VIRTUE may flourish in a bad Cravat, But man and nature shun a shocking Hat.

Never was a truer thing said. What is more unsightly than a faded, broken hat? What more stylish becoming than **Our $3.00 Derby**

If you do not care for a derby, we shall have pleasure in showing you other styles. All Fashionable, all Tasteful, all Well-Made and none costly, considering quality of goods.

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W. T. WILLIAMS, Easton, Md.

IN OUR CHURCH CIRCLES.

Meeting News Items of The Work Now Going On.—Services Last Sunday And Tomorrow.

At M. E. Church tomorrow morning subject of sermon will be "Divine Love," Evening subject, "An Outcast Reclaimed."

The M. E. Sunday School will hold its annual election of officers for the coming year next Sunday after the afternoon session of the school.

At Calvary M. P. Church next Sunday morning the Rev. Mr. Polsal will preach to the "old folks," his subject being, "A Generous Old Disciple of the First Century." His subject in the evening will be, "Slaying Giant Sins."

The Rev. Harry A. Cresser, of Binghampton N. Y., has accepted a call to St. Michaels parish, to succeed the Rev. G. W. Hinkle. Mr. Cresser officiated in his new charge last Sunday. He will move his family to St. Michaels next spring.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Calvary M P. Church has elected the following officers for the first six months of 1896: President, C. H Hughes; vice president, Mrs. Lillie Littleton; secretary Miss Maud Sheban; corresponding secretary, Claud D. Lee; treasurer, A. A. Miller.

The Epworth League Recital announced in last week's GAZETTE to be held in Sisk's Hall Cordova, Saturday evening Dec. 7, has been postponed necessarily until Friday evening, Dec. 13th. The change will add more time for preparation and a better performance may reasonably be looked for. The program was announced in our last issue. Adults 15 cents, children 10 cents.

The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association at its annual meeting last week adopted a resolution inviting the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to hold its session at that place in A. D. 1900. With the great auditorium, the many hotels and boarding houses, and the permanent large population, the healthful air, and the accessibility of the place, it has many claims for consideration.

THE BEST ATTRACTION OF ALL.

The "Joshua Simpkins" Company To Present Their Famous Drama in Easton Tonight.

The attraction at Music Hall tonight will be the "Joshua Simpkins" Company. It is a strong rural comedy drama, opening with a realistic scene of New England life, showing Skinner Tavern with Uncle Josh's Wild Briar farm in the distance. The play progresses, abounding with interesting situations, until the climax is reached, in the third act, when a human being is helplessly bound to a log to [illegible] in twain by a mammoth Buzz Saw, [illegible] only saved by the timely arrival of Uncle Josh.

"Joshua Simpkins" was written with the [illegible] of keeping an audience thoroughly [illegible]ed and fully carries out the author's in[illegible]tion. The plot is not allowed to interfere [illegible]ed with the purpose to any great extent, [illegible] producing a play that is not only interesting and thrilling, but is said to contain as [illegible] laughs as there are grains in a "heaped [illegible]shel of wheat. Seats on Sale at Hayes's Drug Store.

Physicians and Local Option.

The Elkton News says: The local option [illegible] Talbot is similar to the one now in [illegible]ation in Cecil county. It has been reliedly charged that no difficulty is experienced in securing prescriptions and whisky in [illegible] county, and from most palpable [illegible] the conclusion is forced that some of [illegible] physicians, at least, have a mistaken [illegible] of the provisions of the law. Apart from [illegible] moral obliquity of such offenses, which [illegible] be winked at, the law is somewhat explicit in regard to the writing of prescriptions by physicians being permissive alone in cases of necessity, and prohibitive for the [illegible]e purpose of intemperate drinking.

A Large Grain Exporter.

Capt. Howard E. Leonard advertises for [illegible],000 bushels of corn, for which he will pay [illegible] highest market prices, spot cash. Captain Leonard represents one of the largest exporters of grain in Baltimore city and is paying [illegible]re for corn than can be realized by shipping to commission merchants. He is now purchasing for delivery any time during this month. Farmers should consult with him before disposing of their crops, as he is in a position to save them money.

To Cure

sick stomach, loss of appetite, flatulence, waterbrash, rising of food, heartburn, nightmare, coated tongue, offensive breath, jaundice, bad complexion, liver-spots, yellow eyes, constipation, palpitation of the heart, and short breath after meals, take Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills. Eat plenty of good nourishing food. A pill after each meal.

Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills.

White wrapper if constipated, yellow if bowels are [illegible]e. 25c. and 50c. at druggists'. Send to us for a sample.

DR. J. A. DEANE CO., Kingston, N. Y.

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Christmas Novelties,

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LOW PRICES. LOW PRICES

Sterling Silver Novelties:

Sterling Silver	Match Boxes.	$1.50
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"	" Embroidery Scissors,	$1.50
"	" Necktie Holders.	25 c
"	" Prayer Book Markers,	35c

REAL SEAL POCKET BOOKS,
with STERLING SILVER Corners, $1.50.

Set of Nut Picks, 25c.

New Styles Work Boxes 75c

PERFUMES.

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Store For Rent.

For Rent, the glass front store room on Washington street, three doors from Easton National Bank, formerly occupied by the Easton Furnishing Company. Apply to
8-3-tf SAMUEL E. SHANNAHAN, ESQ.

BISHOP A. W. WAYMAN.

Born In Caroline county and taught his Letters by Squire N. E. Nicols, Deceased.

Bishop A. W. Layman, colored, fell stricken with paralysis at his home, 1129 East Baltimore street, about 5 o'clock Sunday morning, and in a few minutes was dead. He was the senior bishop of the African Methodist Church of the United States.

The Bishop was born free in Tuckahoe neck, Caroline county and at the time of his death was 74 years old.

Alexander was kindly taught by his employer's children after school hours. He proved quite an apt scholar, and soon learned about all the Kirby children could lay part. He was further educated by Squire N. E. Nicols, deceased, who afterward married Mr. Kirby's daughter, and who died last summer in Easton, having been for several terms a county magistrate.

In 1836 young Wayman returned from Talbot to Caroline county, and lived near home the next two years with Mr. James Glanden.

The Bishop began exhorting around Tuckahoe Neck in his youth and was soon in demand at local revivals and campmeetings. When he was about 21 years old he went to Philadelphia and became coachman for a good Quaker, who encouraged his religious life and ministerial aspirations. He soon began to preach in that city and from the time of his ordination his rise in the church was rapid, until his consecration as Bishop in 1864.

He spoke in Easton Music Hall last spring at a Fred Douglass memorial meeting.

Election of Officers.

As the year wanes and the new year approaches the societies of Easton are holding their election of officers. The first of these was Hick[illegible]. A. G. A. R., who elected the following [illegible]:

Commander—Capt. Thos. H. Coburn.
Senior Vice Commander—M. H. Swing.
Junior Vice Commander—Sam. Saxton.
Quartermaster—Col. J. C. Mullikin.
Chaplain—G. W. Kirk.
Surgeon—Chas. S. Seymour.
Officer of the Day—Samuel Gladding.
Officer of the Guard—John R. Hesser.
Delegates to State Encampment—R. F. Walker, Edward Frampton; Alternates—Charles Seymour, Samuel Gladding.

ODD FELLOWS.

Miller Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F., elected these officers Tuesday night for six months beginning June 1st.

Noble Grand—Arthur F. Grace.
Vice Grand—Martin M. Wright.
Secretary—Charles E. Nichols.
Treasurer—M. M. Higgins.
Representative to Grand Lodge—W. H. Wingott.

Joseph Willoughby Dead.

Mr. Joseph S. Willoughby, member of the firm of Willoughby & Wilson, wholesale tinners and stove dealers in Baltimore, died Saturday at his home, 1932 Mount Royal Terrace, Baltimore. Mr. Willoughby was born in Queen Anne's county, Md. His parents moved to Easton when he was very young and where he became a member of the firm of J. J Jump & Co., and later of the firm of J. W. Jump & Co. Afterwards Mr. Willoughby carried on the business at Easton himself. About ten years ago he moved to Baltimore and became a member of the firm of Raymo, Willoughby & Wilson, which later was known as Willoughby & Wilson. A widow and two children survive him.

Aroused Considerable Interest.

The Baltimore News says:—The numerous indictments against physicians, druggists and others for alleged violations of the prohibition laws found by the Grand Jury of Talbot county have fallen for the lack of evidence. The action of the Grand Jury, however, has aroused considerable interest throughout the State. In most of the counties local option is in force, and it is a matter of common knowledge that the statute is evaded in various ways. It is seldom that convictions can be had, because of difficulties, not to say inkewarmness, in the administration of the laws. It is not probable that legal enactments will absolutely do away with the sale and use of intoxicants in prohibition districts, but the courts and grand juries have it in their power to minimize the evil.

Col. Mullikin Interviewed.

Col. J. C. Mullikin was in Baltimore this week and stopped at the Carrollon. The Colonel was approached by a Baltimore Sun reporter and in the course of conversation said, "I have the support of my own county in my contest and assurances of support from almost all the counties of the Eastern Shore. I expect to receive the united support of the republicans of the Eastern Shore."

More Brutality.

The brutality of some oyster dredgers is dreadful. Hardly a season passed but what reports of their cruelty reach us. The latest is John Henkle, only 18 years old, who was taken to Baltimore from Oxford on the steamer, Minnie Wheeler Saturday. He says he ran away from home and shipped on Captain Charles Parker's oyster pungy as a dredger. He was badly beaten and otherwise ill-treated by the captain, and was finally put ashore at Oxford in a pitiable condition.

Thank You Kindly, Brother.

The Easton Lar[illegible]er says: Our esteemed neighbor, the GAZETTE, will be eighty years old next Saturday. Its four score summers and winters have had no terrors for it, as it is as sprightly and vigorous today as at any time in its history. Whatever inclination it may have had in recent years to use crutches was cast aside on the fifth of November, and the crutches were handed over to its democratic neighbors.

Christmas presents for all conditions and phases of the pocket book at Griffith the Grocer's. 3t

For Christmas gifts, consult the Cathedral Guild basket, which is making its tour of the town. 1t

Pocket Books, Card Cases, Pocket Knives, Gold Pens and Fountain Pens at Robson Bros. 3t

Go to Jeweler Sturmer for your Xmas presents 3t

A Marydel Curiosity.

Marydel, some twenty-five miles from Easton on the D. & C. R. R. has a wonder in the person of an old colored man 81 years old, who was never taught to read and write, but who can read the Bible and nothing else, and recite whole chapters from it. He says a sudden desire for knowledge of religion came upon him and upon opening the Bible he had no difficulty in reading it through, all other books were sealed to him. The story is a curious one and if true the old colored man's gift is nothing short of a miracle.

Indicted in Talbot County.

Arthur N. Coale, a druggist, was arrested Sunday in Baltimore by Sergent Manning on a capias from the Criminal Court of Talbot County, to answer an indictment on the charge of selling liquor in that county.

New Board Qualifies.

And Appoints Charles F. Stewart Clerk.

THOMPSON IS PRESIDENT.

Applications For Keeper of The Oxford Ferry Are Numerous.—Other Petitions Filed, Etc.

The Republican Board of County Commissioners elected on November 5th, composed of Messrs. James H. McNeal, George Trax and Solomon S. Thompson, qualified at a meeting held on Monday.

Mr. Thompson was made President of the Board. Nothing was done at this meeting by the new commissioners except receiving the money on hand and the papers of the office from the retiring Board.

The amount of money on hand was $164.64. The balance sheet recited as follows: The assets amount to $46,347.64; liabilities, $22,169.04, leaving a balance of $24,078.60 to pay the expenses of the county for the remainder of the fiscal year closing June 30th, 1896.

On Tuesday the Board met again and transacted considerable business. Mr. Charles F. Stewart, of Oxford, was appointed Clerk of the Board, to succeed Wm. Reddie. The salary attached to the Clerkship has been limited to $1200 heretofore, but the new Board has fixed the salary at $1400. Mr. Stewart will take charge of the office at once.

The Board had a conference with the tax collectors in regard to the publication of delinquent tax payers for 1894, and realizing the intense depression in money matters the Board suggested that they wait until Jan. 15, 1896, before publishing such a list.

At the same time they hope that the collectors will push the collections of their arrearages as rapidly as possible, as the county is now without funds to pay current expenses, while sufficient arrearages appear on the tax books to meet all demands could they only be collected.

It was ordered by the Board that the road supervisors cease work at once, except such work as is absolutely necessary in winter.—Jos. B. Wrightson, col. for 1894, paid in $300.

A number of petitions for positions have been handed in to the Board. For keeper of the Oxford Ferry there are five applicants. The position pays a salary of $1200 and tolls which average about $40 per month, but the keeper must supply the barge and steamer.

The applicants are: E. J. Bierly, James Jones, Nathan Corkran, Thomas L. Wayman, Tull & Collison, James H. Benson.

Keeper of Miles River Bridge has a number of applicants. This position pays $360 and the appointment is usually made in the month of April. Those applying for it are; Edward Waldron, Jasper Yewell, John D. Mitchell, Jr., and Thomas Chief Mrs. Annie Wallace.

For Constables these have been filed: A. W. Morton, George L. Cook, for Easton District, Benjamin Blades for second district, J. B. Ross for Chanel district.

These have applied for tax collectorships: W. B. Kirby and Wm. H. Hughes for second district.

Robert West and Charles Breeze want to be keeper of the Court House.

For Road Supervisors these have applied: L. Scott Kerthley, Richard Gross, Charles Blades, John W. Yewell, Geo. A. Marshall, J. W. Gardner, Milford N. Robinson.

TALBOT COURT ADJOURNS.

Verdict Of Not Guilty in The other Liquor Cases.—Sentences Pronounced.

The November term of the Circuit Court for Talbot county adjourned Saturday at noon.

The last of the liquor cases was taken up Saturday morning, and resulted in a verdict of not guilty The same jury that tried the case Friday night, of which Wm. Goldsborough was foreman, heard the case. It was the second charge against Captain Wm. E. Turner for selling liquor at his restaurant, and it was testified that he did not receive pay for the liquor, but that it belonged to someone else, and was kept at his place to be drank as wanted.

Before adjourning the court pronounced sentence against George Curtis, colored, convicted of murder in the second degree for shooting Frederick Bell, also colored, at a dance in Oxford. Curtis was given 15 years in the Penitentiary.

John Hinson, colored youth, was tried and convicted Saturday of horse-stealing, and sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary. Chester C. Stilwell convicted of stealing $50 worth of clothing from M. [illegible] Nichols, was sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary, and Wm. J. Johnson, colored was given one year in the Penitentiary for throwing a club through a Delaware and Chesapeake car window.

A jury de lunatico inquirendo has pronounced Mrs. Charlotte Scott White insane, and she will be taken to the Maryland Hospital for the insane.

Prisoners From Talbot.

Sheriff Seymour, of Talbot county, on Monday took to Baltimore and delivered to Warden John F. Weyler, of the Maryland penitentiary, three colored men who were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment in the Circuit Court at Easton on Saturday last.—The men were George Curtis, colored, sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment for killing Frederick Bell, also colored, at a dance; John Sims, colored, two years for horse stealing; Chester C. Stilwell, one year for larceny, and William J. Johnson, colored, one year for throwing a stone through a railroad car window.

Ten Inches in Diameter.

Dorchester Standard:—Mr. John W. Martin, Jr., who manages the farm called "Boston," in Trappe district, Talbot bounty, sent to Miss Mary Stewart, of this town, one day this week, some of the most beautiful chrysanthemums that have been seen here, some measuring ten inches in diameter. This species of chrysanthemums is rare and command high prices in the large cities. In Philadelphia as high as $1 is paid for one flower. Mr. Martin is one of the most thrifty farmers in Talbot, and the perfection to which he has brought flowers he is considered a first class florist as well.

The body must be well nourished now, to prevent sickness. If your appetite is poor take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

They Will Fight For It.

The persons to whom licenses for selling liquor in Chapel district were refused by the late grand jury, or rather not acted upon, have decided to contest the legality of their action, and have employed Chas. S. Carrington as counsel. The May term of court will be asked to issue a mandamus compelling the clerk to grant the licenses asked for, and if the court declines to do so the case will be taken to the Court of Appeals.

Dolls, Toys, Games, in an almost endless variety at Robson Bros. 3t

A large importation of Nuts of all kinds at Griffith the Grocer's. 3t

Silver link Bracelets, Thimbles, Pens and Pencils, Brooches and Buttons at the popular Jewelry store, Sturmer's. 3t

Royal Oak Items.

Mrs. Lulu King, of Washington, spent Thanksgiving week with her parents, Col. and Mrs. Frank Benson.

Miss Clara E. Benson has returned from her visit to Baltimore friends.

The Thanksgiving dinner given by the Ladies Mite Society of the M. E. Church was quite a success and enjoyed by many.

Mrs. E. Russle Brace and daughters, of Duluth, Minn., who have been spending a number of weeks near our village, are now in Washington and will return home by the twenty-fourth.

Our farmers have been busy in their pork for the past two weeks.

The W. C. T. U. is to give a white ribbon tea on Wednesday the 11th. Rev. Sherman Phillips is to speak, Mr. Wheatley to sing and Miss Jump of Easton to recite. There will be other musical selections by home talent. Admission 25 cents, including tea.

A lunch box social was given at Mr. Joseph Newnam's home in Ferry Neck on Thursday night. The young people enjoyed themselves very much.

Dressing Cases, Mirrors, Toilet Boxes, Albums, Writing Cases and other fancy articles at Robson Bros. Prices right. 3t

The Cathedral Guild basket is full of pretty things for Christmas, and well worth examining before buying elsewhere. Orders filled also. 1t

Buy your Christmas goods at Robson Bros., they are headquarters. 3t

The December wedding will be greatly improved by some of my dainty articles of Sterling Silver. 3t O. F. STURMER.

SOMEWHAT OF A PERSONAL NATURE.

Items of Interest About The Doings Of You And Your Relatives And Friends.

Miss Mary Jump is visiting friends and relatives in Baltimore for some weeks.

Miss Lizzie Harris of Baltimore, visited relatives in Easton for a few days this week.

J. H. K. Shannahan is sinking a 10 inch artesian well for the Milford Del., water works.

Miss Robbie Hobbs and Miss Emma Satterthwaite, of Denton, are guests of Mrs. Tylor Hoburg Lee, of Easton, has been appointed telephone page in the United States Senate.

Messrs. T. Clark Mason and Wm. J. Dukes, of Easton, were in town on Sunday last.—Centreville Record.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Trickle, of McCool, Ind., are visiting Mrs. Trickle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Coney and two children of Wilmington, Del., spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Coney's parents in Easton.

Mr. John Jump, student at the Maryland University, Baltimore, returned Monday after spending several days in Easton.

Mrs. Wm. G. Ball, of Easton, with her son Lester, spent last Sunday with Mrs. T. H. H. Blades, Grace street.—St. Michaels Comet.

Mr. Wm. Speakman, son of Mr. Henry C. Speakman of Oak Hill, has accepted a lucrative position in Chicago with the Rock Island Railway Company.

Charles R. Wooters, Will Bateman, Wm. R. Martin, W. H. Adkins and Frank G. Wrightson left Easton Wednesday for a visit to the Atlanta Exposition.

Miss Florence Locke returned from Baltimore Wednesday. Miss Locke extended her trip to Easton to visit her friend, Miss Roberts.—St. Michaels Comet.

Dr. I. A. Barber was in Annapolis recently looking after comfortable lodgings for himself while attending the sessions of the Legislature next month.

Geo. K. Collier, of Wilmington, N. C., spent several days last week with his sister, Mrs. Thos. A. Councell. Mr. Collier is a student at St. John's College, Annapolis.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Maude Hudson Morris, daughter of Capt. J. G. Morris, to Wm. Stewart Johnson at noon on next Wednesday at Christ Church.

Capt. J. G. Morris and Henry M. Mason returned on Saturday from a two weeks' trip down the Bay as far as the lower end of Dorchester county on the Captain's yacht, Cora.

Don't make your own Christmas presents when you can get such pretty ones from the Trinity Cathedral Guild basket, and if you don't see what you want, you can have it made to order. 1t

Mr. Lewis C. Whitehouse came near losing his left hand by having it caught in a buzz-saw last Wednesday. His thumb was nearly severed close to the hand and fingers badly cut.

Mr. Martin M. Higgins, ex-member House of Delegates from Talbot, expressed himself greatly pleased with the situation of his family for the Speakership of the House.—Balto. News of Thursday.

Dr. E. M. Hardcastle has been examined for deacon's orders by the Board of Examiners of the Diocese. He passed an excellent examination and will be ordained deacon the latter part of the month.

Carls are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Nora Estelle Godwin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Godwin to Walter Garey, Tuesday evening Dec. 10th, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents.

Mr. Peter Stevens, formerly of this town and the clerk of the court's office, and now writ clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore has been retained by the Republican clerk, a petition to that end being signed by persons irrespective of party.

The many friends of Mrs. Walter H. Thompson, of Easton who has been in Philadelphia for some weeks, under special medical treatment, will be glad to learn that she returned home accompanied by her husband last Wednesday, very much improved in health.—Wilmington Conference Herald.

Prof. and Mrs. Lowrie received high encomiums for their untiring zeal and successful labors on small children in giving to the people of Easton the cantata Geraldine. This charming little piece will be reproduced on Wednesday night the 18th of this month and following after by Prof. Lowrie's own composition, Cinderella.

Senator Gibson left for Washington Sunday night. Mrs. Gibson will join him about the middle of the month. The Baltimore American says the Senator will reside in Washington, as he has declined to accept an offer made by a large law firm of that city. The fact is Senator Gibson has received a number of flattering offers but as yet has come to no decision concerning them.

THAT LETTER CHAIN AGAIN.

The Astonishing Results Attending A Simple Letter Writing Scheme.

Readers of THE GAZETTE will recall the article published in this paper last winter regarding the letter chain that was started with the idea of gathering a collection of postage stamps. The plan first started by the friend of a cripple lady in Kaneville, Ill., who wrote three letters with the request that the receivers send ten old postage stamps to Miss Brown and also write three letters with a similar request. Thus it started.

In time the chain reached Easton and a great many of our people helped to keep it going.

Although it has been widely advertised by the newspapers that it was a fraud, that the young lady was not a cripple, the chain is still unbroked and 5,000 letters a day are pouring into the Kaneville postoffice. The [illegible]ide of letters subsided when the United States was finished, but some time ago the epidemic broke out in Europe. Some of the letters are marked "due 3 cents," which Miss Brown refuses to pay and they are sent to the dead letter office.

Some one has calculated that if the chain is unbroken, Miss Brown will have received 87,545,160,508,822,638,014,013 letters, a number beyond comprehension. They are all crying "Hold, enough!" Kaneville is about fifty miles from Chicago and six miles from a railroad and has about one hundred inhabitants, and all its citizens and the neighbors around about are engaged in opening the letters that come, and still cannot keep up with the arrivals. Miss Brown is receiving more letters daily than any other person in the world receives.

Christmas Cards, Booklets, Calanders, prettier than ever at Robson Bros. 3t

OXFORD NEWS ITEMS.

Interesting Letter of the Happenings of Our Enterprising Sister Town.

Bishop Adams preached in the P. E. Church on Sunday last.

Misses Virginia Bouldin, Mamie Jackson, Nellie Jackson, H. Lena Mellier, M. Estelle Sherwood and Mary L. Norris, and Mr. Wm. S. Jackson are some of the members of Talbot's teaching fraternity who spent Thanksgiving holidays in Oxford.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Oxford M. P. Church held its regular monthly social on Friday evening, Nov. 29, at the residence of Mrs. S. E. Stevenson. A large number was in attendance and after the business session the remainder of the evening was passed with various games, charades, etc. Refreshments were served during the course of the evening.

Rev. T. R. Vandyke, of the M. E. Church, has organized under the auspices of the Epworth League a series of Wednesday evening classes. The first and third Wednesday evenings of each month will be devoted to biblical study, using such lessons as the classes may adopt. The second meeting will be used for the study of the church constitution and discipline, while at the fourth a literary and musical program will be presented.

Rev. J. W. Balderston, of the M. P. Church, began on Sunday evening last a series of six sermons to young men based upon the parable of the Prodical Son. The first sermon was a very able discourse, the subject being "Dissatisfaction."

Miss Elizabeth L. Hall spent several days recently with her sister, Mrs. T. H. Vandyke.

We are glad to congratulate our fellow townsman, Mr. Chas. F. Stewart upon his having received the appointment as Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners. The new Board has made an excellent selection, and he will prove himself to be a most efficient officer in the position for which he has been chosen.

The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Hartwick, N. Y., was sick with rheumatism for five months. In speaking of it, Mr. Robinson says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any rest from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases of rheumatism have been cured by it. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by H. Roberts, Easton; A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels; J. F. Lisk, Cordova.

When Christmas shopping be sure to call at Robson Bros., they can suit you and save you money. 3t

Don't buy your holiday goods until you visit Griffith the Grocer. 3t

Foster's German Army and Navy Catarrh Cure

FOR **ECZEMA, TETTER, ITCH, SALT RHEUM, DANDRUFF, ITCHING PILES, RING WORM, PIMPLES, BLOTCHES AND ALL SKIN DISEASES.**

It soothes the inflamed tissues immediately and infallibly. The healing process begins at once and comfort is assured with the first application. It does not effect a complete cure suddenly or miraculously, but it does cure. There's no doubt about that. There are other things which give some relief, but nothing else is so quick, so thorough and so certain as this. It isn't an experiment, it has been tried and proven.

50 Cents. All Druggists.

FOSTER MEDICINE COMPANY, BALTIMORE, MD.

Foster's German Army and Navy Catarrh Cure cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, Cold in the Head and all Inflammation of the Nasal Passages. 50 Cents.

The Chapel Liquor Cases.

An Intelligent Review Of The Situation There.

THE GRAND JURY'S POWER.

The Light in Which The Temperance Element of The District View It.—Twelve Saloons.

Regarding the action of the late Grand Jury in taking no action on the petitions for liquor licenses in Chapel district, a writer sends the following:

The information found in the GAZETTE last week of the action of the Grand Jury, is interesting. As your paper says, their course was certainly for the public welfare, and they only exercised that discretion which the law seems to give them.

Judge Stump instructed them that they were to decide who were competent and capable to dispense liquors. That implied they were authorized to refuse license to all if the general condition in the District showed that any licensed placed was detrimental.

I have never thought that the original law under which Chapel stands through failure to secure Local Option by vote, necessitates the granting of licenses. It permits the Jury but does not compel them to do so.

Grand Juries in Talbot have sometimes heretofore refused them when remonstrance was made, without convictions for specific offenses. Courts and juries have generally reserved to themselves this power. And now what just complaint have the disappointed applicants?

If theirs was a necessary and useful vocation they might grumble. Men have inherent right to raise corn, stock, fruit and to sell useful goods and wares. To stop them from this would be unwarranted violence.

But they have no right to "raise Cain" in any neighborhood with or without the consent of some local sentiment. The fundamental law aims to maintain peace and security for the citizen. This cannot be when license is granted over the heads of the real representatives of morality and industry.

Think of a man diving, for instance, at Wye Mills, signing an applicant's petition to sell liquor at Tuckahoe Bridge, the other extremity of a large Chapel district, over the protest of representative citizens immediately near.

This one feature of the law, it seems, should be remedied by prompt legislation. A dozen men have (technically) had power to establish a dozen saloons against the will of everybody. Surely no such favoritism was ever meant by the law.

Again, consider the utter disregard of near by communities, Queen Anne, Caroline and Dorchester counties, and all Talbot below this District, whose citizens voted the saloon out, must forsooth have it obtruding upon them at every point, angle and bridge possible. Leaving out in the District the abstainers, there may be forty men who drink to each saloon. This is full allowance, about two-thirds of the voters, we hardly believe this many patronize them; certainly they once very nearly voted them out.

It is evident then that when a Grand Jury licenses these saloons it is to sell to persons in prohibited territory. No saloons are needed at a ratio of 1 to 40. Minors and women don't count, lawfully or otherwise, in this estimate. This is another fact upon which the jury may exercise large discretion. To grant license is to conflict with the general total expressed will of the people. It Chapel was enclosed by an impassible wall, or if it was forbidden to sell to persons from outside its limits, there would not be so many saloons there nor so much to be said against home rule on this question.

Taking this ground then that the jury by its functions is to guard the public interests, and the terms of the law under which they act and the circumstances altogether justify the said refusal, the question comes, What next?

The temperance people ought now to secure advanced legislation. They have the privilege of securing a new vote on local option in the district, or of resubmission to the entire county as a unit. This would win or lose Chapel with all the rest. Had the vote been taken thus in 1874 Chapel would have been dry.

Some may mistrust either of these methods, though it is thought by many that a new vote in the district would carry it for local option.

But there are two or three other ways. First, let the delegates from Talbot to the legislature consider well the veto bill that is to be asked for by the State Temperance Alliance. This, if passed, will be much better than the present provisions applied to Talbot.

Second, consider and ask for a law calling for signers to applications for license from school districts, not election districts. This will narrow the question to smaller range. It will give people in a limited area to say whether they will have the saloon, instead of, as heretofore, having it thrust upon them. This is the Delaware license law and works against license in many places. It is far from perfect but better than what is in Chapel for reasons aforesaid.

Third, the legislature of itself is competent to enact a prohibitory law for Chapel, the common sentiment being strong enough in its favor.

There are precedents. Such acts have been passed at times for Lyaskin and Sharptown in Wicomico county and (we are told by older residents) for Tilghman's Island, with three mile limits, in Talbot. Again, if it is desirable to modify the present law, discretionary power might be placed with the Court instead of the grand jury. This is the usage also in Delaware.

Changes such as are hinted at would no doubt meet with general approbation. This district has, in the past, rested under a stigma which the good people should not have to bear. The trouble has been with its law and the application of it.

The moral tone in Chapel compares well with other districts. Its people are thrifty, upright and hospitable. It is inland and quiet and has had saloons enough to make some districts uninhabitable. The pity is, the weakness of the statutes.

These temps nearly all the merchants to sell liquors. Others, their friends, not meaning to be public enemies, sign their applications. It doesn't require many of these either unscrupulous or from thoughtlessness or good nature to bring in general selling. If dealers try to be orderly the fault is in the statutes. They are allowed to sell and to the excessive appetites thus produced.

By all means get better legal safe-guards, or, failing in that plan as $1 is paid for one who have the backbone to act in the public interest.

READER.

Has a Dog Commercial Value?

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HOW A BODY IS CREMATED.

Graphically Described By A Special Correspondent To The Gazette.

About nine miles from the heart of Philadelphia and situate in the midst of a most beautiful part of the Germantown suberbs, stands the Philadelphia Crematory. It is a 65x120 ft. brick structure of simple architecture, ornamented with stone trimmings and a dome-like top rising high above the surrounding country and presenting an attractive feature of the landscape. To visit, this interesting spot has been our desire ever since the erection of the Columbarium in 1888. To one really interested in a subject like this of the cremation of the body after death, it is not a satisfactory thing to be put off with the hearing of the prejudices of the public; nothing suffices short of correct information respecting the wondrous process which is undoubtedly to be the one of the future, since it has so much of a sanitary nature to recommend it, and nowhere can one so well learn the various points pertaining to it as at the Columbarium itself—to which place is always open to visitors, who are welcomed and courteously shown around by an attendant who gives full explanation of the process and the methods employed.

We had no expectation of having any advantage other than the usual visitor has, but upon reaching the spot, we found that in an hour's time there was to be an incineration of the remains of an English lady whose ashes were to be returned to her people abroad and we were kindly permitted to be present at the last sad rites.

The funeral cortege arrived at the Chapel on noon hour, here the services were held, in this case, consisting merely of a short season of reverential silence. The three officials, the husband of the deceased, the minister and a gentleman friend, the two undertakers and ourselves all evidencing by our serious faces and attitudes, our appreciation of the gravity of the occassion. The plain walnut, old fashioned coffin was placed upon the black cloth covered catafalque, surrounded by an ornamental brass railing, back of which in a high arched recess were banked a profusion of beautiful chrysanthemums. Here, at the sides of the railing, chairs were arranged for those present—but as the funeral obsequies of this English lady had been held at her home in Philadelphia before her body was brought here, and we were to remain in the Chapel but a few minutes, we remained standing until the coffin was lowered on the catafaique elevator to the crematory below.

In order to get rid of that feature of the gradual disappearance of the coffin or casket as it is lowered in the grave, which is so unpleasant in earth burials, there is a black pall arranged over the railing which is drawn across the opening as the coffin descends out of sight. As soon as this was done, we went down the iron stairway to the crematory in the basement of the building and witnessed the removal of the coffin from the catafalque and placed upon a "light traveller" which rested on the top of a long carriage or table, with wheels that fit on a track leading to the retort. The coffin and "traveller" were enveloped in a white muslin cloth thoroughly saturated with a solution of alum to prevent any part of the coffin or traveller from igniting while being placed in the retort.

The tat le with its burden was rolled up to the retort door and when all was in readiness while we all stood by in awe and silence, one of the officials slowly opened the retort door, taking good care to keep himself shielded behind it from the hot blast of air, while the other two very quickly ran the traveler and coffin into the retort and the door was tightly closed so as to prevent any air from entering or any of the gasses from escaping. Then by the immediate slight roaring sound as of draught in a chimney, we knew that the process of distillation had begun; first, the gases of the wood of the coffin and "traveler" and then that of the body. The courteous manager in solemn and most becoming mien, conducted us all through a little passage way, back to the furnaces where he made explanations which were full and very interesting and instructive.

We were informed that in order to have the retort in proper condition for the incineration of this lady's body at noon, it was necessary to start the fire at 4 p.m. the previous evening. By 11 a. m. the retort was heated to such a degree, that in looking through the little glass opening the whole effect was that of a bright cherry glow.

There are two retorts, each of which is a large fire-brick, oven-like place of perhaps 10 or 12 feet in length, 3 feet high and four feet broad and built in the upper back part a small register like opening through which the gases of the cremating body pass down into the furnace where enough fresh air is admitted to produce a draught sufficient to force these impure gases through six different sets of flues, thoroughly consuming their dangerous constituents and rendering them perfectly safe in passing through the main flue to the chimney and on out of the building. There is absolutely no sanitary risk to run in this method of cremation; in fact the whole process is entirely odorless and safe. Is accomplished in from 3 to 4 hours, while in the earth burial process it requires from years and years under the most favorable circumstances, to effect this same change, the process of distillation, and in a far more revulsive manner than this clean beautiful one. (Concluded next week.)

When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck editor of the Coddo, Ind. Ter., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by H. Roberts, Easton; A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels; J. F. Sisk, Cordova. 3t

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