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Easton Gazette.

Saturday, June 2, 1894.

—Joseph Miller carries the largest stock of Harness and Saddlery goods in Easton. tf

—Duncan's Sweet Potato plants $1.00 per 1000 at Dawson & Jenkins. tf

—Leave orders for Sweet Potato plants with G. W. Duncan Dover St. $1.00 per 1000.

—Joseph Miller can give you Collars from 75cts upward and other goods in porpotion.

Wm. J. Biery & Son are agents for the Champion Binder and Mower. For any repairs needed in their line give them a call. 5-5-tf

—Fruit culture is most profitable to the farmer now than his other crops. Brown Bros. Co., the most extensive nursery house in the U. S., have a vacancy in this section Write them at Rochester N. Y., for their terms. 24mar3m

—Edward W. Walker, a Philadelphia negro, drank a gallon of wine on a wager and is dead.

—I have two little grand children who are teething this hot summer weather and are troubled with bowel complaint. I give them Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and it acts like a charm. I earnestly recommend it for children with bowel troubles. I was myself taken with a severe attack of bloody flux, with cramps and pains in my stomach, one-third of a bottle of this remedy cured me. Within twenty-four hours I was out of bed and doing my housework. Mrs. W. L. DUNAGAN, Bon-aqua, Hickman Co., Tenn. For sale by Harry Roberts, Easton, Md., A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels, Md.

—The locusts have come. Like a thief in the night they have stolen upon the land, and all the region about New York is one huge free-lunch of vegetation for them. The prophets who have been foretelling their advent now fold their hands in calm but joyful complacency, saying, "Behold we told you so!" And whether the visitors are 13-year locusts or 17 year locusts, or both a question on which the prophets have differed, the result is the same, and they are getting in their work with an avidity of appetite which would seem to indicate that they had been underground for a century at least, and didn't expect to spend more than a fortnight before going back again for another century. It's fun for the locusts, but it's bad for the trees.

On Saturday morning last about 2 o'clock, a fire broke out in the building occupied as an ice cream saloon and owned by Levin H. North, situated near W. F. May & Co's. store. It is not known how the fire originated, but seems to be the work of an incendiary. The loss was about $225, and no insurance.

—Services at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church to-morrow, Sunday, are: Solemn High Mass and sermon at 11 a. m.; Sunday-School at 2 p. m.; Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by the children of the Sunday School dressed in white, Solemn Benediction and sermon at 8 p. m.

—Sometime ago I was troubled with an attack of rheumatism. I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and was completely cured. I have since advised many of my friends and customers to try the remedy, and all speak highly of it. SIMON GOLDBAUM, San Luis Rey, Cal. For sale by Harry Roberts, Druggist, Easton, Md. A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels, Md.

A Chinese, laetly returned from a trip to Europe, treated his countrymen to the following description of the piano: "The Europeans keep a large four-legged beast which they make sing at will. A man, or more frequently a woman, or even a feeble girl, sits down in front of the animal, and steps on its tail, while at the same time striking its white teeth with his or her fingers when the creatnre begins to sing. The singing though much louder than a bird's is pleasant to listen to. The beast does not bite nor does it move, though it is not tied up.—Das Neu B'att.

—While at Peeksville, N. Y., Mr. J. A. Scriven, a prominent manufacturer of New York City, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Such good results were obtained from its use that he sent back to the druggist from whom he had obtained it for two more bottles of the same remedy. When you have a cough or cold give this preparation a trial and like Mr. Scriven you will want it when again in need of such medicine. It is a remedy of great worth and merit. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Harry Roberts, Druggist Easton, Md. A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels, Md.

—On account of late frosts California's orange crop will be far below the average this year.

—While in Topeka last March, E. T. Barber, a prominent newspaper man of La Cygne, Kan., was taken with cholera morbus very severely. The night clerk at the hotel where he was stopping happened to have a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and gave him three doses which relieved him and he thinks saved his life. Every family should keep this remedy in their home at all times. No one can tell how soon it may be needed. It costs but a trifle and maybe the means of saving much suffering and perhaps the life of some member of the family. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Harry Roberts, Druggist, Easton, Md. A. D. Harrison St. Michaels, Md.

The Best in the World.

Mr. Wm. H. Withgott is the agent for the Frick Engines and Boilers, manufactured at Waynesboro, Pa. It is the most durable and serviceable traction engine on the market. It was awarded first premium for the best traction engine at the Talbot County Fair. It can be seen at his shop on North Washington St. several second hand engines for sale.

Wanted.

Industrious, sober, reliable men to sell our nursery stock and seed potatoes. A w special varieties controlled by us. Commission or salary paid weekly, and guaranteed promptly; exclusive and choice of territory given; outfit free. Don't delay, apply at once for terms. ALLEN NURSERY & CO.,
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Notice.

B. & E. S. R. R. and Choptank Steamboat Line, interchangeable Round trip tickets between Baltimore and Salisbury to Bloomfield inclusive, good in either direction. For full information apply to ticket agent at any of the above stations. Pursers on Steamers or to this office.
A. J. BENJAMIN,
3t Supt. & Gen. Pass. Agt.

Baltimore & Eastern Shore Railroad.

Beginning Saturday, June 2nd. Transfer Steamer will leave Baltimore 3.30 p. m. Saturdays instead of 5 p. m. as on other week days, and No. 9 train will leave all stations Claiborne to Berlin inclusive, two hours earlier than on other week days. Regular Summer double trip Schedule will go in effect June 25th.
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A Souvenir of the Convention.

The attention given the convention of the Epworth League held in this town this week by the Gazette, the completeness of its report of the proceedings, and its illustrations of the district cabinet makes it a splendid souvenier. Every delegate should have a copy, it will prove a source of happiness in the years to come, and help you to recall its many pleasures and benefits. Extra Copies can be had at this office for 5 cents apiece. Sent by mail if desired.

FRIENDS' QUARTERLY MEETING.

HELD AT EASTON THIS WEEK.

Not so large as usual but full of interest and fellowship—John J. Cornell, Robert Hatton and E. L. Peirce present.—Many very able addresses.

The Southern Quarterly Meeting of Friends was in usual session this week. Quarterly meetings have been held here during the Months of May and August for many years in alternation with the other quarters of the year when they are held at Camden, Del., the two, with their associate monthly meetings, forming what is known as the Southern Quarterly Meeting of Friends which reports and sends representatives to the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, the head of the Society so far as this meeting is concerned. Baltimore and New York and as well as other points have a yearly meeting, and subordinate meetings report to them, but these meetings have no higher authority than the Yearly Meeting to which they belong and under whose discipline they are governed.

This meeting is known as the Third Haven meeting and has a record, and a valuable historical one, of over two hundred years. The quarterly meetings usually have a much larger attendance than the smaller meetings, and Ministers of the Society from outside the precincts of the Quarter are usually in attendance giving counsel and advice.

The meeting of Ministers and Elders was held on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning being the regular session of the business meeting. This was attended by John J. Cornell, of Baltimore, E. L. Peirce and Robert Hatton of Philadelphia, they being acceptable ministers in the Society.

After a solemn "waiting," wherein Friends "renew their strength," John J. Cornell was favored to deliver a forcible sermon on the work of regeneration, taking for his text, "Except a man be born again, etc." He showed how eminently practical and logical were the teachings of Jesus to the needs of our every day life.

E. L. Peirce was moved to extend much love to the Society at this meeting, and to encourage them to be faithful. He cited that the religion of Christ was a stumbling block to the Jews and to Greeks, foolishness, but to the simple-minded and to the pure in heart were made the revelations of Truth.

Robert Hatton took for his theme the Rock on which all churches were founded, that of Christ, the Son of the Living God, and without that foundation no church could be established. He tenderly referred to those whose faces he missed during the ten years since he was a member of this meeting, and pointed to the assurance we all have of mingling again with those who have passed beyond if we have been faithful in our calling in this life, then will our election be sure.

Considerable time was taken to attend to the regular business of the meeting, the reading of reports and the work of the Society at the late session of the Yearly Meeting.

On Thursday morning the religious meeting was held as is usual at the close of the Quarterly Meeting. This was well attended though not so large as on many previous occasions. The sermon by John J. Cornell was one of power and savored of the scholarly in so much as his wonderful ability to hold the threads of his discourse under complete control without recourse to notes nor to previous arrangement of thoughts. He was presented with the words of Pope,

Know then thyself, presume not God to scan,
The proper study of mankind is man.

Paul himself could not have written a more inspired truth. The desire of the mind to ascertain things which are designed by God man should never know, this searching after the source of life either through scientific channels or through metaphysical annalogies invariably leads to a point wherein man is completely thwarted and beyond which he cannot penetrate. Whether in the study of the origin of life in the plant or animal, or going down the scale of creation to the very incipiency of life, the result is the same, and man is often turned into channels of doubt and uncertainty and has to profess he does not know and hence adopts Agnosticism.

In this condition, questions arise, why is it a mother is taken from her family at a time when her protection is most needed; or why is the bud not allowed to mature into fruit profitable for mankind if there is an All Wise Being? So it follows that man in attempting to fathom the mysteries of Diety is confounded until he has no abiding place but is drifting on the sea of uncertainty. What is he then to do? Simply study his own capabilities and capacity, leaving his destiny where it will ever be, in the hands of the Creator.

We are a three fold being, we have the animal the intellectual and the spiritual natures. Each perfect and each capable of high development. The three combined make man a perfect man. If we develop in the animal and intellectual alone, the being will be controlled by his passions and propensities. Then comes in a long train of evil consequences that destroy the happiness of humanity.

Here the preacher dwelt upon the passions of man, the drink habit, the passion of pride by which all human slavery has existed, the passion of avarice which has been the cause the Nihilism of Russia, the Socialism of Germany, the Anarchy of France, the Landlordism and Home Rule of England, the unrelenting struggle between Capital and Labor in this country.

And on through the category, evil brought about by the indulgence of passions that God gave man for his good, and which if kept properly under control will be a blessing. In this connection beautiful explanation was made of the allegory of the Garden of Eden, typical of the unregenerate state, or the fall of man through wilful disobedience. How to return he must pass through the burning fires of repentance.

Many said that the sermon was one of the ablest ever listened to by them.

Personal.

Miss Emily Eavenson, of Philadelphia, is the guest of the Misses Powell.

Mr. Robert B. Dixon and family have returned from their winter residence in Baltimore to the home seat at North Bend.

Miss Lulu C. Roberts was graduated at the Normal School Thursday, and received a profusion of flowers.

The Rev. and Mrs. Franklin B. Adkins left Easton Tuesday for Quantico, their new abode.

Walter Camper and Miss Mossie D. Ford were married at Neavitt, Talbot county last week by Rev. J. T. Prouse.

At the regular communication of Talbot Royal Arch Chapter last Thursday evening, the High priest, Dr. E. R. Trippe, conferred the most excellent and Royal Arch degrees on Col. James Marion Wooters, who took advantage of his visit home to complete his advancement in capitular masonry.

Resolutions of Respect.

The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday passed the following resolutions in regard to Mr. Brown's death:

WHEREAS, Our associate Joseph Brown, departed this life on Thursday, the 24th day of May, 1894, it is proper that we, the surviving members of the Board of County Commissioners of Talbot county, should place upon record our testimony of his worth, and a fitting tribute to his memory. Therefore be it

Resolved, By the Board of County Commissioners of Talbot county that is with heartfelt sorrow and regret we have heard of our associates demise.

Resolved, That in his death the county has lost one of its best citizens and one of the purest and most conscientuors officials we have ever known;

Resolved, That by his kind and candid manner and courteous demeanir he won our confidence as well as our admiration and love;

Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased our sympathy in this the sad hour of their affliction;

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Board and a copy thereof properly engrossed, be forwarded to the family of the deceased, and that they be published in the newspapers of the county.

It May Do as Much for You.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a Severe Kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so called Kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure of all Kidney and Liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c. for large bottle. At J. C. Henry's Drug Store.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION,

OF THE EASTON DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE.---OVER A HUNDRED AND TWENTY DELEGATES PRESENT.

A PUBLIC RECEPTION TENDERED THE VISITORS, PRESIDENT CLARK MAKES THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME---INTERESTING PAPERS AND DISCUSSIONS---THE YEAR'S WORK AND THE OUTLOOK---CABINET OFFICERS REPORT.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT W. E. AVERY IN THE CHAIR.—THE DELEGATES IMMENSELY PLEASED WITH THEIR RECEPTION, ETC., ETC. PORTRAITS AND SKETCHES OF CABINET OFFICERS. VIGOROUS, INSPIRING SINGING, BREEZY CONCISE TALKS.—GRAND SUCCESS.

SELDOM has a more earnest enthusiastic, inspired band of young people met together in His name, than those in attendance at the Fifth Annual Convention of the Easton District, Epworth League, held in the M. E. Church, Easton, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 31th, 32st, and June 1st. It was a grand, practical, helpful convention, marked by the large number of delegates and ministers present, and gives another proof of the permanent hold the Epworth League has in the hearts of our young people.

The delegates were met at the trains on Wednesday by the entertainment committee and there received a hearty welcome, after which they were escorted to the church, where their hosts met them and took them to their homes. Many came on the early morning train from Bay Side, but the major part came on the D. and C. R. R. train Wednesday noon. About seventy five came on this train and the committee was kept busy for several hours escorting them to the homes, provided. At the church they were presented with a pretty little badge made of silk ribbon, with the words "Fifth Annual Convention, Easton District, Epworth League, Easton, May 30, 31 and June 1st, 1894," printed on them in red; each delegate was requested to wear the budge, and in consequence, every where the little badge was honored with attention and respect. The people of Easton knew by it that the wearer was one of our respected visitors.



REV. WALTER E. AVERY,
PRESIDENT EASTON DISTRICT, E. L.

Rev. Walter E. Avery, pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church and president of the Easton District Epworth League, was born at Fairmount, Somerset County, Oct. 18th, 1861. He prepared for college, with the intention of studying for the ministry, at Fairmount Academy and afterwards entered Dickinson College, from which he graduated in June 187[illegible]. He immediately entered Drew Seminary and graduated in 1877. In March of the same year he joined the Wilmington conference. He has held the following appointments: Snow Hill, Mt. Lebanon, Del., Elkton, Asbury, Fairmount, Mt. Salem, Wilmington, Easton. On October 25, 1881 he married Miss L. M. Jones daughter of the late Wm. J. Jones, who was the most prominent member of the Elkton bar at the time of his death. Rev. Avery is one of the leading pastors of the Wilmington conference and is much loved by the good people of this town, where his upright life is pointed to as an example of the godly man. His sermons attract wide attention, the church being crowded at every every service.

At 2.30 p. m. Wednesday afternoon the district cabinet met in executive session and arranged all preliminaries necessary to the opening of the convention. Every member of the cabinet was present. Following is the cabinet: President, Rev. Walter E. Avery; 1st Vice President, Miss Minnie Benton, 2nd Vice President, Miss M. J. Vandegrift; 3d Vice President, Mrs. D. H. Corkran; 4th Vice President, Miss A. G. Lambert; Secretary, Leander R. Hooper; Treasurer, C. A. Busteed. At the conclusion of the cabinet meeting the first business meeting of the convention was held. Several selections from the Epworth Hymnal were sung. Afterwards the president made a brief address and announced that nominations for the various committees were in order. The following were appointed:

Committee on Credentials; C. A. Busteed, S. E. Shannahan, Jr., Leander R. Hooper.

Committee on Finance, Rev. W. P. Compton, Miss Katie Price, Wm. G. Chance

Committee on Nomination; Rev. C. T. Sheppard, Miss S. W. Mallalieu, Miss Elizabeth K. Scott.

Committee on Constitution; Rev. W. O. Hurst, Rev. R. T. Watkins, N. E. Clark.

Committee on Resolutions; Rev. J. P. Otis, Miss Addie Hazzene, Rev. D. H. Corkran.

THE LEAGUE'S RECEPTION.

An occasion of great enjoyment.—The Address of Welcome and Response.



NEVER has a more pleasant evening been experienced in this church than was Wednesday evening, the occasion of the Leagues reception to the delegates. It was an evening long to be remembered, and will be a happy memory in the hearts of every one. The reception was in charge of the Entertainment committee who are responsible for the brilliant success of the affair. The delegates were first seated in the auditorium of the church where the address of welcome and response where heard. An invitation was then extended to the room below where refreshments were served. The room was filled with small tables which were picturesquely scattered and here the delegates had the opportunity of getting thoroughly acquainted with each other. The reception was a most pronounced success and everyone seemed to enjoy it with the keenest relish.

Welcome Address.

Nehemiah Clark, one of the League's best and most earnest workers, and president of the Easton Chapter, on behalf of the local League, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors in the following appropriate address:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—We are assembled here this evening amid these pleasant surroundings to celebrate another anniversary of the Young People's Society known the world over as the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

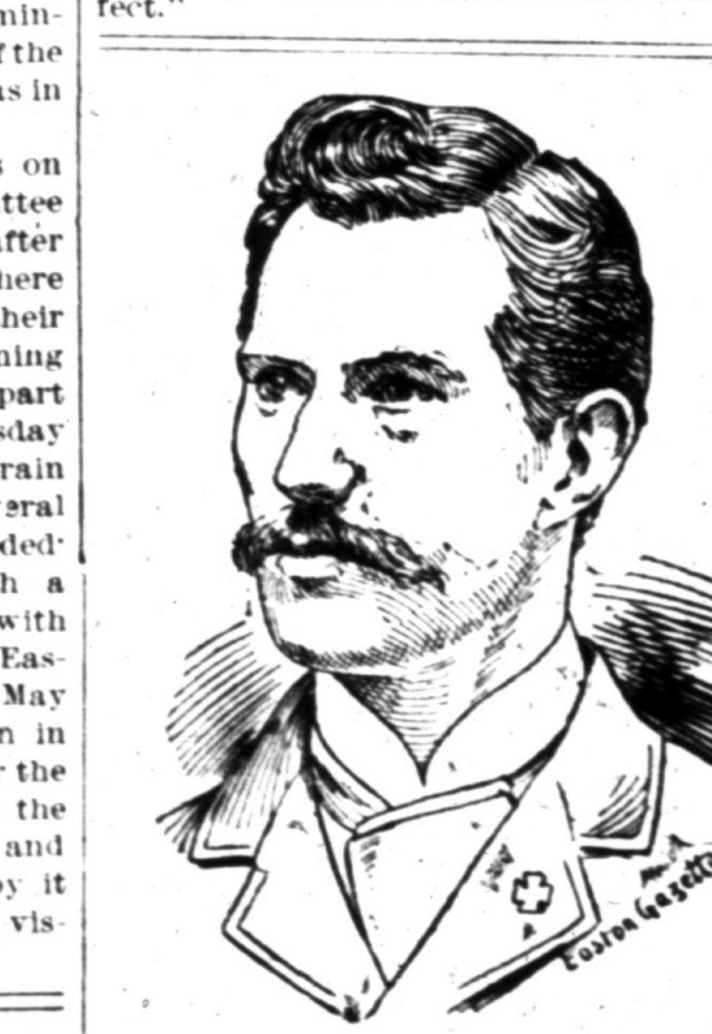
It becomes my pleasant duty as president of the Easton Chapter to speak a few words of welcome to you as members and friends of the Society who have given us your presence. Our hearts were made glad on the return of our delegates from Centreville, (where the convention was held last year) by the announcement that our invitation had been accepted and that the convention would meet in Easton this year. We have looked forward with a great deal of pleasure in anticipation of this coming together.

It gives me more than ordinary pleasure to welcome you here this evening because of the fact that we are all members of one great body in Christ. One great pulse of love and sympathy beats through the entire body. One great heart stimulates and vitalizes from centre to circumference the entire system. Your work is our work, your success is our success, your God is our God, and I trust that we have come together with higher interests, with deeper notives and wider plans for the uplifting of humanity than ever before.

It is said there is "Joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth." How it must rejoice all Heaven this evening and the great heart of our Lord himself to witness this coming together in convention of a host of Young People for the upbuilding of His kingdom in the hearts of men.

My young friends on the threshold of opportunity in the Master's service I greet you. We as Young people should congratulate ourselves that we live in the nineteenth century. Was there ever a time in the history of the world when greater opportunities for good presented themselves to the young people, than are strewn in the pathway of the present generation especially in the Methodist Episcopal Church?

I am thankful I was born and raised a Methodist. The wide awake young christian of 25 years has already lived longer, seen more of the world and accomplished more of good than his grandfather who lived three score and ten not withstanding "these all obtained a good report through faith. God having provided some better thing for us that they without us should not be made perfect."



NEHEMIAH E. CLARK.
PRESIDENT EASTON CHAPTER, E. L.

Was born in 1866 near Kenton Del., and was early turned out on his own resources which partly accounts for his ability and capacity to hold positions generally filled by those of more matured years. Leaving school while yet in his teens he sought employment in the mercantile business and served in store both in Smyrna and Dover, until he arrived at his majority. At this time he entered the service of the P. W. & B. R.R., and rapidly advanced from one position to another, until he was given charge of the Easton office, the largest on this division. Mr. Clark has charge of the freight and passenger traffic and the business of the Company passes through his hands at this point. He married in the year 1891 a daughter of Mr. Steven Walker of Kenton, a highly respected family of which Miss Ida was in his opinion not the least important. Mr. Clark early associated himself with the church, and is held in high esteem by the citizens of Easton.

There is nothing more fundamental touching the circumstances which affect all human beings than time and space. They condition all human activities and relationships and hence to change them is to affect all human activities and relationships. This is the reason that steam and electricity have had so profound an influence on modern civilization. They have materially changed two great factors that enter into all lives. It is as if the earth had in two or three generations been reduced to a much smaller size and spinning on its axis at a greater rate of speed. As a result, men have been brought into much closer relations and the world's rate of progress has been wonderfully quickened.

Time saving methods and appliances now crowd into a day business which a generation ago would have required weeks. The passage of the Atlantic which once required weeks is now a matter of days. A little time suffices to compass great events as well as great distances. We read of 30 years' war in the seventeenth century. The Franco-Prussian war which destroyed one empire and created another was begun and practically ended in thirty days.

By reason of the increased ease of communication, new ideas are more speedily popularized, public opinion more quickly formed and readily expressed, both thought and action are stimulated, reforms are sooner accomplished and great changes of every sort are crowded into as many years as once would have required generations or even centuries.

I said I was glad that I was born and raised in the Methodist church of the nineteenth century. This society of which we are all so proud was born a Methodist, and with Methodist training is growing a wonderful child of God, whose object is to promote intelligent and loyal piety in the young members and friends of the church to aid them in the attainment of purity of heart and the constant growth in grace and train them in works of mercy and help. Our society was born in Cleveland, Ohio, five years ago and launched into the world as an auxiliary of the Methodist Church. At one year of age it boasted 1800 chapters. Two years later the General conference formally adopted it and made it a department of our church. Today the enrollment numbers, 11,500 chapters with a membership of 672,000. This should encourage us. Think of 672,000 young people in one firm doing business for the Lord. Surely the hand of God is at the helm. Not only is our League moving forward, but the parent church is making rapid strides toward the goal. In a quarter of a century the M. E. Church has built 8000 more houses of worship than the entire number owned by the Presbyterians, 7000 more than the entire number owned by the Congregationalists, 7000 more than the entire number owned by the Protestant Episcopalians and 6000 more than the entire number owned by the Roman Catholics. We wish these sister denominations had built many more than they have, but we are rather proud of the fact that we have led them so gloriously. There is quite a little stir among the people called Methodists. Then what does this all mean. Fellow Epworthians what does this success bespeak to you?

Success is always attended by responsibility. We ask ourselves the question, whose responsibility. The answer comes back, my responsibility. Your responsibility. Oh that every member and friend of our League before me this evening might be awakened to a full sense of his or her personal responsibility to God. Organizations are good. Societies are good, but after all it's character that counts for God. A righteous life is a fulcrum on which God can lift mightily. On this idea Christ centred his system of evangelism. He did not found an organization, write a gospel nor establish a church society. He simply gathered a few men around him, took them in training, incarnated his own spirit within them. Soon they became centres of influence and imparted to others, the virtue they had received from Him.

Thus, according to Christ's plan, was the work of salvation to go on from life to life, until the whole race was saved. It was to be done through personal power; righteous souls coming in contact with unrighteous souls. Luminous souls coming in contact with dark souls. Saved souls touching unsaved ones. Strong hands must "lift up" the



LEANDER R. HOOPER,
DISTRICT SECRETARY E. L.

Mr. Hooper, was born in Baltimore Maryland in the year 1857 and received a good academic education. Before he arrived at his majority he was made cashier and then assistant bookkeeper with Tpompson & Kersey of Easton the then leading merchants of the peninsula and remained with the firm nine consecutive years, until the firm dissolved. Mr. Hooper's valuable services were in demand and was secured by Messrs Hubbard & Bro. in whose employ he now is as bookkeeper and accountant, which, considering the immensity of the business and detail of method, is a position but few are qualified to fill. He has long been a consistent worker in the M. E. Church and is highly esteemed where he has lived for so many years. He married Miss Gertrude Rathell in 1886

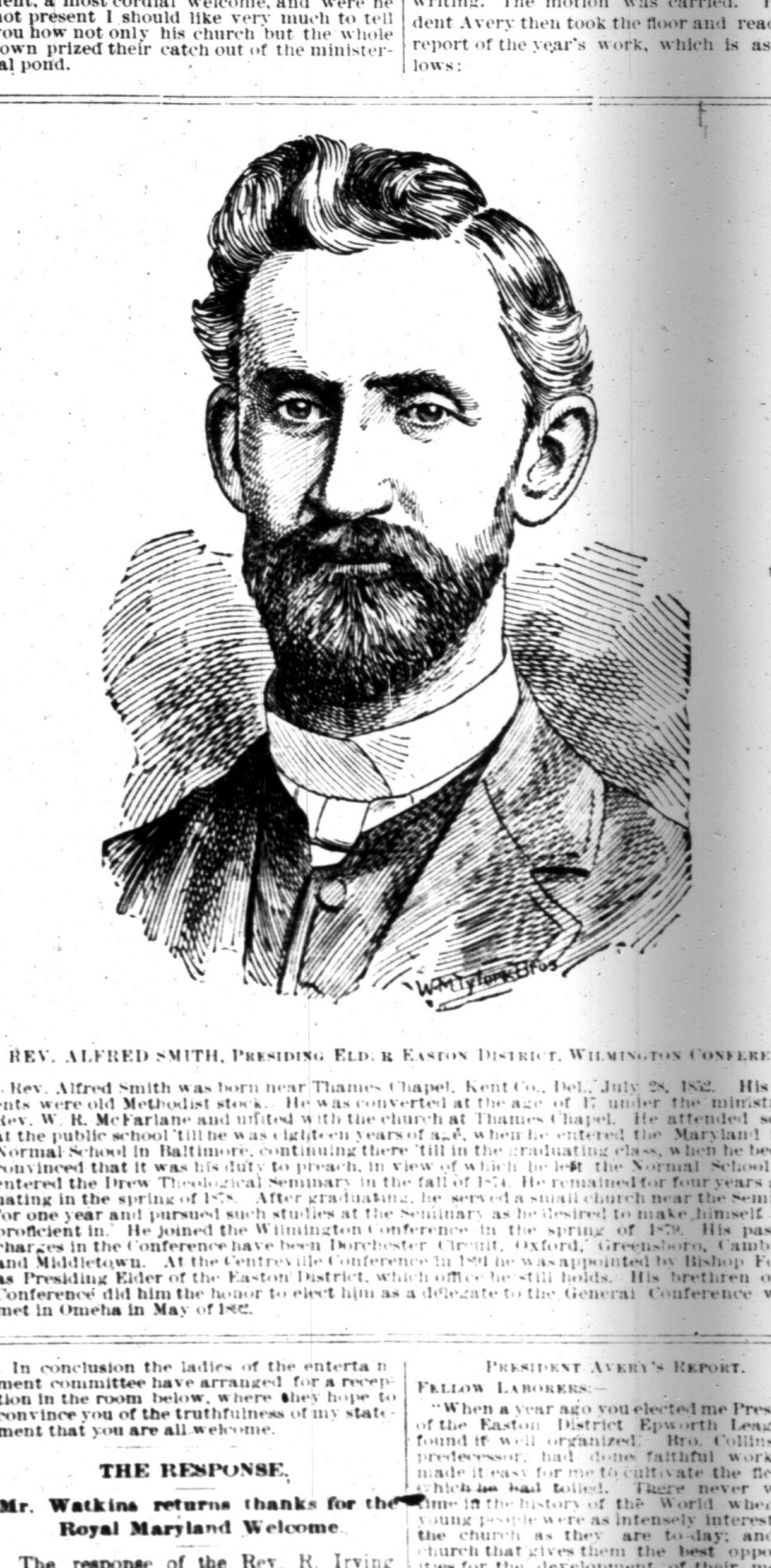
weaker and fallen. Look through the pages of history and we find that progress in the religious world and in religious lives has been made through persons and through individual efforts. Persons whose hearts have been touched with coals from the altar of God and were aglow with his love—Moses, Paul, Luther, Wesley, Edwards; these are the Springs whence the healing waters have flowed. We must multiply these centres of influence. The world needs men and women in whom the fullness of Christ dwells. You can provide no substitute for that kind of power. We sometimes sink our individuality in our organizations; when we have joined an organization and paid our dues or joined the church and paid our preacher, we imagine our duty is done. This will no do. Our organizations are good and serve a useful purpose, but they must not be substituted for faith and prayers and individual efforts.

Organizations may become a curse, they sometimes do. They always do when individuality is crushed out. Oh, for personal purity, personal consecration and service. It is those who have heard God speak to them from the burning bush who build new dispensations. Only magnets can magnetize. Oh, that our society was fully awake to the fact that our numbers count for naught without the spiritual magnetism which comes from the indwelling of the Holy Ghost.

Then when we get alive with the pure love of God and our fellow men in our hearts, the hosts of Heaven will shout, welcome, and the world will be better for our having organized.

It not only gives me pleasure to welcome you here this evening because of the christian principles we represent, but because of the social feature also of our League. I like this social part of our League; it makes it possible to tell whether a man has religion in his heart or dyspepsia in his stomach, and I believe it has more attraction for humanity than long-faced religion. I not only represent our League but the town in which you are assembled. I am authorized by my observation to say that out of their hospitality the doors of all denominations are thrown wide open in our town to persons coming here representing christian principles. I may, with propriety, say right here that our people are noted for their hospitality. We feel proud of our town and her people, and before you shall have finished your stay with us you will have had opportunity to judge for yourselves.

And last but not least, I extend in behalf of our pastor, who is also your District President, a most cordial welcome, and were he not present I should like very much to tell you how not only his church but the whole town prized their catch out of the ministerial pond.



REV. ALFRED SMITH, PRESIDING ELDER EASTON DISTRICT, WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

Rev. Alfred Smith was born near Thames Chapel, Kent Co., Del., July 28, 1852. His parents were old Methodist stock. He was converted at the age of 17 under the ministry of Rev. W. R. McFarlane and united with the church at Thames Chapel. He attended school at the public school 'till he was eighteen years of age, when he entered the Maryland State Normal School in Baltimore, continuing there 'till in the graduating class, when he became convinced that it was his duty to preach, in view of which he left the Normal School and entered the Drew Theological Seminary in the fall of 1874. He remained for four years graduating in the spring of 1878. After graduating, he served a small church near the Seminary for one year and pursued such studies at the Seminary as he desired to make himself most proficient in. He joined the Wilmington Conference in the spring of 1879. His pastoral charges in the Conference have been Dorchester Circuit, Oxford, Greensboro, Cambridge and Middletown. At the Centreville Conference in 1891 he was appointed by Bishop Fowler as Presiding Elder of the Easton District, which office he still holds. His brethren of the Conference did him the honor to elect him as a delegate to the General Conference which met in Omeha in May of 1892.

In conclusion the ladies of the entertainment committee have arranged for a reception in the room below, where they hope to convince you of the truthfulness of my statement that you are all welcome.

THE RESPONSE.

Mr. Watkins returns thanks for the Royal Maryland Welcome.

The response of the Rev. R. Irving Watkins to President Clark's address of welcome was as follows:

Howells is quoted as asserting that the most important thing to be done is to "Christianize Christianity." This may seem harsh and uncalled-for but to the student of the Sermon on the Mount and Paul's famous chapter on Love, I Corinthians, XIII, the above declaration is both true and justifiable.

The Epworth League has for its object the spelling-out of these peculiar tenets of Christianity: Christ gave the Church no creed. Creeds are of man's workmanship. Christianity means liberation from the beast in us. We have met here to plan to reach this end.

Preachers and theologians are apart; denominations and churches are apart; and in the same church members are apart, each having his own method of securing the object desired. The Epworth League of today represents the religion—I was going to say theology, but that is a changeable term—of the Twentieth Century. We are here in response to your cordial invitation to learn, as far as we may be able, two lessons: First, that if we are to follow our motto, "Look Up," we are to be in personal contact with the world; second, that if we are to follow our motto, "Lift Up," there must be cooperation on our part.

The Church still preserves the waiting attitude very largely. She builds fine edifices, sings delightful music, opens wide her doors, announces her services, hangs signs on the walls of her buildings saying, "Strangers Welcome," and then sits and waits for them to come. Christ says, "seek" and save; the Church says, "come" and be saved.

Our aim is to teach the Church of the coming century that there is a work for every man, woman and child to do. The busy layman's cry is that there is so little time, we are absorbed in our business. Permit me to answer in the words of another: "When the Premier of Great Britain and Ireland finds time to talk and pray with a wayward boy, to make a weekly visit to a drunkard who is trying to reform, and to read the Bible to an old street-sweeper in an attic, surely men on whom press only their little private business ought to be able to find some time for personal Christian work.



EBENEZER METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, EASTON.

This church, wherein the sessions of the convention were held, is a handsome brick structure, with imposing white front, on Washington street. It is seventy-five feet in length forty-five in width, with tower and spire, in Gothic style, 105 feet high. It was erected during the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Brisbane, in 1866-7. It has from time to time been altered and improved in its internal appointments, and to-day tells its own story of the liberality and good taste of the Methodist Episcopalians of Easton. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Newton Heston, then a flaming gospel herald connected with the Philadelphia Conference.

As the Roman shortened his sword the bounds of his empire were enlarged. If we are to aid in the conquest of this world for Christ, we must shorten the handle of our sword and come in close quarters with "our friends the enemy."

"Humanity," says Sydney Smith, "is a modern invention-modern because Christian." There are hundreds of humane people who are just waiting to be shown the work which is needed to be done and they will gladly aid in the "lifting up."

Cooperation is the centripetal force of this century. The lack of cooperation means waste of energy, and in this day this is little less than criminal. The Epworth League stands for cooperation in Methodism. We need more intelligent Methodists. I have no doubt it is true of us as a church, as a distinguished writer has said of various evangelical denominations, that, "Probably nine-tenths of the members of any one of these denominations would today be members of any other if their parents had been."

We are here that there may be that "union of hands and minds which works wonders." We want to plan and pray, and pray and plan for the greater Methodism of tomorrow.

Again thanking you for your royal Maryland welcome, let us seek for the best possible result.

HURSDAY'S SESSION.

Reports of the District Officers.—Valuable Discussions and Papers.



NOW cheerfully these earnest workers assembled on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, at the devotional service conducted by Mr. Walter H. Thompson, of Easton. The vigorous, inspiring and concise talk, and the manner in which this veteran leader of prayer meetings conducted the services made it one of great spiritual benefit.

Promptly at 9:30 A. M. the President announced the convention open to business.

It was moved by Mr. W. Eddins, of Centreville, Secretary pro. tem. that all motions to come before the convention should be in writing. The motion was carried. President Avery then took the floor and read his report of the year's work, which is as follows:

PRESIDENT AVERY'S REPORT.

FELLOW LABORERS:—

"When a year ago you elected me President of the Easton District Epworth League, I found it well organized. Bro. Collins, my predecessor, had done faithful work and made it easy for me to cultivate the field in which he had toiled. There never was a time in the history of the World when the young people were as intensely interested in the church as they are to-day; and the church that gives them the best opportunities for the development of their mental, moral, spiritual and social natures will be most honored of God. We have met in the month of flowers to take a retrospect of the year and see what advancement has been made along the lines of our work. I pray that while we are together, a fresh inspiration may come upon us, and at the close of this convention we may feel that our meeting has not been in vain. In order that our convention may be a success, all the delegates must be willing to do their part. The organization called the "Epworth League" is one of which we all feel proud. It is not characterized by narrowness nor bigotry. The spirit of the Master pervades it. The object of this society is to train the mind, tender the heart, and build up character. The church of God ought to furnish harmless attractions. It should have the best music, the best entertainments, and the best that is in the social life for its young men and women. Young life must not be cramped, it must have enjoyments, and this society is supplying a long felt want. I have been encouraged by the faithfulness of our League workers. Most of them have been active and zealous, a few have been indifferent and have been wanting in enthusiasm. One of the most discouraging features in connection with my work is to write three or four times to the Secretary of the Chapter and receive no reply. It is difficult to tell in such a case whether the League is dead or alive. Occasionally I find a pastor as indifferent as a secretary. I believe in order to have a live, enthusiastic League, you must have a zealous pastor, who is always ready to assist the President by way of suggestions or otherwise. I am glad to report that the "*Epworth Herald*," a paper which is very helpful to Epworthians, is finding a place in some of the homes. More than a hundred are taken in this district. I hope the circulation will be greatly increased during the next twelve months. It is encouraging to state that courses of Bible study have been inaugurated by many of our preachers with magnificent results. The members of the District Cabinet have done their work faithfully. The Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Presiding Elder have been true to their trusts and the splendid condition of the Easton District League is in a large measure due to their efforts. God will reward them for their fidelity. Those who consented to have their names placed on the program deserve recognition in this paper. They made my work easy, because of their willingness to take the subjects assigned them. I have mailed to those engaged in the work 300 letters and postal cards, but when I see this youthful army of the Lord increasing daily I feel that my labor will not be in vain. No greater honor could be conferred upon a man than to be permitted to lead these consecrated spirits. They are the hope of the Church. When the fathers and mothers in Israel fall at their posts of duty, their worthy sons and daughters will take their places. All reports are unsatisfactory because the noblest deeds and loftiest thoughts are seldom recorded. The flowers that were carried to the sick, the prayers that cheered the weary, the songs that were sung to the despondent, the jails that were visited, the needy that were helped, the hearts that were soothed, the sections of Heaven that you dropped into sad lives were not printed in newspapers or in books. Some of your most Christian-like acts were unknown to men, but Christ remembers them and will say when you shall stand before the eternal dawn, "Well done good and faithful servant." The Leagues on the Easton District, as a rule, is in a flourishing condition. I rejoice with you in the progress made since we last met. During the year 8 Chapters have been organized and 300 members have been added to our role. We have at present on the Easton District 31 Chapters and 1800 members. If a similar growth occurs this year every charge on District will have in its bounds a Chapter. With 1800 disciples of John Wesley, may we not expect great things for God? May the sacrifice and loyalty which fills the hearts of our fathers inspire us, their children, and their mantles of purity all upon us. My young friends, cause a flower to bloom in some life where flowers never grew. Let a ray of sunshine fall into some midnight nature, create some melody in a heart where discord once reigned, make this sorrowful world feel that there is some of Heaven left. As you "look up," "lift up" some soul into the Kingdom of Christ and for you.

Some sweet hope lies deeply buried from the human eyes;

"And in the hereafter angels may
Roll the stones from the graves away."

Yours to "Look up" and Lift up."
W. E. AVERY.

Miss Minnie Benton, of Kent Island, First Vice President, read her report of the work accomplished by her department, that of Christian Work, she said that she had written every local First Vice President in the district and had received such extremely encouraging reports that she would like to read them all in full, and regretted that time and space forbid such, she had a report from every chapter and told the exact condition of the Christian Work department in every local chapter. She particularly dwelt on the condition of the Easton chapter, which made the best showing of any in the district.

Miss M. J. Vandegrift, of Cecilton, Md., Second Vice President, reported great progress in her department, that of Mercy and Help. She too had received many very encouraging reports from the local chapters, and said that while the reports of last year were most flattering, those of this year far exceed them in every particular. The department of Mercy and Help is intended to give assistance to the sick and needy, hold prayer meetings in the sick rooms, distribute medicine where it is needed, also flowers and reading matter, thus making suffering humanity the recipient of untold comfort, and in this way shed rays of light in what might otherwise be very dark and dreary places. These, and many more, are the errands of "Mercy and Help" that are allotted to this department.

Mrs. D. H. Cockran, of Cecilton, Md., Third Vice President, reported on the condition of the Literary work of the District for the last year. She said that this feature had received much more attention from the local chapters during the past year than ever before. Bible readings had been frequent, and every detail of this department had received much attention. In concluding her very excellent report she said: "The intellectual growth of our League cannot be measured by the number of Bible readings held, of entertainments given where real earnest efforts have been towards the best results. Some good has been accomplished, and many have certainly been helped."

The report of Miss Anna J. Lambert, of Chestertown, Fourth Vice President, was a good one, and showed such an increase in the department of entertainment, that it was a cause of much thanksgiving. In her report she told of many moral entertainments that had been given by some of the chapters and recommended their repetition by other leagues. She recommended that the Presiding Elder be tendered a reception, to show that his earnest laborious work was appreciated. Many new ideas of League entertainment were gathered from this report, which was valuable in many respects. In conclusion, Miss Lambert said that the social feature of the League had received great attention, and predicted a good future for this department.



MISS MINNE BENTON,
DISTRICT 1ST. VICE PRESIDENT, E. L.

Miss Minne Benton, 1st vice president of the District, was born on March 13, 1867, on Kent Island. She attended the Kent Academy and then took a course through the State Normal School. After graduating from the Normal School with high honors she was appointed teacher of one of the Kent Island schools, which position she now acceptably holds. She is a prominent church worker and has been 1st vice president of the district league for several years.

The report of the Secretary, being a statistical one is given in full below. In the absence of the regular Secretary, Mr. L. R. Hooper, Mr. R. W. Eddins read the report.

To the Officers and Members or the Fifth Annual Convention, Easton District, Epworth League.

Bishop Simpson said, "We live to make our own Church a power in the land, while we live to love every other Church that exalts our Christ."

Heaven born sentiment, with our own motto "Look up, Lift up" has been the strongest incentive for me to accept the important and honorable position, that was conferred upon me at your Session held in Centreville, a year since. In assuming the role of District Secretary of the Epworth League, I was deeply sensible of the large amount of work to be performed, and only feared that a busy life would prevent me from giving the office the careful attention it deserved.

With the hearty co-operation of our worthy President, we have endeavored to keep thoroughly posted as to the workings of every League upon the district. We have written many letters and have had many responses. The Reports from the different charges have been prompt, thorough and satisfactory. The great body of Epworth Leaguers is growing to be a standing army for the Lord. We have much to encourage in the fervent zeal that seems to pervade the work in all of its departments. The Chapters reported to me are as follows:

CHARGE.	Act. Mem	Asso Mem	Hon. Mem	T't'l. Mem	Jr. Mem
Burrisville,	24	—	—	24	—
Bozman,	25	40	—	65	—
Chatams,	15	—	10	25	—
Cecilton,	25	26	2	53	—
Clayton,	50	22	—	72	34
Cordova,	9	7	6	22	—
Crumpton,	13	—	—	13	—
Cheswold,	52	6	—	58	—
Centreville,	55	49	14	118	—
Chestertown,	47	51	—	98	43
Easton,	115	10	—	125	32
Galena,	15	43	—	58	—
Greensboro,	35	—	—	35	—
Friendship,	50	12	—	62	—
Kenton,	10	13	—	23	—
Kent Island,	44	16	6	66	—
Millington,	58	—	—	58	—
Middletown,	56	2	—	58	—
Morris,	15	12	10	37	—
Oxford,	64	—	—	64	—
Queenstown,	20	18	—	38	—
Royal Oak,	20	10	1	31	—
Ridgely,	52	7	4	63	—
Rock Hall,	16	20	—	36	—
Sudlersville,	80	—	—	80	—
St. Michaels,	100	—	—	100	—
Still Pond,	15	2	—	17	—
Tilghman,	43	52	5	100	—
Townsend,	46	26	8	80	29
Wittman,					
Wye,	13	—	—	13	—
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We find by comparison with last Session's report, an increase in membership of 286 and 8 new Chapters. This showing can but instill new life and vigor in the good work of saving souls.

God grant that we may put on the whole Armor of Christ, and make the incoming year the most fruitful of all the past.

Yours in the Work,
LEANDER R. HOOPER, Sect'y.

Reports from several local chapters were also read. At 11 a. m. the first discussion of the convention was opened. The topic was "Enthusiasm in League Work." The discussion was to have been opened by the Rev. W. O. Hurst, but owing to his absence, J. M. Collins, was substituted. Revs. L. E. Poole and G. W. Burke also spoke on the subject. It was an excellent one and its discussion elicited much attention. Enthusiasm in League work was most earnestly urged by all the speakers. They said enthusiasm was the backbone of the League, and without it the League would not have attained the position in now occupies.

The afternoon session was opened by the Rev. J. D. Lecates, who read an interesting paper on "Christian Sympathy." At 3 p. m. business was again taken up. Minutes of the previous meetings read by Mr. R. W. Eddins.

Committee on credentials made the following report of the delegates and pastors who were entitled to seats in the convention. The host entertaining them is also given.

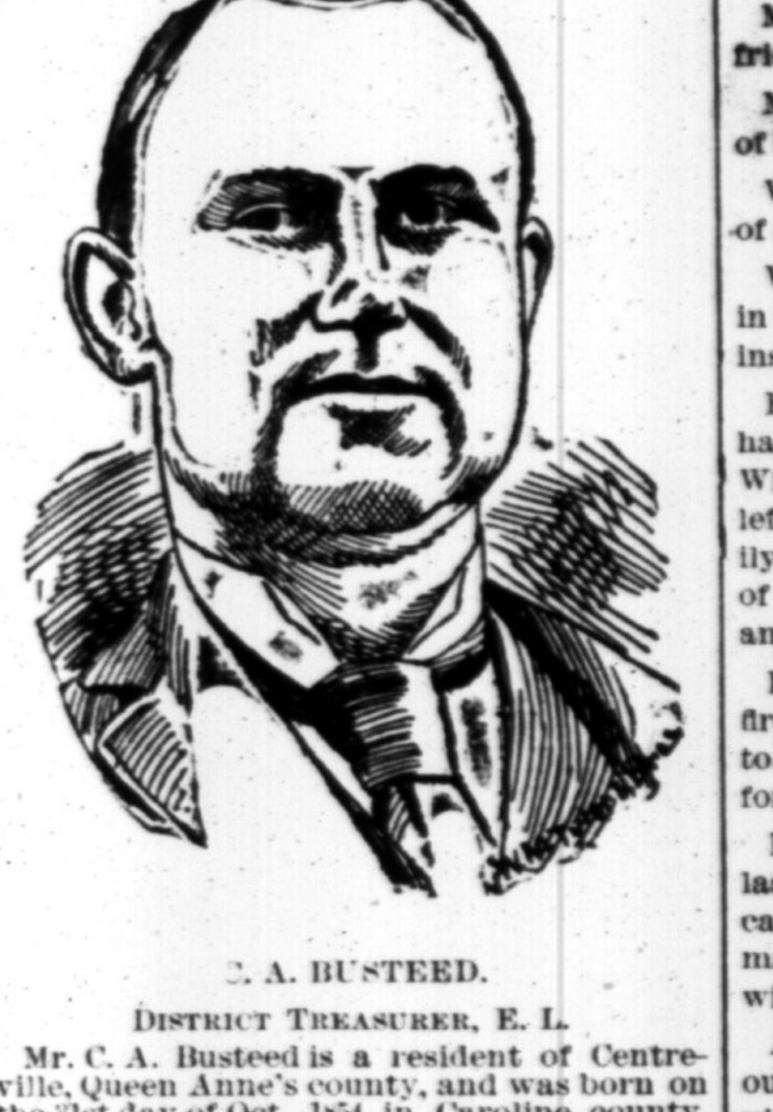
Burrsville, D. L. Knight, A. B. Rothwell—Miss May Hubbard.
Bozman, Miss Nannie Bridges—Mrs. Avery Tuthill, Mrs. Georgia Prouse—Mrs. G. Collins.
Chatams, Mrs. Mary A. Nevitt—Mrs. Kennard's, Miss Mollie Haddaway—Mrs. Bascomb Kennard.
Crumpton, Miss Carrie Bradley—Dr. Garrison at Mrs. Bush.
Cecilton, Mr. J. Ward Davis Jr.—R. H. T. Councell, Miss Mary R. Culp—Mrs. J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Corkran—M. E. Parsonage, Miss M. J. Vandegrift—Mrs. J. Williams.
Centreville, W. S. Peters, R. W. Eddins—S. E. Shannahan, Jr., Mrs. J. H. Hall—Mrs. Wm. E. Shannahan, C. A. Busteed—Mrs. F. A. Shannahan.
Chestertown, M. W. Thomas—J. Y. Todd, Miss S. Elizabeth Stewart—M. E. Parsonage, M. A. Toulson—J. Y. Todd, Miss Anna G. Lambert—M. E. Parsonage.
Cheswold, Miss Gertie Van Dyke, Miss Anna R. Barnard Mrs. J. F. Turner.
Clayton, Miss Sallie Bowers—J. E. Hubbard Miss Ella Harris—Mrs. Fannie Wilson. Miss May Leathers—Mrs. J. E. Hubbard.
Easton, Mrs. N. E. Clark, Mr. F. A. Shannahan, Mr. Chas. Gootee.
Friendship, Miss Laura Huggins, Miss Ida Staats—Mrs. Edgell.
Galena, Misses Lena Ireland, Elizabeth Scott—Miss Mary Jump.
Golts (Morris) Miss Cora B. Everett—Dr. Garrison at Mrs. Bush, Willie Matthews—Rev J. M. Sheridan.
Hillsboro, Miss Eugenie Flemming, Mrs. Nannie Jarrell—Mrs. J. R. Jarrell.
Kent Island, Misses Agnes Tolson, Miss K. Price—Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, Miss Minnie Benton—Mrs. J. C. Mullikin.
Kenton, Miss Kate Graham, Miss Lillie Attix,—Mrs. N. E. Clark.
Middletown, Misses Addie Hazzard, Lidie Hurn—Mrs. Jas. McNeal.
Millington, Mrs S W Mallalieu—W E Shannahan. Miss Winnie Bailey—T J Smith.
Oxford, Mr. James Shewbrooks—Mrs. R. H. T. Councell, Miss Beulah Hickman,—Mrs. A. Tuthill.
Ridgley, Mrs. M. Jones—Mrs. Chas. Wrightson, Miss Della Smith—Mrs. Dr. Smithers.
Morgan's Creek, Misses Ella Melvin, Mamie Clendaniel—Mrs. Swing.
Rock Hall, Misses Ella Somers, Myra Ayres—Ex-Sheriff Fairbank's.
Royal Oak, Misses Nettie Necome and Lyda Benson—W. L. Hubbard.
Suddlersville, Miss Fannie Roe—Dr. Smithers, Mr. W. G. Chance—F. A. Shannahan.
Smyrna, Miss A. Hynson—Mrs. T. J. Smith, Still Pond, J. Ford Caulk—Dr. Merritt, Anna B. Roeder—J. T. Rathell at Mrs. Bush.
St. Michaels, Mrs. Martha Valliant, Mrs. S. Marshall—W. P. Chaffinch, Harper Benson—Mrs. S. E. Jump.
Tilghman's, Misses Eunie Cummings, Nannie Harrison—Samuel Sherman, Miss E. Sherwood—Chas. T. Wrightson.
Townsend, Wm. C. Money—Dr. Merritt.
Wye, Mrs. Annie Skinner,—Mr. Rathell at Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. Lydia Loller—L. Swartz.
Wittman, Misses Blanche Harrison and Nora Sherwood—Mrs. J. J. Wright.
Marydel, Bennett H. Emory—Martin Wright at Mrs. Cooper's, Miss Alice Daly—Mrs. Geo. Wilson.

The ministers of the various charges present are as follows. The ministers are not included among the delegates, they being entitled to a seat in the convention outside of the regular delegation:

Burrsville, E. E. White,
Bozman, J. T. Prouse, Mrs. G. Collins.
Crumpton, John Boehm, S. E. Shannahan.
Cecilton, D. H. Corkran, M. E. Parsonage.
Centreville, J W Easley—A T Bush.
Chestertown, W. P. Compton,—Walter H. Thompson.
Cheswold, T. R. Van Dyke, Mrs. F. Turner
Clayton, W. O. Hurst, W. S. Grace.
Friendship, E. H. Hynson, J. C. Mullikin.
Hillsboro, Rev. W. W. Sharp, Mrs. Clark.
Kent Island, Rev. F. Fletcher, Mrs. Samuel Sherman.
Kenton, Rev. J. M. Collins, W. S. Grace, Jr.
Marydel, Rev. Albert Chandler, N. E. Clark.
Millington, Rev. G. W. Burke, Walter H. Thompson.
Oxford, Rev. J. W. Fogle, Jas. H. Patchett.
Odessa, Rev. R. J. Watkins, Walter H. Thompson.
Piney Neck, Rev. L. E. Poole, James C. Mullikin.
Royal Oak, W. H. Benford, Saml. Sherman
Sudlersville, C. F. Sheppard, W. Thompson.
St. Michaels, J. P. Otis, A. T. Bush.
Tilghman, J. D. Lecates, J. H. Patchett,
Townsend, Frank Carpenter, Lev. Walker.
Trappe, Robert Roe, Lev. Walker,
Wye, W. H. S. Lollar. Leonard Swartz.
Wittman, F. E. McKinsey, Mrs. S. E. Jump.
Alfred Smith, P. E., S. E. Shannahan.
Morgan Creek, C. S. York, Rev. Bush.

Motion made and carried to have a committee appointed to visit the jail and hold a short prayer service. Reading of the reports of the local chapters was continued until 3.30 a paper on "A Model Epworth League," was read by Miss Elizabeth K. Scott, of Galena. This paper was one of the best read before the the convention and bore evidence of much thought and consideration. Miss Scott represented the District League convention held two years ago, at which she read a valuable paper that was widely and favorably commented upon.

The evening session was opened with singing by the choir, after which W. Q. Peters, of Centreville, sang a solo. Mr. Peters is a singer of much ability, and his solos at the different sessions were greatly enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Otis then preached on "The Relation of the League to the Church." He opened by paying a deserved compliment to the choir. At the conclusion of the address, the President read the reply to the telegram sent to the Wilmington District League, now in session at Wilmington.



C. A. BUSTEED.
DISTRICT TREASURER, E. L.

Mr. C. A. Busteed is a resident of Centreville, Queen Anne's county, and was born on the 31st day of Oct., 1854, in Caroline county, about 4 miles from Denton. At an early age he moved to Centreville, and in 1871 entered the printing business. In 1880 he became one of the editors and proprietors of the "Centreville Observer." In 1889 he sold out his interest and has since been dealing in Real Estate. Mr. Busteed is a prominent member of the M. E. church and is regarded as one of the most active business men in Centreville.

FRIDAY'S SESSIONS.

The Closing Scenes of the Convention.—Election of Officers.

On Friday morning the services for the day were opened by R. W. Eddins. This was about the best devotional service of the convention and many bright experiences were heard.

At 9.30 a. m. a business meeting was held, followed by the reading of a paper entitled "The Literary work of the League," by Miss Gertie Van Dyke, Cheswold, Del. It was a masterly piece of work and was discussed by Revs. E. H. Hynson, W. H. Benford, Mrs. Georgia Prouse, and Miss Mary Jump. The Rev. D. H. Cockran, of Cecilton, Md., spoke upon the topic "Hours with the Bible," followed by Revs. Albert Chandler, J. A. Arters, F. F. Carpenter, and Frank Fletcher.

At the afternoon session the various committees met and conducted business, followed at 2.30 by devotional services, conducted by Rev. J. W. Fogle, Oxford, Md. Topic, "The Brotherhood of Christ."

The committee on resolutions made a report, but owing to its length it is omited 'till next week.

Rev. Mr. Otis, on behalf of the St. Michaels Chapter, invited the next Convention to St. Michaels; on motion it was unanimously decided to accept the invitation.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year:

Prest. Rev. J. P. Otis, St. Michaels;
1st V. P., Mrs. A. F. Maloney, Townsend;
2nd V. P., Mrs. S. W. Mallalieu, Millington;
3rd V. P., Miss Mary S. Jump, Easton;
4th V. P., Miss Jessie Hukle, Middletown;
Sec'y., O. H. Benson, St. Michaels;
Treas., M. W. Thomas, Chestertown, Md.

The evening session was attended by a tremendous crowd. The service began with song. The choir added to its laurels and Mr. Peters sang a solo by request. "Advantages of Experience Meeting" was then considered. After which Presiding Elder Smith held a Love Feast. The glowing eloquence of the speaker, the sweet songs of the choir raised the enthusiasm of the convention to its climax, and it burst forth in a grand old fashioned Methodist handshaking. The convention then adjourned after singing the Epworth Battle Song. Thus ended the most enthusiastic convention the Easton District ever held.

The GAZETTE proposes to publish all the papers and discussions of this convention, and all desiring to have copies can leave their orders for same and they will be forwarded to any address at 5 cents a copy, or 6 for 25 cents.

DESERVING PRAISE.

Those Whose Efforts Helped to Make the Convetion Successful

The committees whose untiring zeal has contributed to the success of the convention are, Entertainment Committee whose duty it was to meet the delegates and escort them to their homes make all necessary arrangements for the public reception and look to their comfort and enjoyment. Mr. Leander R. Hooper is chairman and was amply assisted by Missess Nora Walker and May Hubbard S. Elliott Shannahan, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Spence. The committee whose duty it was provide homes for the visitors is Mrs. N. E. Clark, Mrs. Avery Tuthill, and Miss Mary Jump. The ladies worked hard but effectually and had the satisfaction of knowing that every delegate had a comfortable home. To the Rev. W. E. Avery the above committees are indebted for his help and needed advice. The ushers who so politely and quickly seated the large congregations deserve special credit. They were S. Elliott Shannahan, chief usher with Messrs. W. Harry White, Wm. Fairbanks and Leander R. Hooper.

OUR TOWN.

What the Delegates Thought of Us and Our Town.

It was with a sense of pleasure and gratification that we heard the many expressions of admiration of our town. The delegates were immensely pleased at its beauty, its evidences of thrift and prosperity, its large and handsome stores, and its imposing public buildings. Our water works and electric light station were visited by many, and in fact every thing of interest that could be seen was visited.

Of our people the delegates speak in the highest terms. The hospitality and cordiality was spoken of in glowing colors. They said, everywhere the little white badge of the League was received with the greatest politeness, and everything that could be done was contributed to their pleasure. Easton was honored by their presence and it saw with great regret their departure.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Its Objects and Aims. A Bit of Its History.

The Epworth League was instituted at a conference of representatives of all the young people's societies in the Methodish Episcopal church, held in Cleveland, Ohio, May 14, 1889. There were at that time several societies of young people through the Church in general, and after due deliberation it was decided to merge them all into one society for the entire church, and it was called the "Epworth League." Its scriptural motto is the words of Wesley: "I desire to form a league, offensive and defensive, with every soldier of Jesus Christ." The object of the League is to promote intelligent and loyal piety in the young members and friends of the church, to aid them in the attainment of purity of heart and in constant growth in grace, and to train them in works of mercy and help. It is a general or a parent society with which local leagues or young peoples' societies shall be in affiliation, and to which they shall be auxiliary, provided they desire to accept the regulations and conditions.

The District League is formed by a union of the local chapters of the district. It forms a bond of union among the young people's societies and strengthens their district, intensifies their loyalty to the church and greatly adds to their usefulness. Annual conventions are held, at which papers and discussions are read and heard, and ties of friendship formed. After these conventions are held the delegates return to their homes with pleasant memories, and a better knowledge of the league and enthusiasm in its behalf.

The Easton District League was organized at Smyrna, Del., Oct. 23d, 1890, at which place the first convention was held. From the first it has been a grand success, and as each year rolls by the number of new chapters added to the district league increases. Conventions have been held yearly. The second convention was held at Clayton, the third at Chestertown, the fourth at Centreville, and the fifth at Easton. The number of Chapters in the district amount to considerable over thirty-five.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

News From Various Sources.

St. Michaels.

Mrs. Mary A. Hambleton, who has spent the winter in Baltimore with friends, returned to St. Michaels last Tuesday.

Mrs. James H. Sutton, of Bozman spent part of this week with her sister, Mrs. T. H. H. Blades.

Mrs. Frank Wittman was the guest of friends at Island last Saturday.

Mrs. M. P. Henry of Easton was the guest of her father, Dan'l Cox, Esq., of Grace St.

William G. Bail of Easton paid his friends of St. Michaels a short visit last Tuesday.

Wm. H. Kemp, of Robert Dixon & Co., was in town last Tuesday in the interest of the insurance companies that firm represents.

Robert H. Wharton and friend, of Birmingham, Alabama, are the guests of Jas. H. Wharton. Bob left town thirteen years ago, left us a boy and returns a man with a family. Right glad were we to hold out a hand of welcome to him and hope that his stay among us be long and pleasant.

Balliff Jones has put in complete order our fire engine and everything pertaining thereto. Long may it be before we have any use for the same.

Excursion to this town from Kent Island last Tuesday afternoon. Jno. Barley-corn came with them, they brought that gentleman with them—cannot charge our druggist with that this one time.

Any fine afternoon that you should visit our town, before you leave try to pay a short visit to the street behind the P. E. Church; there you will see the finest game of quoits pitched you ever saw. The real estate man leaves his office open, the oyster dealer closes his oyster house and the merchant leaves his store, the editor sticks a card with the words (gone to dinner back in ten minutes) on the office door while he umpires the game or keeps score—all this to keep from dying of stagnation during this terrible dull season.

Died in Pittsburg, Pa., Saturday, May 26th, Bertha, wife of E. W. Hambleton.

Captain R. R. Carson of Great Egg Harbor, new Jersey was the guest of Mrs. James H. Valliant at Fairview this week. The Captain bought from John L. Blades & Co., 5000 bushels of oystershells for planting purposes at Great Egg Harbor, the state of New Jersey paying for them.

William Miller is inconsolable on account of the fear of losing official position. Says he has always been true blue or black.

Services at all the churches tomorrow. The pastor of the M. E. Church will in the morning exchange pulpits with Rev. F. B. McKinsey of Bayside circuit. At night Mr. Otis will take for his subject, The Golden Rule.

At the P. E. Church Rev. Mr. Hinkle will take for his subject, Wind of God.

At the M. P. Church there will be service. At this writing the Pastor is sick, trust that by Sunday he will be all right.

The colored people of this town are making great preparations for celebrating the fourth of July. Crispus Attucks, the colored man who led the first attack upon the British forces and who has been dead for quite a while has been granted a dispensation will appear with several other dead fellows (all had dispence granted them) on that great day and will head the royal parade. Two brass bands in line, one playing After the Ball while the other one gives Mary and John to the entranced crowd that may follows Steamboat excursion from Baltimore. I expect that they as a people will enjoy themselves; but how about the people who are not fond of the kind of music that these bands give to them. I'm glad that I am able to let the public know this far ahead that the two bands of St. Michaels are to participate in this great event. It will give the public time to get away or to die before the glorious Fourth.

GAZETTE in great demand last Sunday afternoon on our streets showing the fact that it is good paper for every day in the week, Sundays included.

News from Wye Mills.

The Ladies Aid Society met on Saturday afternoon last, notwithstanding, the storm that was threatening there was quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen also married ladies present. After partaking of an elegant supper the society entered into the business part of the meeting, after the transaction of business the company was favored with music by Miss Lizzie Roe; a reading by Mrs. Loller, Subject, "The New Church Organ" also reading by Miss Lizzie Roe. Several games were played after which the gay company left for their homes.

A base ball club was organized here on last Saturday.

Miss Zenobia Miles has her desk loaded with flowers every day; they are brought her by her pupils.

The 17th of June will be observed here as Children's Day.