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AMONG THE SCHOOLS.

EASTON HIGH SCHOOL.

(The Ninth Grade have just completed a study of George Eliot's "Silas Marner," and the following paper is worthy of commendation.—M. E. McHALE, Teacher.)

How George Eliot Treats Life.

"Better not be at all
Than not be noble."
—Tennyson.

This was somewhat like the text of George Eliot, one of the foremost novelists, poets, and social philosophers of the nineteenth century. When quite a child she journeyed much with her father as he superintended the estates of five noblemen and landowners in Warwickshire. Therefore she had a great insight into the lives of all classes of people, laborers, farmers, and landowners and landlords. She made a study of their habits, aspirations, and sufferings which excited her sympathy and love; while her observations of the surrounding country, fields and gardens gave her the scenes and characters of her later books.

Thus when George Eliot began to write, she had had much experience of practical life; was acquainted with the effect of environment upon individuals; their wants; their inherited tendencies of character; and never forgot that all men are influenced by the lives and conduct of their fellow-creatures.

Yet she firmly believed that man should have a high ideal to which he must subordinate himself and those who struggle most bravely and live noble lives succeed and are forever happy, while those who do wrong and fall short of moral greatness are never quite happy.

Still George Eliot's most striking quality is her sympathy. She presents an interesting character from real life; follows up its fate and growth and compels the reader to sympathize with any little failings in the person by showing the struggle with surroundings and the difficulty of bending the will to destiny, while she dwells upon the fact that many bad acts are done unintentionally. She seemed to understand her men and women—their motives and passions even better than they understood themselves and always painted them true to life, indeed, her motto was: "I cannot stir a step aside from what I believe to be true in character."

In fact, George Eliot treated life coolly and philosophically; thought that we are the makers of our own destiny and ' our whole concern should be to do our own duty and leave consequences to take care of themselves."

MAUD SYMONS.

An Estimate of John Greenleaf Whittier.

No one can fully appreciate the works of Whittier unless they understand clearly his life and character. In comparing him with his celebrated contemporary, Longfellow, we find them very different in every particular. Whittier was born of simple farming folks, his education was of a public school training, but as he was a son of New England, his works show his environment and the merits he represents.

In his verse he holds to the old ideals and can depict with sympathy the native life and country ways. In many of his poems we can see his religious ideas, as in "The Crucifixion", "Christ in the Tempest" and several others.

He deals only with the simple and emotional views of life. It is said of Whittier that his voice more than a generation ago proclaimed most clearly the duty of man and that now it calls us most sweetly to the thoughts of olden days.

GRACE SLAUGHTER,
Ninth Grade.

The following list of pupils of the Easton High and Manual Training School having attained an average of 85 per cent. or over during the first half of the scholastic year, have not been required to take the mid-year examinations in any study. All the pupils have sufficient credits in some studies to enable them to omit examinations in those studies, but those who omit all examinations are comparatively few, they are:

Tenth Grade.

Misses Sallie Eridges, Pearl Casson, Louise Chaffinch, Elenor Hughes, Fanny Rigby, Eurith Trax, Helen Wheatley. Masters Clyde Marvel, Michael Shillinger.

Ninth Grade.

Misses Annie Diefenderfer, Maud Symons; Master Russell Tylor.

Eighth Grade.

Misses Helen Hooper, Lulu James; Master Roscoe Wheatley.

Seventh Grade.

Misses Elma Roberts, Bessie Tylor; Masters Leonard Adkins, Harry Casson, Rositer Fizer, Warren Jump, Emerson Roberts.

EASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The Band of Mercy children at the Easton Primary School are so interested in feeding and watching the birds, that the enthusiasm has spread among the other pupils of the school.

Examinations will probably begin on Monday at the Easton Primary, depending on the weather and the attendance.

It is the hope of the children at the school, that those pupils who cannot attend, or who live in the country will not neglect the little birds now that the fields are covered with snow.

On the night of the 22d of Feb. there will be an entertainment in the Town Hall given by the Primary School for the benefit of the piano fund. The piano will not be purchased until the money is in hand to pay for it. About $40 is already raised.

ITEMS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

SOCIETY EVENTS OF THE PRESENT, PAST AND FUTURE.

Concerning Those You Are Visiting, and Those Who Are Visiting You—Social Events of the Week.

Mrs. J. Frederick Wallace is visiting relatives at Claiborne.

Prof. Carter, of Baltimore, was in Easton several days this week.

Mr. Howard C. Kirk, of Delmar, Del., was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. John Mitchell, of Olean, N. Y., is visiting at R. Soulsby's residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Golt are both sick, but at this writing are much better.

Mr. Guion Miller was called to Washington this week on Government business.

Mr. Jos. T. Barclay, of Baltimore, spent Sunday last at the home of Mr. J. H. McHale.

Miss Kate Sheubrooks, of Oxford, has been visiting Miss Minnie Eason this week.

Mr. C. G. Schmidt, a representative of the Smith-Premier Typewriter Co., was in town this week.

Messrs. Thomas Cover and Ernest Sturmer have been visiting friends and relatives in Carroll county.

Miss Eva Taylor, of Cambridge, who has been visiting the Misses Gannon, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brittingham and child have returned from a visit to relatives at Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Spence and Mrs. E. C. Fleming have returned from a trip to Baltimore and Washington.

Mrs. F. B. Barclay, of Baltimore, who has been visiting Mrs. Jno. H. McHale, returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Chaffinch arrived in Easton Saturday evening. They will reside on Harrison street after February 15th.

Mrs. L. H. Calloway left Ridgely last Monday for New Haven, Conn., where she will spend the month of February with Mrs. L B. Baldwin, formerly of Easton.

Dr. Walter R. Graham continues to improve. His pulpit last Sunday was occupied by Rev. Wm. M. Poisal, who while in Easton was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Fleckenstein.

Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Adkins left Easton Wednesday afternoon for Vicksburg, Miss., Mrs. Adkins' former home. From that city they will go to New Orleans La., to witness the Mardi Gras.

A young lady of Washington, who visits Easton, in remarking about the late Southern Charity Ball, said, that Mrs. Oswald Tilghman was decidedly the handsomest, most gracious and queenly in appearance and manner of any of the women in attendance.

Cordova.

Mr. A. Smith lost a valuable horse this week.

Rev. J. W. Prettyman spent several days this week in Crumpton.

Miss Lola West visited friends at Col. Hardcastle's this week.

Miss Laura Ayers visited her cousin, Mrs. W. O. Lednum, Bethlehem, last week.

Mr. C. S. Thomas, of Selbyville, Del., spent Sunday and Monday at Dr. C. H. Rose's.

W. B. Roe of Norcatur, Kans., is spending a month with his mother, Mrs. M. A. Jump, at E. R. Perry's.

Racing through town has become very prominent this snow. Old and young are enjoying the sleighing.

The Salisbury city council Monday night ordered Congressman William H. Jackson, John B. Parsons. president of the Philadelphia Traction Company, and Dr. L. S. Bell, owners of the Salisbury Water Company, to appear before the council and show reason why they should continue to operate in the streets of the city without a franchise. The company has not had a franchise since 1888, which was just after the big fire in Salisbury, and when the company was formed, nor has the city a contract with the water company for furnishing water to the town. Custom only has regulated these matters for the past 15 years.

Bellevue.

W. H. Valliant put a force of men to work last Friday to open the road to Royal Oak by shoveling away the snow drifts, which in many places were even with the fence tops.

The river is frozen over between this place and Oxford, and mails are very irregular.

Walter Stewart has been quite sick the past week, but is now somewhat better.

Mrs. S. L. Brown and two children returned to their home in St. Augustine, Fla., this week.

Tunis Mills.

A correspondent from Tunis Mills who neglected to sign name for the editor's use says that the snow of last week had completely blockaded the public highway, until a corps of volunteers bravely opened the way. To these, the correspondent says, the rest of the citizens are highly indebted and extended a vote of heartfelt thanks. The distance made impassable by a huge drift, in many places from fence top to fence top, was three-quarters of a mile from the Rectory gate to the dwelling formerly occupied by F. H. Todd. The names of all the public benefactors could not be obtained, but these were sent: David Reed, Arthur Daffin, Nicholas Tucker, H. C. Merrick, Alfred Triebe, Chas. Banning, Ennalls Tull, Wm. Dashiell, Thomas Griffith, Jr, and L. M. Hill.

McDaniel.

Herman Williams is spending some time on Tilghman's Island.

Ira Caulk was in Baltimore several days last week on business.

Mrs. Alexander Haddaway has as her guest Miss Lillian Parsons, of Worcester county.

Miss Mamie Parker of Pittsville is visiting her father, Geo. M. Parker, at Claiborne.

The country roads are still in a very bad condition, and but little traveling is being done; most of the large snow drifts have been removed.

D. A. Weathworth, wife and daughter have returned home after spending several months in Washington and Baltimore.

LUCK IN THE LETTER "B."

Worst Foes of Gardener Begin with "W"—"D" Related to Things of Doleful Nature.

A writer has discovered that many of the worst foes of the horticulturist begin with "w," and he instances worms, weevils, wind and other workers of wickedness. This suggests a question as to whether there is any natural grouping of good or evil things under particular letters. Take "b," for example, and consider how many boons and blessings to man begin with it. The baker, butcher and brewer bring him bread, beef and beer. For additional foods he has bacon, black bass, beans, bloaters, broccoli, broth, bivalves, bananas, berries, biscuits, buns and butter. After a banquet of bonnes-bouches he may bring out his 'baccy while he bestrides his bicycle. These are but a few of the beneficent things included under that blessed letter "b." Now, as a contrast, take "d," and among the first words we think of are damp, dark, dreary, dank, dull, drowned, dismal, dirty, damned, dusty, dastard, daft, ducked, dosed, dragged, doubtful, disgusted, doctor, diseased, doldrums, dungeons, depressed, despairing, dead, drunk, and so on, the very sound of which is enough to drive one into doleful dumps.

SENT SAMPLES OF TALENT

French Tenor Ships Records of Voice and Moving Pictures of Acting to Theatrical Manager.

"This is a marvelous age we live in," said a theatrical manager, "and its marvelousness was brought home to me forcibly last week. I had written to a French tenor and asked him what he would take to come over here and sing next season. His reply consisted of a letter and two cylinders. 'I will come for $500 a week,' the letter said, 'and I forward in another package samples of my voice and of my acting.' The larger cylinder was a phonographic record of one of the man's solos. The smaller one was a moving picture film of him singing the solo. I took the cylinders to a dealer, and one we put in a phonograph, the other in a moving picture machine. Then we darkened the room, and we started the machine and the phonograph simultaneously. By Jove, sir, the actor might have been present personally. There he was on the screen, walking up and down the stage and gesticulating, and there was his voice issuing in sonorous notes from the big phonograph horn. I got from it as satisfactory an idea of the man's talent as I could have gotten if he had visited me."

A Floating Theater.

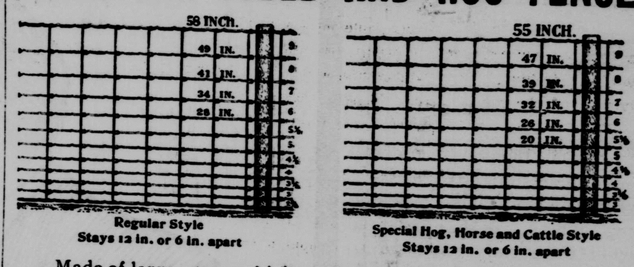
A new river vessel has been built for use as a floating theater. The seating capacity is for 1,000 people and there are boxes for the elite and a pit for the orchestra. In addition, the vessel is sufficiently large to admit of numerous sleeping rooms for the actors, the deck hand and all those connected with either the show or the boat. The entire force numbers 40. On the steamer which tows the floating theater, besides the boilers and engines, there is a complete electric light plant, besides a kitchen and dining room. The boat starts at Pittsburg and visits the towns of the coal miners and steel workers along the Monongahela river. Next it returns and goes down the Ohio to the Kanawha, thence to Cairo and later up the Illinois river to LaSalle. Then after going back to the Mississippi, the boat slowly makes its way in the direction of New Orleans.

British Mammals.

In his "British Mammals," Sir Harry Johnson's new book, that writer says that man "is the commonest mammal in our islands at the present day, with the doubtful exception of the long-tailed field mouse; and excepting the common mouse, the brown and the black rat, man is probably the most recently arrived mammal in the British islands."

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AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

PENINSULA CHRONICLES TOLD IN BRIEF.

Happenings of the Week on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and in the State of Delaware.

Denton is talking new jail.

Mrs. Physic lives in Chestertown.

Galena School is closed because of diphtheria.

Ladies of Sudlersville have been chasing Reynard.

Miss Lydia E. Fisher, aged 87 years, died in Centreville.

Asbury M. E. Church, Smyrna, has forty-two conversions.

Denton will furnish one man for the Panama Canal—Mr. R. G. Anklam.

A chicken's tooth is in its gizzard. A Lewes chicken was found to have a gold tooth.

If you want to bring her to time, says the Enterprise, carry her picture in your watch.

A horse attached to a sleigh was captured near Denton, having run from Greensboro.

Miss Sybilla M. Jones, of Middletown, has wedded Mr. A. K. Hopkins of Cambridge.

The Laurel State Register says the plumbers have been kept busy repairing "bursted" pipes.

The next annual meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society will be held in Chestertown.

Mr. J. E. Gordy, aged 21, lost an eye while feeding a box machine at Jackson's mill in Salisbury.

The Centreville Record says shad have made their appearance in the Chesapeake and Susquehanna.

Revolver. Two boys. One dead. New Castle, Sunday night. Accident. victim, Van Veranken Wise.

Miss Katherine Dukes of Denton was severely kicked in the eye owing to a sleighing accident on Monday.

Two dredge boats have been blown ashore at Castle Haven and are high and dry on the sands.—Chronicle.

Rev. N. O. Gibson, formerly of Oxford, has been conducting revival meetings in Harrington M. P. Church.

Laurel has a wife beater by name of Hitchens. He will doubtless be harnessed up to the Delaware hitching post.

Because the oil wagon could not deliver on account of the snow, New Castle came near suffering from oil famine.

Rev. Dr. L. R. Barrett, formerly of Easton, but now of Dover, has been acting as chaplain of the Delaware Senate.

Miss Laura Blackeston Price, of Middletown, and Mr. Fred W. Stevens of Crumpton have entered the matrimonial state.

The M. E. Churches of Wilmington will each devote one hour tomorrow afternoon to special prayer for a revival throughout the city.

The Delaware State News says that Addicks has passed away as unmistakably as though he were sleeping under six feet of our snow.

One man is reported by the Snow Hill Messenger to have shot 160 red head ducks in Chincoteague bay in one day. If it was purely for sport, that man deserves no credit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Emerson, of Middletown, had Crow for dinner one day recently. The account does not state that they ate it, however.

A horse in Chestertown fell dead in the street while being driven to a sleigh. It is a wonder horses do not oftener drop considering the way they are driven.

H. L. Boyd, a nurseryman of Chestertown, estimates more than 10,000 peach trees were planted out last fall, while others place the number at double this.

George Johnson, aged 72; John William Farlow, aged 55; and George A. Downing, aged 77, all of Wycomico county, are numbered among those who died last week.

The "sun-dogs" were seen last week over a large part of the state. Many papers speak of them. The Star-Democrat refers to them as astronomical—rather comical.

Miss Coady, of Dover, who is attending Syracuse University for a special musical course, has almost lost the complete use of her arms through exhaustive piano practice.

Two men were swept overboard from the bugeye "Seward," Captain Jerry Wingate, Wednesday afternoon and drowned in the icy waters of the Choptank river.—Chronicle.

Miss Lillian Ennis, of the Smyrna High School, because of her ambition to be punctual walked from her home in the country through the snow and came near perishing, but was rescued by a farmer nearby.

Mr. John N. Hartzell and Miss Hattie Bosman of Seaford were to have been tied up by the parson on Wednesday night of last week, and instead of that were tied up by the snow. There were others.

SOUTHERN RELIEF BALL.

Eastonians Participating in this Brilliant Affair.

Eastonians are interested in the great success of the Southern Relief Ball, given in Washington last week, because the distinguished Chairman of the Executive Committee was Mrs. Rosalie H. Bocock, formerly of Easton, and daughter of Mrs. L. P. Hollyday of this town. The city press devoted columns to the magnificence, beauty and success of the occasion, and the Evening Star of Washington said:

There were many new faces among the managers of the function and the infusion of new blood resulted in the setting of a standard that it will be hard for those in the future to maintain. It is a long step from the informal hops in the old National Rifles' armory, with which the Southern Relief Society started its work for the aid of needy confederate veterans and their families, to the brilliant social gathering, and much of the credit for the success of the entertainment is due Mrs. Rosalie H. Bocock, chairman of the executive committee.

Gov. Warfield of Maryland with Mrs. Warfield, Senator Daniel of Virginia and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee were the guests of honor, and the staff of the governor of Maryland, in their dark blue uniforms, resplendent with gold lace, gold braid and brass buttons, added brilliancy to the occasion. Mrs. Warfield, gowned in white satin, and Mrs. Tilghman, wife of the secretary of state of Maryland, gowned in black velvet, joined the receiving party shortly after their arrival.

Mrs. Bocock, and Mrs. Gen. Lindsay Lomax, President of the Society, were the proud recipients of handsome bouquets from the White House conservatory with "Compliments of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt." Mrs. Bocock carried her's the entire evening and won many flattering congratulations, for her tact, versatility and pleasing modesty, combined with her great executive ability. Easton ladies on the reception committee were Misses Lelia Wooters, Mary Tilghman, Freda Trippe, Bessie Bateman, Lottie Trail and Margaretta Hollyday.

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