thos. E. Reese, Treasurer of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOS. E. REESE, Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of June, 1903.

Chas. E. Hering, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

ALFRED C. BACHMAN,
E. THOMAS BABYLON,
CHARLES BILLINGSLEA,
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WESTMINSTER, AT WESTMINSTER, IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JUNE 9th, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 185,151 27
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		962 83
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds on hand		10,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		6,846 24
Stocks, securities, etc		218,81 59
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		27,069 93
Dividend No. 77		47 83
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		3,546 29
Due from State banks and bankers		5,371 30
Due from approved reserve agents		754 73
Checks and other cash items		804 24
Notes of other National Banks		335 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		170 27
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$34,638 65	
Legal-tender notes	1,351 00	
		35,989 65
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		3,670 00
Total		$623,706 61

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	62,500 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	15,130 18
National bank notes outstanding	122,080 00
Due to other National banks	16,300 71
Due to State Banks and Bankers	361 31
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	$ 7,255 93
Due to approved reserved agents	1,822 26
Dividends unpaid	608 89
Individual deposits subject to check	272,935 33
	211 00
Certified Checks	280,032 26
Total	$623,706 61

State of Maryland, County of Carroll, ss:

I, George R. Gehr, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE R. GEHR, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June, 1903.

Chas. E. Hering, N. P.

Correct—Attest:

JOHN E. REIFSNIDER,
JACOB J. WEAVER, JR.,
FERDINAND D. SCHAEFFER,
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEW WINDSOR, AT NEW WINDSOR, IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JUNE 9th, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$ 81,606 58
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,880 56
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		50,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc		58,377 79
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures		5,500 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		549 33
Due from approved reserve agents		13,654 40
Checks and other cash items		30 70
Notes of other National Banks		880 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		289 63
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$ 8,582 50	
Legal-tender notes	3,340 00	
		11,922 50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		2,750 00
Total		$ 232,821 49

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 55,000 00
Surplus fund	11,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	17,669 75
National Bank notes outstanding	54,300 00
Due to other National Banks	4,440 12
Dividends unpaid	87 50
Individual deposits subject to check	90,424 12
Total	$ 232,821 49

State of Maryland, County of Carroll, ss

I, Nathan H. Baile, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NATHAN H. BAILE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of June, 1903.

J. Win. Snader, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

DAVID E. STEM,
NATHAN ENGLAR,
GEO. O. BRILHART,
Directors.

Bids for Building a Public School House in Carroll County, Md.

The Board of County School Commissioners for Carroll County, Md., hereby give notice that they will receive bids for building a public schoolhouse, on a lot selected by the Commissioners, about 2 miles from Union Bridge in Election District No. 12, School No. 3, known as Middletown. These bids are to be filed with the Secretary of the Board on or before the 20th of June inst. Contractors desiring to submit bids for the erection of said house can obtain a copy of the specifications by writing to the Secretary of the Board. The School Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all of the bids submitted.

S. SIMPSON, Secretary.
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HERING'S COMPOUND SYRUP OF BLACKBERRY ROOT.

THE PEOPLE'S REMEDY.

Double Pipe Creek, Carroll County, Md.

J. J. Ross, Proprietor of Hering's Compound Syrup of Blackberry Root.

Sir:—I have used myself and in my family for many years Hering's Compound Syrup of Blackberry Root, and cheerfully confess that it is the best remedy for Bowel troubles that I have ever he