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WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

BOWMAN'S ORCHESTRA ENTERTAINMENT TUESDAY NIGHT.

A Musical and Literary Feast—Largest Crowd Ever Assembled—Music Hall "Packed from Pit to Dome."

A CROWDED house, such as delights the eye, warms the heart and enlarges the purse of the management, greeted the Bowman Orchestra and their able assistants at the benefit entertainment on the night of the 22nd. In a good cause Eastonians put their hands deep in their pockets to fish out the wherewithal, and it was a good cause, this aiding of Bowman's Orchestra, for it is becoming, with its brass band annex, one of the institutions of our town.

From the very best material Prof. Bowman selected his musicians, and the entertainment on Tuesday night showed what they could do. Those who have heard them practicing at night in the Odd Fellows' Temple have wondered how order could ever be brought out of such chaos. But hard work, devoted study, continued practice, thorough discipline and doubtless many inexpressible 'thinks' on the part of both Prof. Bowman and his musical contingent have made the orchestra a success, as their most praiseworthy performance in public gave ample proof of.

If a criticism could be made, it would be that the numbers were too long, for had the price of admission been a dollar, as it should have been for a benefit, the audience would have gotten the full worth of their money.

In Prof. Bowman's violin solo, accompanied most brilliantly on the piano by Miss Kerr, the prelude might have been omitted, for it was too much as the old lady said when she heard classical music for the first time: "How much longer is he goin' ter take ter tune that dratted fiddle afore he begins ter play?"

Prof. Bowman is a fine musician, and he deserves all the credit given him for the masterful manner in which he has created his excellent orchestra. It was a wise act on his part to receive outside aid, and no better choice could be made than Miss Jessie Kerr as accompanist. Few ladies reach the acme of perfection attained by Miss Kerr as a pianist, her selections are in the very best of taste, and she does not have to fall back upon that hackneyed expression of most musicians: "Really I'd like to, indeed I would, ever so much, but I haven't my music, you know, and my dear teacher I took from—Prof. Paddyswhiskers, you know—told me *never* to play without my music."

Miss Kerr plays *without her music*, save in accompanying the voice or an instrument, and she is a finished performer. How would it look for a recitationist to *read* the recitation to an audience? The recitationist learns the piece before coming before the public, and, save in orchestral music, the performer on an instrument should do the same. The technique of Miss Kerr is brilliant and graceful, and her playing shows that her brain and heart guide her hands.

The descriptive fantasia, "Life on the Mississippi," was very fine, only one who has sat on a log ten miles off from the Mississippi and *heard* a *calliope* wondered where the said instrument came in. When the negroes first heard a caliope on a Mississippi River boat they thought Gabriel was a passenger on board, the Day of Judgment was being towed astern, and the devil was the fireman, hence they took to the woods.

Miss M. Grace Whalen as an elocutionist made a fine impression on an Easton audience. She is attractive in appearance, graceful, has a well modulated voice and distinct utterance and enters into the spirit of her reading with appreciation of what it calls for. She assumes each different part well in voice and character, and her recitations are most acceptable—but! why did she ever select such a grewsome reading, half sermon, half temperance lecture as Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' "Jack the Fisherman"? What was the moral in it, when a man took the "Rock of Ages" to rivet the virtue of his wife upon, took no oath himself as to his own reformation, then, without cause, believed his good young wife had gone astray, killed her, and, when he could do nothing else to escape the gallows for his crime, called upon the Rock of Ages to "cleft for him," and, as a means of saving grace, became a murderer and a suicide? It is too much like the reply of the Dutchman whose wife had been ill, and in answer to the Parson's kind inquiry replied:

"She's dead, Parson."

"I hope that she was resigned, my brother."

"Mine Gott in Himmel, Parson—she had to be!"

So with "Jack the Fisherman"; he could do nothing else but hunt the Rock of Ages when he had committed a cold-blooded murder.

There is a legend that says the Confederate Army was at Gettysburg, but in the descriptive fantasia of it played by the Bowman Orchestra there was not a single Southern National air heard. The composer who would blend the two, the firing and music of the one side in the distance, the other near, would make a hit; but the piece was well rendered by the orchestra, as was also the "Mill Stream."

Mrs. Young sang a solo, in which Miss Kerr accompanied her. It was "The Lover and the Bird," and Mrs. Young showed that she had been well trained, and her voice was under fine control, her enunciation distinct, and she sang with expression as well.

As the orchestra has shown its worth, it is to be hoped that Prof. Bowman will not only keep them up to their present standard but also make his brass band also a thorough success.

The Avon Male Quartette, composed of Messrs. Spence, Patchett, Wheatley and Patterson, made its first appearance before a home audience, and its hit was instantaneous. These gentlemen have excellent voices, and more, they sing in perfect unison, and at times with thorough organ effect. When all are good to a degree it seems unfair to signalize one, but the basso of Mr. Spence would command a high price as a professional singer for its volume and sweetness of tone. Each and all of their selections were beautifully rendered and deservedly brought down the house, demanding encores, but "Old Kentucky Home" was "the song that touched the heart," and "Juanita" was also sung with a feeling that commanded sympathy. Taken altogether, the thanks of Eastonians are due to Prof. Bowman for a most enjoyable and artistic entertainment.

THE EASTON HIGH SCHOOL.

An Interesting Budget of News from our Seat of Learning.

The School Board having ordered Monday and Tuesday last holidays in the schools of the county, Easton High School observed the Washington birthday anniversary on Friday preceeding. Assembly Hall was tastefully decorated with the stars and stripes; national and patriotic songs were sung, quotations and readings from the writings of Washington and other statesmen were given by the pupils; Professor Chaplain read Daniel Webster's celebrated address delivered at the centennial celebration of Washington's birth (1832). Professor Reisler, the principal, delivered a brief address on the youth and early manhood of Washington. The program which occupied about an hour, was prepared on short notice. The exercises were in charge of Miss Welby, the first assistant.

Monday last four drawing tables, made in the Manuel Training Department of the High School, which is in charge of Mr. A. C. Leaverton, were shipped to St. Michaels for use in the High School there.

The room at the end of the upper hall has been fitted up as a library and Principal's reception room. A large book-case has been built in one side, matting on the floor, a desk, chairs and lounge provided, and a a number of handsome pictures, the work of the pupils in the Drawing Department, hung upon the walls.

The potted plants and flowers in the rooms of the lady teachers are very pretty, adding much to the attractiveness of the rooms.

Miss McDaniel spent the recent holidays at her home in St. Michaels. Mr. Leaverton went to his home in Queen Anne's county; the other teachers remained at their homes in Easton.

Object To Advance In Premiums.

A number of the policy-holders of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association living in Talbot county met in Easton Tuesday at the office of Geo. W. Wilson to discuss the situation brought about by a recent great advance in the premiums. Judge William R. Martin presided. After a general discussion of the matter a committee, consisting of J. Frank Bateman, Col. Edward Lloyd and George E. Haddaway was appointed to correspond with all the members of the company living in Talbot county and invite their co operation in taking measures to obtain relief. It is suggested also that the members of the company in each county in the State appoint delegates to a State meeting of the members, to be held in Baltimore. There is $360,000 of insurance in the Mutual Reserve Fund Association in force in Talbot county.

Wants to Stop It.

Delegate Woodall wants to prevent the use of twine weirs further than 700 yards from the shore at the mouth of the Great Choptank river, and has introduced a bill to that effect. The present law permits fishermen to stretch their weirs to the distance of 1,300 yards from either shore. This nearly spans the river, with the result that few fish can enter the river from the bay. The Talbot delegation has had strong pressure brought to bear on them to secure the amendment proposed by Mr. Woodall's bill and it is thought it will pass.

To Erect a Bridge.

Mr. Todd, of Caroline, presented a petition from citizens of Caroline county in the House of Delegates this week asking for the passage of a bill to authorize the Commissioners of Talbot and Caroline to jointly erect a bridge across the Great Choptank River at Gilpin's Point. The petition was referred to the Talbot and Caroline delegations. It is thought that the bill will not mature, owing to opposition from Talbot.

Thinks They are Perfect.

The Talbot *Times* says:—The photographs of the Bowman Orchestra and the Avon Male Quartette, printed in the Easton GAZETTE last week and the week before, were as near perfect as can well be made.

Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try, and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year, and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c a box, cure guaranteed

GOOD MEN AND TRUE

SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR POSITIONS IN TALBOT.

Nominations for Magistrates, Notaries Public, Supervisors of Election, School Commissioner, etc., Sent in.

TALBOT county appointments have been made by the Governor and were sent in to the Senate on Wednesday. There are a number of surprises among them. Col. James C. Mullikin was named as the successor of Dr. Hardcastle on the School Board.

Dr. Buffett and John T. Trax were named as republican Supervisors of election and J. Harry Ratcliffe as the democratic member of the Board.

Justices of the Peace.—First District—Guy Plumb, Thomas H. Coburn, Alfred L. Tharp.

Second District—John W. Dean, Jerry V. Harris, John T. Mansfield, William B. Grace.

Third District—Robert T. Mullikin William Rickets, William F. Sewell, Thomas B. Stewart.

Fourth District—Walter C. Orrell, William W Stevens, Albert H. Samis.

Fifth District—John Marshall, John T. Harris of John.

Notaries Public—Henry Shreve, Harry G. Councell and R. Rastall Walker, Easton.

Oyster Inspectors—Samuel McBaynard, St. Michaels; James E. Benson Oxford.

GUY BROS. MINSTRELS.

Be Sure to Hear Them at Music Hall To-Night.

Guy Bros.' minstrels presented their annual entertainment in Opera House, on Wednesday evening, and were greeted by a large audience of both ladies and gentlemen. The Guy Bros. are very popular here as evidenced by the large audiences they command. Their orchestral music was exceptionally good, the overture was well staged and first class, and the jokes new. In the second part some very clever specialties were seen.

The musical artists, Keating and Forestner, gave pleasing performances, which presented a varied and amusing feature by the colored intruder George R. Guy. We can safely say that this gentleman has no peer upon the minstrel platform today. His clear cut witticisms and clever acting is a good performance in itself. The acrobatic performance by the Flood brothers stands preeminently unequalled. The six Guy brothers in their separate roles are star artists, and like good wine improve with age. Their entertainment gave unbounded satisfaction to the audience.—Newark, Ohio, *Daily*. At the Hall to-night.

TALBOT TEACHERS MEET.

An Interesting Programme Arranged For To-day's Meeting.

A meeting of the Teachers' Association will be held to-day, at the High School building, beginning at 10.30 o'clock A. M. Following is the programe:—

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Reading Journal of Proceedings last meeting.
3. Recitation, Nellie M. Jackson.
4. Desk Work (report of committees related to):—

(*a*) Reading and Language, Henriette L Mellier, Chairman; Mary Ann Hardcaslte, Martha G. McDonald.

(*b*) Number Work. John W. Gibson Chairman; Edwin R. Jump, Edith L. Ford.

(*c*) Form, Color and Elementary Science. Mary E. Ford, Chairman; Hennie M. Merrick, Addison E. Mullikin.

5. Review of Speer's Primary Number Work, Edward Reisler.

MARGARET P. ROBINSON, Secretary.

They Paid the Fines.

The county police-boat Frolic, Capt. F. J. Boyar, arrived in St. Michaels Monday with two oyster schooners in tow, the Samuel Washington, Capt. John J. King, owned by Charles Wacker, of Baltimore, and the Frances Hutchins, Capt. A. M. Wroten, owned by John Roberts, of Baltimore. Both were arraigned before Justic J. W. Dean, charged with having unculled oysters aboard, and found guilty. Fines of $50 each were imposed, with costs, amounting to $51.30 in each case, which was promptly paid.

Mr. Highley's Lecture.

Regardless of the inclemency of the weather last Tuesday evening, the town hall at Trappe was well filled with enthusiastic listeners to "Help or Hinder," the popular lecture of Rev. Burton S. Highley, delivered under the auspices of The Progressive Literary Club. Mr. Highley accompanied by a committee was driven to the hall in a closed carriage. He was introduced by Mr. W. W. Wright. The Club declared a dividend of 50 per cent to its stockholders today.—*Times*.

Unearthed a Battle-ax.

While James D. Caulk, of St. Michaels, was digging clams on the Leeds Creek side of Second Point in Miles River last Saturday, he unearthed an Indian battle-ax. As Mr. Caulk is a member of the Order of Red Men, he presented it to Juanita Tribe of St. Michaels for their chamber of horrors.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists. 11-13-tf

FINANCES OF OUR TOWN.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS.

Why an Increase of the Tax Rate is Necessary—The Board Has Practiced Rigid Economy—Taxes will be Lower.

THE increase in the tax rate of Easton, as proposed in the bill now before the Legislature, is meeting with strong opposition from tax payers of Easton, who have circulated a petition for signatures.

The petition has been forwarded to the Talbot delegation in the Legislature. The commissioners have drawn up a lengthy reply to the petition which has also been forwarded to the Talbot representatives.

The petition recites that the "undersigned tax-payers of Easton desire to enter our earnest protest against the bill offered in the Senate of Maryland authorizing the Commissioners of Easton to increase the tax rate from 37½ to 55 cents on the $100 of the assessable property of the town. In our judgment such an increase is not needed, as by the last statement of the Commissioners only recently rendered there appears to be uncollected and due the large sum of $5,000, which if collected would be amply sufficient to meet all requirements of the town. The levy for the present year amounts to the large sum of $6,030.95, to which must be added dog taxes, exhibition taxes, market rents, etc., which in the judgment of your petitioners imposes a sufficiently heavy burden on the tax-payers of the town."

The stand taken by the commissioners to justify their action in asking for an increased tax rate is interesting and is as follows:

HON. H. C. DODSON,
SENATE CHAMBER,
ANNAPOLIS, MD.

DEAR SIR:—Our attention has been called to an article in the EASTON GAZETTE of the 19th inst. in which it is said that there is opposition to increasing the tax limit of Easton and we have heard that a petition protesting against such an increase is now in circulation among the citizens of the town. In view of this action we think it is due to you as well as ourselves to explain the reasons why the bill prepared at our instance and introduced by you in the Senate has incorporated in it a provision limiting the tax rate to 55 cents.

"The law as it now stands is to the effect that the Commissioners "may as often as necessary levy such tax as they may deem necessary, not exceeding 37½ cents, etc." The proposed change is that they may levy "such *annual* tax" "not exceeding 55 cents, etc." The custom has been to levy to the full extent of the limit authorized, but even when that is done the Commissioners have found it not only necessary to exercise the most rigid economy in order to keep up the ordinary expenses of the town but in many instances improvements sorely needed have had to be postponed simply because the funds available were not sufficient to warrant any expenditure in making them.

A forcible illustration of this is furnished by the condition of the streets of the town. We have been harshly criticised because they in some places remind one more of neglected country roads than the streets of an active, prosperous and progressive town, because they are not better drained and better lighted at night. The criticism as applied to the Commissioners is unjust, because their hands are tied by the limitations placed upon them by law.

It has been suggested that the Commissioners are not restricted to an annual levy but may cause one to be made whenever necessary, the only limitation being the rate of the tax, and in this way the difficulty in obtaining necessary funds may be overcome. However this may be, we are advised and believe that such action on our part would be contrary to a sound public opinion as well as policy, and that the course we have pursued in asking for authority to impose an annual tax at a limited rate is a reasonable request.

Another consideration is that the taxable basis is annually decreasing. This is shown by the assessment books of the town, which disclose that abatements are constantly being asked for, and as they are in many cases reasonable the Commissioners cannot do otherwise than grant them. But it is much more clearly demonstrated by a comparison of the assessments for county and State purposes made in 1876 and 1896. In order to form some idea of the actual difference between the two assessments we have examined the assessed value of twenty-eight parcels of real estate on Washington street, beginning at the Hardcastle building occupied by D.R. Cox and ending at the Postoffice on the east side of the street, and beginning at the John Mason building and ending at the Beck property on the west side. We selected this part of the town because it is its active business center, and values have decreased less there than anywhere else. Notwithstanding this, there was an abatement made in the value of every building, by the assessment of 1896, except four, notwithstanding great improvements have been made in nearly all of them, and the increase in the four named is due entirely to improvements, and there are $10,400 of improvements.

In one case the reduction is from $9,000 to $6,368; other illustrations are $9,500 to $7,500, $8,000 to $6,120, $4,000 to $2,820, $10,000 to $6,140, etc., etc. Again where at least $2,500 of improvements have been made upon a piece of property there has been a reduction from $9,000 to $7,160 a difference of over $4,000 and in another case improvements amounting to over $2,300 were made with a reduction of $500 making a difference of $2,800.

There are $10,400 of improvements made not accounted for in the books of 1876, that are accounted for in those of 1896. The actual difference in values is $33,306, or a reduction of nearly 25 per cent from the assessment of 1876. Those who know anything of real estate in Easton will readily admit that the decrease in values in other parts of the town will be much greater in proportion than on Washington street, and that there has been no increase in personal property, if any, commensurate with the decrease in value of real estate.

With this condition of affairs staring them in the face the commissioners feel that it is their duty to have a new assessment of property and, when they do so, if the present rate of taxation, is to continue the town will be unable to meet its obligations.

It is questionable if the individual tax payer under a new assessment will pay any more at 55c than he now does at 37½. In some instances he will not pay as much, but the Commissioners are not required to make the levy 55. That rate is the limit. They can only levy what is necessary for "legitimate corporate purposes."

Another consideration that we once enjoyed a large revenue from the market house whereas now the income from it is hardly appreciable. This is due to the establishment of butcher shops and green groceries in every part of the town. On the other hand legitimate expenses are constantly increasing. We have to provide for a fire department, for removal of garbage, for a night patrol and other matters not thought of twenty years ago, but the abolishment of any one of which would cause an outburst of indignation on the part of the inhabitants.

Finally we beg to say that we have very seriously and carefully considered the question of an increase of the tax limit and our conclusions are based upon the actual facts before us and not upon mere surmise—we have the interests of the town at heart as much as any other individual citizens and we feel we are in a better position to speak than persons who sign petitions upon presentation without a knowledge of the facts or any inquiry for them. The petition to be presnted to you will represent only a portion of the taxpayers. It remains with you to decide whether or not they shall balk us in our efforts to "diligently and faithfully, according to the best of our judgment, perform the duties of our office"—we are assured that the great mass of tax-payers agree with us that the present tax rate upon a just taxable basis is too low. We have had no reason presented to us nor do we know of any that can induce us to withdraw that provision of the bill against which the petition protests; on the contrary, we believe the interests of the town require that it should be enactted. Very respectfully,

N. E. CLARK,
J. C. HENRY,
WILLIS FLOWERS,
Commissioners.

Since the publication of the petition of the tax-payers the Commissioners have presented this additional letter for publication:

EASTON, MD., Feb. 24, 1898.

HON. H. C. DODSON,
SENATE CHAMBER,
ANNAPOLIS, MD.

DEAR SIR:—Since writing you under yesterday's date we have seen a copy of the petition of citizens of Easton protesting against an increase of the tax rate of the town. It is published in the *Ledger* of this morning. The "judgment" of the signers of the petition is that 37½ cents is sufficient because the last statement of the Commissioners shows that $5,000 is due the town "which if collected would be amply sufficient to meet all the requirements of the town." The value of such judgment may well be estimated from the fact that the statement they quote from (a copy of which is enclosed) shows that the expenses of 1897 were over $7,000. How is it possible to pay $7,000 with $5,000? For the expenses of the town in 1898 will certainly not be less than they were in 1897. Moreover the balance of $5,000 is not all available for 1898. Debts accruing in 1897 must be provided for. In fact over $1,000 of it has already been collected and paid the Commissioners and by them applied to debts accruing in in 1897, leaving us with less than $4,000 to meet current expenses from now until January next. The levy of this year which is placed at $6,030 will not be available until January 1899. Two items of revenue for 1897 will not be received this year, one of them is on account of a note of $500 due the sinking fund to redeem town bonds which are now paid. The other is $300 from the County Commissioners. It will be observed that in 1897, the amount due by the county for 1895 and 1896 was paid: whereas in the present year the Commissioners cannot expect more than the levy of 1897 to be paid them, or $300, instead of $600 with these deductions and assuming that other sources of revenue will be the same as 1897, the Commissioners will receive $6705.14 or $658.44 less than expenses of 1897. If a new assessment is made, as there ought to be, it is impossible to say what the deficit will be. It may be asked what have the Commissioners done in the past when there was shortage. The answer is simple:

They have borrowed money on their personal responsibility. No citizen has the right to expect them to do it. We now commit the matter to you, having, we think, demonstrated the necessity of an increased rate and answered the only objections to such an increase brought to our attention. We beg in conclusion to call your attention to the fact that the present rate is one of the lowest of towns of the class of Easton in the State, Cumberland, Frostburg, Annapolis, Denton, Greensborough, New Windsor, Frederick, Bel Air, Havre de Grace, Rockville, Laurel, Crisfield, Princess Anne, Oxford, St. Michaels and other towns have a rate limit of 50 cents or over. Yours truly,

N. E. CLARK,
J. C. HENRY,
WILLIS FLOWERS,
Commissioners of Easton.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Gentlemen and Ladies That Go and Come from Day to Day.



Miss Sallie Martin, of "Boston" in Trappe district visited her cousid Mrs. Emory of Easton this week.

Miss Burd Winterbottom, of Cambridge, visited her sister Mrs. C. H. Leonard this week.

Henry P. Turner of St. John's College, Annapolis spent the holidays with his parents.

Mr. James A. Spence is receiving many congratulations upon the richness and tone of his very fine basso, and the ease with which he uses it in singing.

Miss Ethel Gray, after a visit of a few weeks in Washington City, has returned to Easton, to the pleasure of her many friends here.

Miss Lelia Reisler will leave Easton next week for a month's visit to friends in Union Bridge, Carroll county, and Baltimore.

Frank Walker, of the Tome Institute, Port Deposit, was in town this week.

John Mason, Jr. was in Baltimore last week, from Friday until Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Frampton of Caroline county is visiting Mrs. J. J. Wright.

Miss Fannie Barton will return from her visit in Princess Anne today.

Mr Thomas H. Hollingsworth was in Philadelphia on Monday.

Miss Mattie Douglass of Preston is visiting Miss Mary E. Yeo.

Mr. William C. Littleton was in St. Michaels on Thursday.

Miss Alice Gale has returned from a visit to Baltimore.

LITTLE NEWS NOTES.

Snap Shots by the Gazette's Reportorial Kodak.

The School Board has purchased the old M. E. Church building at St. Michaels for $500 to be used for a school house for the primary department.

At an oyster roast on Sunday a Baltimore expert ate nine dozen roasted bivalves, And yet there are persons who contend that our oyster supply is not in danger.

Congressman Barber has introduced a bill in the House providing for the immediate construction of twenty torpedo boats to be assigned to the Naval Reserves of the several States. The bill was introduced at the request of Commander Emerson of the Baltimore Naval Reserves.

Senator Dodson has presented a petition to authorize the payment for services of Wilfred Bateman for indexing the land records of Talbot county. The petition was referred to Senators Dodson, Merrick and Findley.

Judge Martin on Thursday last signed a decree divorcing *a vinculo matrimonii* Maggie E. Wooters, from David R. Wooters, and gave to the wife the possession of their two infant children.

THE HOUSES FOR WORSHIP.

What the Churches in and Near Easton Are Doing.

At St. Paul's Church, Trappe, tomorrow, a pulpit designed and built by W. F. Focke, of Baltimore, will be unveiled at the morning service, and Rev. Mr. Gantt will preach a special sermon. This pulpit is of solid and polished brass, and as coming from a Baltimore firm and being the first of its kind made in the city for the Diocese of Easton, much interest has been manifested.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a Memorial service in memory of Miss Francis E. Willard, Tuesday, Mar. 1st. at 3 o'clock, at their rooms on Goldsborough St. Members and friends are invited to be present.

In pursuance of a custom introduced in 1892, special sermons will be preached at Trinity Cathedral on Tuesday evenings during Lent. The preacher for March 1st will be Rev. Samuel J. French, of Greensboro.

Bishop Adams has been conducting Lenten services at Christ Church in the absence of Rev. L. B. Baldwin.

Mrs. McDonald, of Washington, will lecture and give Spirit Communication in Mason's Hall at 7.30 P. M. tomorrow. Subject, "What is the meaning of the Resurrection in Christ?" Silver collection.

Attention

is called to the new advertisement on page 8 of T. H. Hollingsworth & Co. This enterprising firm has placed in stock a beautiful line of spring and summer goods and invite an inspection of them before the rush begins. See their new ad. next week. It will contain some startling bargains.