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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1889.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—Astronomically, winter began on December 21 and ended March 19.

—Hopewell public school was broken into on Wednesday night. Entrance was effected through a window.

—Chestertown grain market. Local grain buyers are offering for white corn, 37c., yellow corn, 36c. For average wheat, $1.00.

—James A. Pearce, Esq., who returned from a delightful trip to Savannah, Ga., on Thursday last, says that flowers are in bloom and everything presents a decidedly spring-like appearance in the South.

—A fifteen-inch terra cotta pipe has been laid in the sewer emptying at the foot of Water steamboat wharf, the old one having settled and broken and finally choked up by loose shell and earth that proved insufficient for the discharge of the sewerage.

—The unusually high tides, which overflowed some of the wharf property here, are specially noticeable on Kent Island at "Terry Marsh," adjoining the Love Point bridge, was overflowed for nearly half mile, the water being up to the carriage.

—Winchester fishermen are reported as having hung up their nets. The run of fish being very large, but the prices realized are so much reduced since the opening of the season that it is now comparatively a profitless business. Chestertown fishermen are still at work, and report the season as still being fairly good. The first shad of the season was caught on Friday last.

—William D. Gould, Esq., of Queen Anne's county, has an ewe, which, during lambing season, after having eaten her own lambs—twins—attacked others of the flock, seriously injuring them, and had she not been moved to another pasture, would have done serious damage. This is an occurrence which is extremely rare, and it is safe to say that but few if any of our farmers have ever had a similar experience.

—During the bright spring weather, Kent county oyster tongers are taking advantage of the short time which remains to them in which to work. Dredgers are equally awake to the importance of embracing the passing opportunity. The law provides that the dredging season shall close on April 1, and allows the tongers until April 25. It is estimated that the dredgers have stolen from Chester river this season at least 150,000 bushels.

—Lewis E. Perkins, Esq., the very courteous clerk of the steamer Gratitude, has executed a beautiful piece of work with his pen, representing an eagle with out-spread wings. The bird holds in its beak a streamer, bearing the name of a lady friend, for whom the work was done. The delicate shading and fine touches upon the feathers give evidence of an unusual amount of patience and care; the lettering is also beautifully done, and the most remarkable part of the work is, however, that every stroke of the pen was made while the boat was in motion.

—The railroad question, so far as Kent is concerned, seems to be slumbering, and since our last issue the prospects have been but little discussed, and nothing of importance has been authoritatively heard from other sources, yet this is no evidence that behind the scenes affairs have not developed and are still assuming definite form, which may result more satisfactorily than the numerous rumors which have so often disturbed our local circle. The Philadelphia *Record* of March 26, has the following to say in regard to the matter: E. Phielens, of this city, who is interested with the New Jersey Central Railroad in the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad across the Delaware Peninsula, is considering plans for running an excursion steamer from Bombay Hook, on Delaware Bay, to Cape May Point. A boat now runs from Baltimore to Tolchester Beach, there connecting with the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad. By the establishment of these connections the trip can be made from Baltimore to Cape May within five hours, and the long journey via Philadelphia will be avoided.

—Rice, Lamotte & Co., who canned extensively in Chestertown during last season, have removed their entire stock of canned goods to Baltimore, during the present week. Their stock remaining of last year's pack consisted of about four thousand cases of peaches, pears, tomatoes, corn, blackberries and huckleberries. The goods were removed to Baltimore in order that they might be convenient, so that any favorable change of market prices might be availed of. The entire pack of last year was about sixteen thousand cases. Mr. Lamotte says that prices are low on all canned goods except peaches. Standards are moving well, but pie-fruit is a little glutty. Evaporated stock is very low, berries will probably move stronger as the season advances, when bakers will take hold of them for pie purposes. Mr. Lamotte also stated that the prospects for the coming packing season is not encouraging unless the prices on peaches keep up, in that case the market will be relieved and the pack of the present year will promise good returns, and will be large if the fruit can be gotten. Rice, Lamotte & Co. will confine their pack this year to peaches.

—The dwelling house of Joseph Sinnickson, Esq., residing near Sassafras, was entirely destroyed by fire on Saturday morning about 5 o'clock. The fire had made such headway before being discovered, that it was found to be impossible to move the furniture. Nearly all of the clothing of the family was destroyed. The loss was almost complete, as there was no insurance on either the building or personal effects. Mr. Sinnickson was quite sick at the time of the fire and was moved from the house as soon as the fire was discovered, but made his way back into the burning building and was seriously affected by enhaling the smoke. The fire is supposed to have resulted from a defective flue. Mr. Sinnickson was moved to the home of Isaac Gibbs, a son-in-law, where he died on Saturday morning, aged about 63 years. Dr. Wright, the attending physician, says that death resulted from the severe shock produced by the fire. A wife and seven daughters survive, two of the daughters are very delicate and are at the home of R. S. Griffith's, the remainder of the family are at Mr. Gibbs. Richard Sinnickson, a brother of the deceased, arrived from Cincinnatti on Saturday evening.

—The latest victim of the so-called hay-fork and piano agents, is Thomas S. Wilmer, Esq. These men were operating in Kent county several weeks ago, and at the same time that Mr. Wilmer was taken in, County Commissioner Hebron was caught on a piano. The representation was made to Mr. Wilmer by the agents that they were desirous of using his barn as a store-room for their hay-forks, he to be in no way either agent or purchaser. The forks were simply to be stored there, the agents to have the privilege of showing them to persons desirous of purchasing. After protesting, it was decided that the forks should be left, and at the same time Mr. Wilmer agreeing to act as agent to the extent of receiving money and showing forks in the absence of the owners, an agreement to that effect being signed. This agreement, later developments have disclosed, was nothing more nor less than a promissory note for $260. The note was passed to innocent parties for value, and to the maker's surprise was last week presented for payment. Mr. Wilmer declares the whole transaction to be a swindle, and says that he had no idea of making himself in any way responsible on a promissory note.

An Old Land Mark Gone.

Generally, when an old mark, which has been familiar for many years is destroyed or removed, there is a feeling of regret, as if a parting with an old friend. In this instance there will be a universal feeling of pleasure and approval.

C. T. Westcott, Esq., has removed from Water street the old stable building belonging to what was formally the Chambers house, and it will be replaced by a neat fence.

There are several other old stables directly on a line of Water street, whose removal would be hailed by equal pleasure, not only by the residents of the locality, but by all who walk in this otherwise pretty part of the town.

The nineteenth century could certainly see this much needed improvement.

Court News.

Orphans' Court, March 26, 1889.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Letters of adm'r on the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Crew, deceased, were granted to H. H. Barroll. Mrs. Sarah M. Usilton, guardian to John Gale Usilton, filed her bond. Wm. E. Keyser and James T. Lamb, returned an appraisement of the real estate of Perry Chambers, deceased. Wm. M. Slay and Mary H. Townsend, adm'rs of Moses Lambson, passed their first admin. account. Rev. E. W. Gaylord, ex'tr of W. G. Phelps, filed list of debts due his decedent. Wm. M. Slay, adm'r d. b. n. of E. F. Chambers, filed list of debts due his decedent.

County Commissioners met March 26, with full board present. J. Frank Ernest, William Morris, John Dickinson, E. W. Hepbron and Samuel F. Cooper, filed lists of road supervisors nominated by them for their respective districts, which were ratified and appointed by order of commissioners. Board further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for levy and ordering transfers and abatements of property.

A Complicated Horse Deal.

The valuable driving mare which we last week mentioned as having been stolen from the stable of Dr. C. H. B. Massey, has been recovered after having played an important part in one of the most complicated deals which Kent horse circles have known for a number of years. We clip the following account of the transaction from the Centreville *Record's* Millington letter.

"One day last week a negro, named Jos. Brown, stole a fine young mare from Dr. Massey, and traded her to George Green, colored, for a dilapidated old horse. The contrast in the horses aroused suspicion in the mind of Green, so he took her up the road and traded her to a gipsy. He afterwards traded the horse he got from the gipsy with Jos. Poore, of this place. Dr. Massey afterwards got his horse from the gipsy without trouble, the gipsy claiming his horse from Green. Green took his horse to Mr. Poore and offered to trade back so he could satisfy the claimant. While waiting, Mr. Richard Poore and Mr. John Moore drove the horse held by Jos. Poore away. Mr. Jos. Poore followed on horseback changed horses and drove the one in dispute away, bringing back with him another one. The negro that stole the horse has not yet been arrested, Dr. Massey seeming to be perfectly satisfied with the recovery of his horse. The gipsy is the only one hurt, being out a horse."

In the Churches.

The Missionary Anniversary of Christ M. P. Sunday School, will be held on Sunday evening, with a full and interesting program.

The services at the Protestant Episcopal Church during Lent are as follows:

Sundays, service and sermon, 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; Mondays, service at 5 P.M.; Tuesdays, service at 5 P. M.; Wednesdays, Litany 12 M., service at 5 P. M.; Thursdays, service at 5 P. M.; Fridays, Litany, 12 M., service at 5 P. M. Holy Communion every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) at 7.30 A. M.

The beautiful spring day brought out large congregations in all the churches, the pulpits of which were filled by their regular ministers, except in the case of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. R. W. Todd being absent at conference. His place was filled by Rev. Mr. Geoghegan, of Washington College, in the morning, and by Mr. C. S. York in the evening. Mr. Todd will return this week and fill his own pulpit on Sunday next.

Catholic services during the week will be at Sacred Heart, Chestertown, Rev. J. A. Murphy pastor. Faiday, stations of the cross, benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 P. M. Sunday, mass and sermon at 7.30 A. M. Rock Hall, Sunday, mass, sermon, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30 A. M. Wednesday, April 3, Sacred Heart Church, there will be church, consisting of prayers, sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30 P. M.

Christ M. P. Church Lyceum met in the lecture room last evening, when the following interesting program was fully enjoyed: Music, Glee Club; reading, Miss Annie Hubbard; duet, Misses Lottie Russel and Coe Thompson; recitation, Miss Nellie Walters; harmonica solo, Miller Maslin; declamation, Prof. R. Watts; instrumental music, Prof. C. V. Schofield; dialogue, W. B. Usilton, Jr., and J. S. W. Jones; solo, W. A. Biscoe.

Bond Methodist Episcopal Church will be reopened on Sunday next, March 31, after having undergone numerous repairs and improvements, rendering it one of the neatest churches of the county. Rev. W. W. Wilson will preach at 10.30 A. M. and at 7.30 P. M. All are invited to be present on the very interesting occasion.

The ladies and teachers of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, on Sunday last, elected Mr. Louis K. Stam its superintendant for the ensuing year. Mr. Stam is recognized as one of the most earnest and efficient workers in the church, and his election was but an evidence of this recognition.

Personal Mention.

William T. Wright, our enterprising merchant, has sold his interest in the business of Wright & Collins, Centreville, to Linwood W. Collins, his former partner.

Frank Platt, Esq., has moved from Chestertown to St. Augustine, Cecil county, Md.

Miss Florence Hall, of Elkton, has returned to her home, after a pleasant visit to friends in Chestertown.

Among those from Chestertown who were present at the interesting conference proceedings at Easton, were Mr. and Mrs. Marion deK. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Clements, the Misses Ella and Laura Thomas, Miss Bertie Hines, Miss Morgan Beaston, C. M. Lucas and Wilber Thomas.

Mr. John Scotton, near Still Pond, is quite ill, having been confined to his bed for the last 10 days with an acute attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. William H. Stewart, near town, is very ill at her home.

Charles D. Burgess, son of Esquire Vachell Burgess, now with the New York Clothing House, of Baltimore, returned to his home on Saturday last, and has been quite sick, but is now convalescent.

Mrs. George Vickers spent last week with her son, H. W. Vickers, Esq.

Miss Hennie Goldsborough, of Centreville, who has been spending several weeks with Mrs. H. W. McFeeley, returned home yesterday.

Miss Mary Beck, Miss Nelie Walker and Miss Nannie Hines, were visiting Mrs. Spencer Harris last week, on Eastern Neck Island. The ladies report a most enjoyable trip.

A Kent County Fox is too Much for Jersey Dogs.

What is reported to have been a novelty in the way of foxhunting in New Jersey, was afforded by a Kent county fox a few weeks ago. The fox was a fine specimen of his fox-ship, which was caught in the upper part of this county and sent to gentlemen at Salem, New Jersey, who poetically eulogized him as a "daisy." Invitations were sent out to numerous lovers of the sport, and on the following Friday a number of horsemen, with twenty of the finest dogs which the local kennels could furnish, appeared upon the scene and were ready for the chase. At the appointed time the hunt commenced, and, says one of the huntsmen in writing to a friend, "the fox did not care anything about the hounds, but just bounced along about five hundred yards in front of them." After taking a circle of about twenty-five miles, the fox came back to where he started from, and both horsemen and dogs were completely worn out and perfectly willing to give up the run. A participant says the chase was a *grand* one, "better than we ever had before in Jersey; it gave our people a better idea of what a *real fox-hunt* means. I feel that this race has gone a long way towards helping me to establish the sport in this county. If the old darkey can catch any more I will pay him well for it." We are not sure whether it would not be better for our friends in Jersey to secure slower foxes or faster dogs; evidently the Kent county "daisy" was too much for them.

New Advertisements.

Hopper, McGaw & Co., importing grocers and wine merchants advertise in this issue their varied and complete stock of fancy and staple groceries. They have literally the largest and handsomest grocery establishment in the South. Country orders by mail specially solicited.

Eugene B. Bowen, with Albert Sigmund, the old and reliable hatter at 103, Baltimore street, E., requests a call from his Kent and Queen Anne's friends.

Records & Goldsborough, wholesale liquor dealers, advertise a full line of wines, brandies and all liquors which a full stock would naturally embrace.

Mr. A. J. Hynson, announces to the citizens of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, that his stock of handsome tombstones and monuments is complete, and that he is selling the finest work at less than city prices.

In this issue will be found the annual Sheriff's License Notice, which will be found of interest to all business men.

M. A. Toulson, druggist, says that he is ready to fill all orders of farmers and gardeners from his large assortment of fresh and reliable garden seed—pure seed, pure results.

Frederick Fountain, as agent for R. J. Baker & Co., advertises his High Grade Fertilizers. Fertilizers for all kinds and conditions of land. A trial insures a sale.

M. Wilbur Thomas gives notice that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kent County Telephone Company will be held at the company's office on April 15.

Eugene Hughes announces that from this date he will not be responsible for any acts of his wife, Emma Hughes, as she has left his bed and board.

Hope H. Barroll gives notice that all persons having claims against the estate of Elizabeth Crew, deceased, to exhibit their claims with proper vouchers.

Winter Statistics.

For a comparison of winter temperatures in degrees Farenheit the following table showing them for the past eighteen years will be useful and full of interest: November, 1888, has been slightly warmer than that month in thirteen preceding years and colder than four, December warmer than six and colder than eleven, January warmer than fifteen and colder than three, February warmer than two and much colder than sixteen, and March warmer than nine and colder than eight. In those years the highest temperature in November was 49.1 degrees in 1881 and the lowest 40.6 in 1873, in December the highest 43.8 in 1881 and the lowest 28.4 in 1876, in January the highest 38.6 in 1874 and the lowest 29.1 in 1884 and 1887, in February the highest 42.2 in 1884 and the lowest 28.5 in 1885, and in March the highest 49.1 in 1878 and the lowest 35.3 in 1885. It would seem from this table and these statistics that this winter has differed but slightly from the average in its weather phenomena.

The table given below gives the temperatures of winters by months for eighteen years:

Year.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
1871	44.7	33.5	35.1	39.7	47.6
1872	43.2	32.1	34.2	35.9	36.9
1873	40.6	40.0	33.5	35.3	38.8
1874	44.7	38.4	38.6	37.0	43.7
1875	42.3	37.7	29.8	28.9	39.6
1876	46.6	28.4	41.2	37.7	39.6
1877	47.9	43.1	31.3	39.9	40.9
1878	46.9	35.3	34.7	40.3	49.1
1879	46.2	41.6	31.3	32.1	43.7
1880	41.8	31.3	42.9	41.2	42.7
1881	49.1	43.8	30.3	34.6	41.7
1882	44.3	36.7	34.7	41.3	44.9
1883	48.2	39.0	32.3	39.1	39.4
1884	46.4	37.4	44.0	42.2	44.0
1885	45.6	37.6	29.1	28.5	35.3
1886	46.4	31.3	32.4	31.3	41.6
1887	45.1	37.2	29.1	38.2	37.8
1888	46.8	35.9	37.6	35.5	37.3
1889	....	....	38.0	29.0	41.0

—*Baltimore Sun.*

The foundation of the Salvation Army barracks on West Main street has been completed.—*Cecil county News.*

Our Kennedyville Letter.

A full house greeted Mr. Smith's school at the entertainment in the town hall Friday night, the receipts of which far exceeded his expectations. The parts were exceptionally well rendered. The greeting song by the school was considered finely rendered. The dialogue, playing Doctor, was well received, while the recitations of Mr. William Smith were exceedingly well rendered and full of mirth. The soloes and quartetts were a very pleasant feature of the occasion and were most admirably rendered. The dialogues, "The Mormon Family," and "Those Auful Boots," came in for a full share of applause, while the drama "My Friend Bob," carried the house by storm. The tableaux "Fast Days," "Guess My Name," and "After the Ball," were just grand while the finale a regular old time shake down, just made the old hall tremble. Many seemed to regret when the fun was over, and expressed a desire to have it over again. There is little doubt but that a good house would attend to honor the occasion should it be repeated. Mr. Smith deserves great credit for his patience and perseverance in accomplishing so much from his youthful scholars. The selections were all well chosen and well executed without interruptions or delay between parts Mr. Smith expects to purchase a bell which he wants to have placed upon the school house; this will be quite an improvement upon the present system of calling school.

CRUSOE.

From Church Hill.

CHURCH HILL, March 26, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—This town is very dull just now, our farmers presumably being busy training their new hands. But they never forget us on Saturday, wet or dry, hot or cold, money or no money they come. Indeed, more hitching room and hitching posts are needed; last Saturday we saw several teams hitched to other carriage wheels. No doubt the merchants wondered what they all came for, as they brought little money and business seemed to be very dull.

Some months ago one of our old fogies said that "he wished spring would come so that the frogs could give us some good music"—meaning to cast a slur on our newly organized brass band, but they have improved so much of late that the same old fogie was heard to remark that he rather liked their music now, than otherwise. There is undoubted talent in this band, for after playing "Few Days" for a few weeks they branched right out, and now play so many tunes in so many ways that most anybody can understand what they are trying to play.

We have a colored band here also, but as their place of business is half a mile outside of Brooklyn, we hardly know how they are coming on, though they say they are going to give the white band a hard time to get ahead of them.

I will here mention, for the benefit of your Kent readers, what every body in Queen Anne's knows, that Brooklyn is Church Hill's most important suburb; although Templeton is growing rapidly.

Rev. Q. A. Wheat, of the M. E. Church South, before going to conference made a statement of the finances of this charge, which is very encouraging. Though this denomination is considered rather weak here, the three points of this charge, Barclay, Tilghman's and Church Hill, have raised over twenty-two hundred dollars for church purposes during the past year.

If the whole Christian world were to put forth as much effort in the missionary cause as was shown to have been done by the Methodist Episcopal Church in their enthusiastic missionary anniversary Sunday night week, *foreign* heatherns would soon be a thing of the past, though the home grown article would probably require a still greater effort. The recent missionary anniversary at the Methodist Episcopal Church was a decided success and an enjoyable occasion. Their spacious church was crowded, benches, aisles and alter. The choir was accompanied by organ and claironet; responsive readings and recitations rendered an exceedingly interesting program. SOL. STRETCHER.

PENINSULA ITEMS.

Twelve hundred herring were caught in a single haul in the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal at Delaware City last week.

A fish train was put on the Delaware road on Monday morning, March 11, the principal product being shad from Southern waters.—*Ex.*

Efforts are being made to organize a "Society of the Sons of the Revolution" in Delaware to attend the Washington Inaugurational Centennial in New York.—*Newark Ledger.*

The town council could save the taxpayers considerable by passing an ordinance compelling all tramps caught within the town limits to work one day on the streets.—*Middletown Transcript.*

At a meeting of the Delaware Fruit Exchange, at Dover last week, it was decided to authorize the directors to negotiate a loan of $5,000 to put the exchange on a sound basis.

Miss Peggy Wilson, an aged resident of Princess Anne, died on Friday afternoon. Miss Wilson was in her 79th year, and was the daughter of John C. Wilson, former owner of the old Westover estate.

The School Commissioners of this county have decided to prolong the school term five weeks more. The schools, therefore, instead of closing on April 16, as announced, will be kept open until May 23.—*Cecil County Appeal.*

Mr. Thomas Hill and Mr. C. J. Sudler, two of our enterprising young men, will start a creamery at Sudlersville this pring. They will begin work on it right away.—*Centreville Record.*

William Taylor has secured the contract for furnishing the piles for the new drydock to be built at League Island, near Philadelphia, by the U. S. government. The contract calls for some 16,000 piles to be delivered in ninety days, and will amount to some $5,000 or more.—*New Era.*

In the circuit Court for Cecil county recently, the jury in the case of Joseph E. Mullen, of Upland, Chester county, Pa., vs. the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, allowing him five thousand dollars damages.

The congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of this town, presented their pastor on Friday night with a handsome gold watch and chain as a testimonial of their love for him and appreciation of his services. It was engraved on the inside back case with the following inscription: "Presented to Rev. C. A. Hill by the congregation of the Centreville M. E. Church, March, 1889."—*Observer.*

Charles Kiah, an old colored man, was killed on the track of the Cambridge and Seaford Railraod, near the Cambridge depot, on Saturday afternoon. The man, who was deaf, was walking down the track towards Cambridge as the mail train was approaching on a down grade, the engine having cut loose from the train to make a running switch, and did not hear the repeated signal whistled.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Interesting Proceedings of the Wilmington Conference—Easton Entertains a Host of Methodist Friends.

The twenty-first annual session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, commenced at Easton, on Wednesday, March 20, in Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Randolph S. Foster, D. D. LL. D., presiding. Before the formal inauguration of conference proceedings on Wednesday, however, a temperance anniversary was held in the Ebenezer Church on Tuesday evening, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the very pretty church was filled with an interesting audience. The chairman of the meeting being absent, upon motion Rev. Isaac Jewel was made chairman. The choir then sang a beautiful selection, after which the Rev. Alfred Smith was introduced and eloquently and earnestly defended the great cause of temperance, and said that "the issue should be made openly against the liquor traffic, and the church should never entertain a compromise or listen to any argument which showed a giving way to the whiskey cause, but should bombard the citadel from castle to dome." The program throughout was not less interesting than instructive, and consisted of music and stirring addresses. Examinations in conference studies also took place on Tuesday, when the following young men passed with highly satisfactory success:

First year course—George T. Anderson, Warren Burr, Frank F. Carpenter, Wesley W. Chaires, William P. Compton, Joshua W. Gray, George P. Smith, Charles P. Swain, John R. Todd, William Sheers and John F. Anderson.

Second year course—H. W. Ewing, Ralph T. Coursey, Stephen W. Morgan, Zach Webster and T. L. Price.

Third year course—George W. Bownan, George E. Wood, Asbury Burke, William W. Sharp, William R. Mowbry, William W. Johnson, Henry S. Dulaney, W. G. Koons, R. I. Watkins, C. T. Wyatt and J. T. Prouse.

On Wednesday at the opening of the conference there were 109 members present.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the bishop.

Standing committees were appointed and the Rev. J. D. Rigg was re-elected general secretary. He named the Rev. Julius Dodd statistical secretary and the Rev. W. T. Valiant journal secretary.

It was resolved to have business sessions between 9 and 12 in the morning.

The Rev. G. A. Grice was elected conference treasurer. Dover district reported having contributed $4,343 for missionary causes and $1031 for conference claimants. Easton district reported $5,296 in missionary collections and $1,409 for conference claimants. At noon a recess was taken.

The following sketch will be found of interest to many.

THE PRESIDING BISHOP.

The Rev. Bishop Randolph S. Foster, D. D. LL. D., presiding over the conference, was born at Williamsburg, Ohio, February 22, 1820. He pursued his studies in Augusta College, Kentucky, and shortly after he was 17 entered the ministry. He was soon placed in important stations in the Ohio Conference. In 1850 he was transferred to New York. In 1856 he was elected president of the Northwestern University, and after occupying that position for several years he returned to the pastorate, filling some of the most prominent appointments in New York city and vicinity. In 1868 he was chosen professor in Drew Theological Seminary, and, on the death of Dr McClintock, in 1870, he succeeded him to the presidency of that institution. He was a member of the General Conferences of 1864, 1868 and 1872. In 1868 he was elected to visit with Bishop Ames the Conferences of England and Ireland, and in 1872 he was elected one of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since his election, in addition to other work, he has visited the conferences and Missions in Europe, and also the Missions in South America. He is distinguished as a preacher, author and theologian. His most noted volumes are "Objections to Calvanism," "Christian Purity," "Beyond the Grave," and a work on "Systematic Theology."

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. S. Thompson, at 8.30 o'clock, the weather being unpleasant, but few ventured out so early. At 9 o'clock the presiding officer, Bishop Foster, called the conference to order, and after roll call and reading of the journal of the previous day, regular business was taken up. A communication from the Methodist Episcopal Book Concern of New York showed a deficit of $68 in the amount apportioned to the conference for the entertainment of the General Conference. After several committee appointments, a paper was read stating that the M. E. Book Concern had declared a dividend, which would be divided among the annual conferences to be used for worn out ministers, etc. The Wilmington Conference will get of this fund $1,137. Further proceedings were followed by the address of Rev. J. M. Freeman, of New York, representative of the Sunday School and Tract Societies of the M. E. Church and editor of the books and periodicals, was next introduced to the conference. Dr. Freeman is a good speaker, and in an address of a few minutes presented the claim of the Sunday school and the Sunday school work. The following figures, showing the immense proportions to which the Sunday school has grown, were given by him:

25,096 schools; 278,017 officers and teachers; 2,086,348 scholars. Total officers, teachers and scholars, 2,364,365.

Increase—871 schools, 9,626 officers and teachers, 80,020 scholars.

16 new schools organized on an average every Sunday in 1888.

Number of conversions in Sunday schools during the year, 105,000.

Average circulation of Sunday school periodicals: Sunday School Journal, 173,000; Sunday School Advocate, 325,000; Sunday School Classmate, 193,500; Picture Lesson Paper, 336,000; Beginners' Leaf, 261,000; Senior Leaf, 119,875; Berean Leaf, 1,420,500.

Aggregate of English and German Sunday School periodicals, 361,724,800 pages. That is 1,205,750 pages every working day; 133,972 pages every hour, or 2,232 pages every minute.

There are 2,400 different tracts issued by the Methodist Book Concern. Of these 17,000,000 pages were distributed during the year 1888.

With the abundance of work the time soon sped away, and at 12 o'clock the conference was adjourned by expiration of time.

The afternoon session was entirely devoted to the exercises of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, which were opened at 3 o'clock, when the church was filled. Rev. W. M. Green presided in the absence of Rev. T. H. Haynes. The exercises were intensely interesting, one of the most striking features being the [illegible] tation and address of two little gi[illegible] Wrigt and Ada Jarrell. Mrs. [illegible] missionary secretary, read a paper reviewing briefly the work done by the society in the twenty years of its existance. It was founded in March, 1869, and now supposts 120 missionaries and 150 schools in foreign lands.

At night the anniversary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society was held and largely attended. The chairman introduced Dr. F. J. Wagner, secretary of the Biblical Institute, of Baltimore, as the speaker of the evening. Dr. Wagner said that since the Freedman's Aid Society was organized there have been established about 27 schools; there have been used by this institution over $1,000,000 for the education of the colored race. Education, said the speaker, is valuable, because it carries power to whoever is educated.

THIRD DAY.

The morning devotional exercises, in charge of Rev. J. E. Bryan, were rather poorly attended. Promptly at nine o'clock the sound of the Bishop's gavel called the conference to order. Much discussion was given the question, that the consideration of candidates for admission on trial in the conference be held at 11 o'clock with closed doors." After some minor matters the twentieth question was taken up and the call made for effective elders. The character of Rev. W. L. S. Murray, Ph.D., presiding elder of Wilmington District, was passed, and his exhaustive and highly satisfactory annual report presented. Dr. Murray's preface, a fair index to the character of the report, was as follows: "One year ago thirty itinerants, assisted by three local preachers, who have worked as supplies, went forth, some weeping, some rejoicing, all bearing precious seed; we have come again, rejoicing, brining our sheaves with us."

The report is treated under the following heads: "New Work," "Sunday Schools," "Benevolences," "Temperance," "Two Year's Service," and "Three Year's Service." At the close of the report Dr. Geo. E. Reed, the newly elected president of Dickinson College, made an address which was truly enjoyable, as showing the wonderful strides which Methodism has made during the past sixty years. The speaker said: To-day the Methodist Episcopal Church of this country has 12 large theological schools, with 833 students in attendance; 56 colleges and universities, with more than 16,000 students; 54 classical seminaries, with 11,000 students; 9 female seminaries and one woman's college; 66 schools in mission lands, making a total of 196 educational establishments. The value of this property in lands and buildings is not less than $11,000,000; and there is invested in the way of endowments $12,000,000 more. There are in attendance at these institutions of learning 32,000 students, and in sixty years they have graduated more than 320,000 young men and women. "We callenge the world to a better showing." This was followed by an interesting address by Dr. Mendenhall, editor of the *Methodist Review*. The doctor is an untiring student and intellectual light. He said that no history can show where ever a Methodist editor or publisher ever turned rationalist, but rationalism is becoming too popular; the majority of the professors at Yale College are rationalists, the president of Johns Hopkins University is a rationalist, the editor of the Presbyterian Review is a rationalist. Any religious publication, said Dr. Mendenhall, that discards religion for the sake of culture ought to collapse. Conference then adjourned.

In the afternoon the Woman's Home Missionary Society celebrated its anniversary in the church, beginning at 3.30 o'clock P. M., with an interesting program. The address by Rev. T. E. Terry, on Home Missions being particularly enjoyable. The Educational Anniversary was held at night.

FOURTH DAY.

The proceedings of the fourth day were opened with religious services at 8.30 o'clock A. M., followed by the regular call to order of the conference by the presiding Bishop at nine o'clock. Routine work, reports of committees and the report of Hon. Eli Saulsbury, president of Dover Conference Academy, then came in order. The report in regard to the academy gave the following interesting figures: Gross receipts for school year 1887–88, $14,031.04; expenditures for same year, $12,426.49; leaving net balance of $1,604.55; one-third of which ($534,85) was payable to the trustees. The debt against the academy is the outstanding bonds amounting to $9,900, with interest thereon.

The call for the fourth class was made and the following were elected to Elder's orders, showing examination rating of each candidate: D. H. Corkran, 9½ in a scale of 10; J. Mitchell, 8¼; Robt. Watt, 9 7/10; J. W. Easley, 9½; E. S. Mace, 9.

Konrad R. Hartwig (a Swede who is an ordained elder under missionary rules), H. W. Ewing, S. M. Morgan, Ralph T. Coursey and Zach H. Webster, candidates for deacon's orders, passed the following examinations: Ewing, 9¾; Morgan, 9; Coursey, 9½; Webster, 9¾.

Bishop Foster called the candidates forward, and addressed them on the duties and obligations of the Christian ministry.

In the afternoon at 3.30, the Stewarts' Anniversary was held, at at 7.30 in the evening, the anniversary of the church extension, both of which were very interesting services, and well attended.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday marked the fifth day of conference. The usual conference devotional services were held at 8.30 o'clock A.M., and conference called to order by the chairman promptly at nine o'clock. Numerous business matters engaged the attention of the body, and were dispatched as speedily as possible. Notice was given that Rev. John R. Todd, son of Rev. R. W. Tood, had been tendered a professorship in the Drew Conference Academy, and upon motion, the Bishop was instructed to appoint Mr. Todd to that position.

The Bishop asked the members of conference their pleasure in regard to adjournment—if they desireed to hurry through and come to an adjournment to-day, or be more deliberate—take business slow—and adjourn on Tuesday. There was a general cry of "Wait until tomorrow." Rev. R. W. Todd could see no reason to hurry when enjoying the generous hospitality of the Easton people; and Rev. W. W. W. Wilson, pastor of Easton M. E. Church, assured the members that the people of Easton were in no hurry for the adjournment—that they were enjoying the proceedings and appreciated the society of the preachers. Bishop Foster could see no reason for hurry in the face of these facts—his lot was pleasantly cast—and it was determined to go slow.

Rev. C. W. Prettyman, chairman, presented report of Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society. The report showed 7,000 students in attendance at the schools of this organization, 5,000 of whom are colored and 2,000 white; 400 are preparing for the ministry and 2,500 for trading. Of schools helped there were 23 white and 23 colored.

After other interesting proceedings conference adjourned at 4.30 o'clock to reassemble on Tuesday, when the closing business of the annual conference of 1889 will be finished. We are indebted to the Conference Daily, for such facts as limited space has enabled us to present in reference to the exercises of one of the most thoroughly enjoyable conferences in the history of the church. The last day's proceedings will [illegible] too late for any further mention [illegible] appointments.

[illegible] session of the Wil[illegible] conference adjourned *sine die* at [illegible] Tuesday. Conference will meet next [illegible] year at Milford, Del.

The appointments for Kent are as follows:

Chestertown, Rev. R. W. Todd; Pomona, W. R. Mobray; Rev. J. D. Reese will go to Royal Oak, Talbot county. Salem and Union supplied by Harry Turner; Rev. I. G. Fosnocht returned to Galena; Rev. N. McQuay returned to Rock Hall; Millington, E. E. White; R. K. Stevenson fills the place vacated by Mr. White on the Smyrna circuit; Sassafras, Rev. William Sheers returned.

DIED.

SINNICKSON.—At the home of his son-in-law, Isaac Gibbs, near Sassafras, March 23, Joseph Sennickson, about 63 years of his age.

COMEGYS.—At her home, on Tuesday evening, March 26, Mrs. Sarah Comegys, aged 69 years.

ENGLAND.—At her home, March 20, of paralysis, Mrs. Elizabeth B. England, wife of Charles England, Esq., in the 55th year of her age.

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