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LOCAL MATTERS.

—The general health throughout the county is said to be good.

—Wheat is looking well in all sections of the county; this is particularly the case with fallow wheat.

—Miss Anna Carvill has returned home from a pleasant visit to Miss Hancock, of Washington, D. C.

—Decided improvements are being made at Tolchester preparatory to the opening of the excursion season.

—Snipe shooting is now in season, and gunners have been out a number of times during the past ten days, but with varying success.

—Miss Hallie Beck, who has for several weeks past been visiting friends on Eastern Neck Island for the benefit of her health, is much improved.

—Chestertown market has been supplied during the past week with an abundant supply of lettuce, greens and onions, all of which were grown in the town.

—Rev. W. R. Graham and family, and William B. Usilton, Esq., started for Lynchburg, Va., to attend the conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

—Many farmers in the county who are not known as the "early birds" in corn planting, are postponing plowing for corn and are working their peach orchards.

—The prospects for a good grass crop are good. The clover and timothy seeding of last spring took well, and the past mild winter has been favorable to a fine set of grass and clover.

—It is reported that a large, solid wharf, having a pier of 60x100 feet, will be built at Salt House, a branch of Queenstown Creek, and that the Gratitude, of the Centreville and Corsica River Steamboat Company, will stop there.

—Quite a number of persons in Chester town are confident that between 3.30 and 4 o'clock yesterday, they felt three distinct shocks of earth-quake, the vibrations extending from northwest to southeast, and continuing for several seconds.

—Maples are in bloom, and a number of the earlier spring flowers are bursting into blossom:

"All performing pleasant duties,—
Flowers sweet, in pleasant tints,
Violets blue and sweet spring beauties,
Daffodils and Hyacinths."

—The Emma A. Ford resumed her trips on Saturday last, and looks as bright as a new dollar in her new suit of paint and varnish. There are now no two handsomer boats leaving Baltimore than the two Fords. On and after Friday Chestertown will have daily connection with Baltimore.

—Death and destruction has been visited upon the dogs of town during the past ten days. During a single night, three were poisoned on College avenue, and within a few nights afterwards nine were killed in other parts of the town. Great is the indignation expressed by some of the losers of more or less valuable dogs.

—Quoit and horse-shoe pitching has superceded marble playing, and now the more dignified sport in which the large boy as well as the more juvenile portion of the population can engage, is the order of the day, though honors are to a great extent divided with base-ball, our "national game."

—"Peach talk" is now in the ascendancy around Still Pond, and the general verdict is that the peach crop so far is safe; that the crop on the younger orchards will be a full one, and that the older trees will have a short crop. It is generally conceded that the Yellows is contagious.

—As yet, no work at all has been done at Rock Hall on the new wharf which it is positively asserted the Chester River Steamboat Company will build at that point. It is, however, claimed that the work will be pushed through to completion, and that a steamer will be making her regular calls there in a short time.

—At the close of Lent, the æsthetic "S H. E." will recommence its work with an entirely new and highly novel *menu* of *literurry dishes*. It is suggested by some of the young men who have a decided tendency, and, indeed, a *hankering* for literary feasts, that the first by-law be eliminated from the "S. H. E.'s" statute books; that by-law provides, that gentlemen *shall not* be admitted to membership.

—The farm-yards are now alive with young chickens, and the present prospect for an abundant supply of the tempting spring delicacy is encouraging. The farmer's wife is now as busy as a bee with the care of her poultry and garden. How fortunate that conference meets early. Many early vegetables have already been planted, and a few warm, spring-like days is all that is needed to start them growing.

—John Kennedy, colored, a driver of one of the wagons engaged in hauling straw for the straw-board mill of Wilbur Eliason, Esq., met with a painful accident on Saturday last. The wagons were hauling straw from a farm below Church Hill, in Queen Anne's. When near Church Hill, the load, which was top heavy on one of the wagons, toppled over, and Kennedy, who was riding, jumped to prevent being caught under the straw, and slipped the cap of his knee.

—Captain Charles Kerr, in command of the State police sloop Baughman, on Thursday last arrested Capt. Edward T. Howard, of the sloop Louise, of Baltimore. The Louise was taken in charge for dredging in Chester river in violation of the State oyster law. Capt. Howard was taken before Esquire Davis, of Rock Hall, and committed to Chestertown jail in default of bail, to await the action of the grand jury. There are now in jail twelve dredgers awaiting the action of the April term of the circuit court.

—Monday last was "All Fool's Day," or the day set apart for "sells" and good natured jokes which were practiced upon unsuspecting *innocents*—the TRANSCRIPT'S "Man about town" was caught. All manner of good-natured jokes were indulged in, the most popular of which was the valuable (?) bundle found on the street. The customs which gave rise to the time-honored practices of All Fool's Day, date back to ancient Rome, when the Goddess of Flowers held a sacred place in the esteem of the festival-loving people.

—F. J. Carter is now finally established in his new quarters, and claims to have in stock one of the most complete and handsome assortments of wall papers, window shades and picture frame materials on the shore. To meet the increasing demands for the finest order of work, Mr. Carter has secured a *city* workman of long experience, and is now ready to do all kinds of the finest work at short notice. He in this issue calls attention to his change of advertisement and recent removal.

—The following officers were elected at the meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association on last Tuesday evening for the ensuing six months: President, Wm. B. Coleman; vice president, M. Wilbur Thomas; recording secretary, George B. Twilley; corresponding secretary, John W. Palmer; treasurer, M. A. Toulson.

—In referring to the statement in the Baltimore *Sun* of last week, stating that Dr. David Genese, of Baltimore, had found large deposits of iron ore on his farm "Idylwild," near Betterton, a prominent gentleman of the county states, that iron ore may be found cropping out in varying quantities in various parts of the county; though it is questionable whether or not it will be found to yield seventy per cent. The hill on which Washington College stands has limited deposits, while at Whaland's mill there is a spring so strongly impregnated with iron that everything which it touches is discolored and covered with rust.

—The strawberry, which is the queen of berries, will soon be here, and, indeed, in more southern climes, has been ripe for several weeks. Now that spring has opened and as the berry season is the very first which offers itself after the long, tedious months of winter with their depleted larders—so far as variety is concerned—it may be of interest to many to know the respective yields which may be expected from the various berries, which so satisfactorily sandwitch themselves between the more common-place dishes of the early summer's meals. Strawberries should yield 4,000 quarts per acre, raspberries 3,000, blackberries a little more than raspberries, and currants should yield 1,500 to 2,000 quarts per acre.

—It will be gratifying to the many friends of Captain Joseph Delano, to learn of his release. The captain was arrested last week and held for the Virginia authorities upon the charge of having shot the five-year-old daughter of J. W. Brockwell, of Tettington, Va. The shots were fired from a Winchester rifle at a flock of geese, and struck the child who was seated in a chair at her home nearly a mile away, killing her instantly. It is supposed that Gov. Lee came to the conclusion that it was accidental, and, consequently, refused the requisition. Judge Duffy had just begun a hearing in the case on *habeas corpus*, and Mr. Kerr was showing why Capt. Delano should be held a reasonable time to enable a requisition to arrive, when Marshal Frey received the telegram from the State's attorney of Charles City county.

—Charles Twilley, son of Dr. J. T. Twilley, made a narrow escade from what might have proved a serious accident on Thursday evening last. Robert Ringgold who was riding a young colt from his father's farm, was in company with Sam Beck when young Twilley asked to be allowed to mount the colt and take a ride. After riding round the track near town the horse refused to go, and soon succeeded in giving his rider a heavy fall. Undismayed the young equestrian determined to make a second attempt, and after going half way round the course the animal refused again to go, and commenced rearing and lunging, and finally reared and fell, catching his rider under him. The young man was brought home by his companions and medical examination disclosed the fact that he had received a severe sprain of the leg and hip.

—T. Romie Strong, Esq., brought to town about ten days ago a bird of the owl species, which excited much interest, and was not a little admired for the richness of its plumage. In appearance, the bird more nearly resembled the description given in Wood's Natural History, of the Brown or Towney Owl, which is one of the best known of British birds. Says Mr. Wood: "This species is found in many parts of Europe, and is said to be one of the indigenous birds of Japan." Mr. Strong while engaged in burning brush, scared two of the birds from the hollow of an old tree, and succeeded in breaking the wing of the one which was for several days on exhibition in the show window of M. T. Goslee, Esq. The bird was a beautiful specimen, and the species is rare in Maryland, at least in this section.

—Erwin F. Smith, Esq., of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., is expected to visit Kent during the early part of the present month for the purpose of making experiments in regard to peach Yellows. The experiments will be conducted in the orchard of F. H. Harper, Esq., and will consist of the application of a new fertilizer, which it is hoped may prove beneficial and aid in leading to more satisfactory developments than have as yet been made, though it may not be found to meet the full requirements of the case. Mr. Smith spent several weeks in Kent county ..... and gave the peach question a thorough investigation with a view to the discovery of a remedy for the Yellows, and has since written a most exhaustive treatise on the peach, ist culture, development and diseases.

—Fish continue plentiful in our market, herring and perch being the principal kinds caught. A fisherman caught a perch last week which weighed 2¾ pounds. The run of shad has commenced to a limited extent. An exchange furnishes the following contribution: The fish was delicious, and the two epicures relished it to the fullest extent, but he of the pessimistic turn remarked: "Shad always suggest to me the idea that nature was in a hurry when she got to that part of her work, took a lot of excellent material and just pinned it together." "Ah," said the optimist, "you can't have seen the poetical version of the matter." Then he recited:

"When the angels made shad
The devil was mad,
For it seemed such a feast of delight;
So, to ruin the scheme,
He jumped in the stream
And stuck in the bones out of spite.

"When the strawberry red
First illuminated its bed,
The angels looked down, and were glad
But the devil, tis said,
Fairly pounded his head,
For he'd used all his bones on the shad."

—Mrs. W. Harrison Newnam, residing near Rolph's Wharf, made a narrow escape about ten days ago from a most uncomfortable and embarrassing position. Mrs. Newnam and her little girl were driving on the public road about two miles from Chestertown, when quite a number of the wagons used in hauling straw to the straw-board mill, of Mr. Wilbur Eliason were met. Some of the drivers were with their teams and had no trouble in passing on the road; a number of the colored drivers, however, had left their teams and congregated in the rear. These teams as a matter of course, kept to the beaten track and forced Mrs. Newnam into the fence on the side of the road. Just at that moment the king bolt broke, throwing Mrs. Newnam and her little girl heavily to the ground; fortunately no one was injured and the horse, which was a gentle one, was stopped and the damage soon repaired. It is highly important that the drivers of wagons on our public highways exercise the greatest care. There is no question but that the present case is one of rare good fortune, in that there were no more serious results the outgrowth of the carelessness of the drivers of the wagons.

—William Perkins, the acknowledged leader and representative of the colored Republicans of Kent county, was present at the meeting in Baltimore of Monday evening, April 1. The meeting was called by John H. Butler, William Perkins and others, for the purpose of repudiating the action of the colored convention of February 25, which it is claimed, asked for the repeal of the intermarriage law, and that in districts where there were not enough colored people for separate schools for their children they should use the same schools as the whites.

April Jury List.

Judge Wickes on Friday last, commencing at three o'clock, drew the following jurors who will serve at the April term of the circuit court for Kent county, which will begin on the 15th inst.:

4 Samuel Merritt,	4 Charles M. Lucas,
4 George H. Watts,	2 William Archibald,
1 F. Hyland Taylor,	4 Casper G. Woodall,
2 Nathan'l W. Comegys,	3 William B. Stephens,
2 Julian Hurtt,	2 Philip A. M. Brooks,
4 William B. Usilton,	1 Thos. J. Pennington,
2 Louis C. Justis, Jr.,	2 William T. Hepbron,
2 George W. Harper,	5 Steph'ns'n Constable
1 Ben'j F. H. Caulk,	1 Thomas A. Jacobs,
4 Thomas W. Toulson,	2 William H. Bowers,
3 Purnell Jefferson,	4 Thos. W. Eliason, Jr.,
4 William Ford,	3 John Clendaniel,
4 Enoch N. Rowland,	5 Edgar H. Strong,
5 Francis A. Wallis,	4 Ben. N. S. Wilkins,
4 Thomas S. Bordley,	3 Thomas C. Parsons,
3 Thomas Gale,	5 Richard W. Jones,
3 Eugene M. Bonwill,	5 Albert L. Corey,
2 Samuel Comegys,	2 William A. Kennedy,
1 Edwin S. Morris,	4 William Morris,
5 Joseph W. Price,	2 Dennis J. Nowland,
5 George E. Leary,	3 Richard C. Smyth,
2 Dan'l U. Dewees,	2 Albert Medders,
1 Eugene Gooding,	4 Horace M. Stuart,
1 Benj. F. Morgan,	5 George A. Jessup.

The figure before the name indicates the election district.

Court News.

Orphans' Court, April 2, 1889.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett.

Wm. M. Slay, adm'r d. b. n., c. t. a. of E. F. Chambers, passed his admin. account. Emma and S. M. Thomas, adm'rs of J. H. Thomas, filed list of debts due their decedent. Hope H. Barroll, adm'r of Mrs. Elizabeth Crew, filed his bond.

Board of County Commissioners met April 2, pursuant to adjournment, with a full board. John N. Norris and wife filed their relinquishment of a strip of land on their farm, on the road from Lynch's Corner to Redding's Corner. The strip contained a depth of 1112 feet with average width of 10 feet. Relinquishment made in consideration of $30. Board passed order to notify the commissioners of Queen Anne's county of a suit in the Kent county court for April term, by C. H. B. Spry, to recover for the loss of a pair of mules, drowned by backing off Crumpton bridge. Board was further engaged, etc.

In the Churches.

St. Dennis' Catholic Church, Galena, on Sunday, mass and sermon at 10.30 o'clock, Sunday-school immediately after Stations of the Cross, sermon and benediction, 7.30 P. M., mass 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Wednesday, April 10, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, the services will be prayers, sermon and benediction. The services during Lent have been unusually well attended, the congregations on each occasion have been gratifyingly large, this was particularly the case on Sunday last.

At Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, there will be no services on Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. W. R. Graham, being absent at conference. Prof. Watts, of Washington College, will conduct the evening services.

At the M. E. Church, the usual weekly services will be held. Rev. R. W. Todd will fill his pulpit both morning and evening. Mr. Todd will hold service at Morgan's Creek school house Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

The Catholic services are as follows: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, on Friday. Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30.

The services of the P. E. Church are as follows:

Sunday, service and sermon, 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; Monday, service, 5 P. M.; Tuesday, service, 5 P. M.; Wednesday, Litany 12 M., and service 5 P. M.; Thursday, service 5 P. M., Friday, Litany 12 M., service 5 P. M.; holy communion next Sunday, 11 A. M.

Mrs. Catharine D. Vannort Dead.

Mrs. Catharine D. Vannort, relict of the late William Vannort, died at the residence of her son-in-law, J. H. Simpers, at ten o'clock on Sunday morning, March 31, in the seventy-eighth year of her age. Though always frail and delicate in appearance, she has for years enjoyed good health, and though weak and easily fatigued, has always led an active life, and by main willforce, kept from giving signs of the inevitable inroads which the nearly seventy-eight years of life had made upon her constitution. On Friday morning signs of weakness and loss of appetite became noticeable, yet during the day the aged form bowing beneath the weight of more than three score and ten years was on the street. On Saturday she took her meals with the family and did not retire at night until nine o'clock, but at half-past twelve on Sunday morning complained of being very weak, and took several spoonfuls of brandy, and rested quietly until morning. At half-past seven on Sunday morning it was found that the patient was becoming very weak, and the physician was at once sent for, but before he had arrived unconsciousness had set in and at ten o'clock the troubled dream of life was over, without other cause than that the frame had completely worn out. Three children survive her, William J. and Samuel Vannort and Mrs. Mary A. H. Simpers, wife of J. H. Simpers. Mrs. Vannort was born in Mercer county, N. J., and came to Kent about fifty-eight years ago as a bride, and has ever since lived either in the county or in Chestertown. The late William Vannort died in 1883, at about the same age of the wife who died on Sunday last. The funeral took place yesterday at three o'clock from the home of her son-in-law H. J. Simpers.

From Millington.

MILLINGTON, MD., April 1, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Our farmers who have been holding on to their corn hoping for better prices, have at last come to the conclusion that the corn market has reached its height for this season. Quite a good deal is being shipped from here daily.

Miss Edith Mitchel and Philip Davidson, of Queenstown; Miss J. Bean and Carroll Tilghman, of near Wye river, spent Saturday and Sunday with Rev. A. Ware, at Massey's.

Rev. R. K. Stevenson who has been the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church here for the past three years, has been sent to the Smyrna circuit, and the Rev. Mr. White takes his place at Millington.

The services at the P. E. Church, of Millington, has been changed from the afternoon to the evening, and as people are not so averse to attending evening as afternoon service we hope the congregations will be much larger than they have been of late. RUSTICUS.

A number of Cambridge oyster packers have sold their shells to Virginia parties, who will use them for planting purposes. —*Cambridge Chronicle.*

New Advertisements.

W. N. E. Wickes, Esq., advertises the Lister's high grade bone fertilizers for all crops.

John D. Urie, as attorney advertises desirable real estate for exchange or sale. This is fine property finely situated.

Joseph Turner calls attention to the extensive addition to his already heavy stock of lumber of all kinds. No departments missed but all departments complete.

Parker & Willits are making a drive on their Diamond State harness. Read their advertisement in this issu.

R. F. Parks, as trustee, advertises at private sale the very desirable stock of store goods consisting principally of fine groceries. This is a rare chance for a bargain.

Betterton Notes.

BETTERTON, April 2, 1889.

EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:—Our fishermen are feeling cheerful. The catch of last night and yesterday was promising, boats averaging 40 to 75 shad. There is a full complement of those engaged in the business, and they seem well equipped for the work; seines in order, beautiful and excellent boats. When starting out, the sight is very interesting, the little mutton-leg skiffs dance on the waves and list beneath the breeze. For their size, there are no better sea boats or sailing crafts.

Farmers are sowing a few oats, clearing up for corn, etc.

We have reliable communication with Baltimore and Philadelphia daily, and those folks who look upon life with despondency had better take courage and a trip to Betterton.

Public accommodation may be had according to taste at Mrs. H. Crews and the Chesapeake House. Shad, short-cake and coffee are not to be despised. Those folks know how to serve them up.

AU REVOIR.

A Beautiful Chapel Reopened.

Bond Methodist Episcopal Chapel, at Pomona, was formally re-opened on Sunday last with a large congregation present, and had the day been bright and warm, it is safe to say that the little chapel would not have been able to accommodate the great number of persons who would have participated in the services. After the Sunday-school exercises and a pleasant talk to the children by the Rev. W. W. W. Wilson, of Easton, the church was soon crowded. The occasion was indeed one calculated to inspire feelings of a peculiar pleasure. The holy quiet of a country Sabbath, held all in its embrace; the little church with its unpretentious exterior, sat cozily nestled in the middle of the friendly grove, which had formed one of "God's first temples," ere the rural village and its house of prayer had been built. In striking contrast to the dull dreary morning without, was the warm genial light, sweet music and bright interior of the newly beautified chapel. The music of the choir was sweetly sympathetic, and in sweet accord with the pleasant occasion. The choir was composed of the following members: Miss Lizzie Baker, organist; Mr. Henry Redue, cornetist; Mrs. Henry Brown, Miss Ella Maslin, Mr. Richard Leaverton, and Mr. Cordrey Loud. Rev. W. W. W. Wilson, of Easton, was introduced by the former pastor of the church, Rev. J. D. Reese, and preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from the text: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."—2d Timothy, 3 and 4 verses.

The church is truly a picture of neatness and in every part the hand of industry and care has manifested itself. The windows have been beautifully colored, the ceiling freshly varnished, and the walls covered by a chaste and attractive paper, while on the floor is a bright new carpet of beautiful design. One of the most noticeable features of the interior ornamentation is the finely executed lettering by Mr. Henry Redue, of these words, "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord."

From Kennedyville.

KENNEDYVILLE, MD., April 3, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—It may not be generally known that we have an Aid Society as well as a Mite Society and a first-class Glee Club, all of which are flourishing to quite a satisfactory degree. The Aid Society met at the hall on Friday evening last. The hall was well filled; among those present were a number from quite a distance. The program consisted of soloes, recitations, singing by the Glee Club and a regular old time debate; subject "Resolved that the pleasures of memory are greater than those of imagination." The question was represented by two gentlemen on the affirmative and two on the negative, with five minutes to open the subject and ten minutes to close. The discussion was quite instructive as well as a source of much merriment. The affirmative opened by claiming that reality, the possession of any much desired object, gave more pleasure and exceeded all air castles ever imagined. The negative responded with equal confidence that imagination would win. They claimed that after all, imagination was only hope, that in all our undertakings we hoped to improve our condition and if we fail would try again hoping to succeed in the end. Who among us would not gladly blot out some act of our life if we only had the power to do so? The genius and inventor found much pleasure in experimenting and perfecting his inventions, while all writers experienced pleasure in giving the public a Jack Sheppard, Ivanhoe or a Pilgrim's Progress. The very limited time allowed each debator was greatly regretted, as about the time they would begin to warm up time would be called.

The Grange met as usual Saturday night and after the regular routine business the question "Will it be to the interest of the tax-payers of Kent and Queen Anne's county to purchase the Chester river bridge at Chestertown?" was discussed with much earnestness and animation. A free bridge was generally advocated, with the proviso, however, that the Chestertown tax-payers should contribute their proper proportion; it was held that they would be especially benefitted by reason of the appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars, together with the former percentage allowed for street and road improvement in Chestertown, a probable sum total of twenty-one hundred dollars. Some thought it strange indeed, that the people of Kent and Queen Anne's counties should hesitate in this much needed improvement or expect the stockholders of the bridge company to sacrifice their franchise in the premises. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and whatever benefits our county seat benefits the county at large. The tax-payers of Chestertown have always contributed their share of the expense of improvements throughout the county, and equally so in sections remote from Chestertown. The meeting adjourned without purchasing the bridge, but we live in hope of seeing it accomplished at no distant day. CRUSOE.

A Substitute for Clover.

Says the Smyrna *Times* in speaking of the valuable experiments which are being made by Dr. Neal; Dr. Neal, in charge of the Agricultural department of Delaware College, is making an effort to find something to take the place of red clover, which is wearing out or seems not to stay as formerly in the ground. He has the authority to place an experimental acre in each hundred of New Castle county to be seeded and cultivated under his direction, so as to tell which plants will answer best in the different localities. Of the plants he proposes to commence with are lupines, spurry and senadella, for sandy soil free from lime, and sand lucerne for true lucerne. Also, alfalfa esparsetta, wundklee, and summer vetch. He will also have three plots of ground of an acre each in different localities of the county to experiment with phosphates with regular rotation crops, divided in smaller plots so as to try the different phosphates and demonstrate the needs of different localities.

A BEAUTIFUL ANNIVERSARY.

An Elaborate Program Admirably Executed—Sweet Music, Bright Faces and Happy Hearts.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Juvenile Home Missionary Society, of Christ Methodist Protestant Church, was held on Sunday evening last, commencing at half-past seven o'clock. So soon as the doors were thrown open an immense throng commenced to pour into each and every available portion of the spacious church and Sunday school room, and long before the exercises were opened the building was overcrowded and many had been compelled to surrender the effort to find a comfortable position. The scene in the church was strikingly attractive. The chancel was completely banked with luxuriant potplants, whose bright green foliage was rendered even more beautiful by having queenly blossoms interspersed throughout every part. In the centre of the chancel was placed the most striking feature of the decorations, a feature as novel as it was appropriate. A large hemisphere, presenting the appearance of a complete globe occupied this central position, upon it were finely executed maps of the world, while surmounting it all stood a golden cross; surely a beautiful conception of the relations occupied by the cross of Christ and the great earth over which its influence is felt, and which it must inevitably save. But the *most* beautiful of the sublime representation was when the innocence of childhood, draped in the stars and stripes of our own America, stood beside the cross overshadowing the world, symbolizing the fact that America, the child among nations shall by her own children lead and save the nations of the earth, for truly it is written: "And a little child shall lead them." The program was varied and thoroughly interesting, and from the first mellow note, which burst from the voluminous organ, to the solemn amen of the benediction, it was carried out without a flaw or unhappy discord to mar its beauty. Each tireless worker in the great mission field had his or her golden sheaf of duty to offer to the rich harvest of the year's work which was gathered in on Sunday last. Right nobly did the ready response come from each willing heart and hand, bearing the inevitable result of crowning the occasion with a glorious success.

After the offertory from William Tell, the entire school sung the beautiful chant, "Alone with Jesus," and as the sweet bursts of music filled with grand harmony every portion of the building, the effect was indeed inspiring; the mellow voices of cultured singers, mingling with the rich sweet music of the uncultivated voices of a host of girls and boys, made music which was golden tongued and beautiful. We regret that want of space prevents a personal mention of the participants, but condensing it all, not one word other than gratulation could be said of the bright little tots of the infant class or the young ladies of more mature years. Pastor, superintendent, teacher and scholars have reason to feel that their anniversary was not less a success than the glorious effort which it was given to commemorate. The musical parts rendered by the choir and members of the society were fully enjoyed. The amounts given by the following classes were the largest contributed for March: Harry Rickey, $36; J. F. Howard, $35; Mrs. T. R. Hubbard, $17.81. The monthly report gave the total amount or $167.42. The highest contributions made by the classes for the year were: Harry Rickey got first premium; J. F. Howard, second; W. W. Hubbard, third. The total contributed by the society for the year was $360.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

Kent in Ye Olden Times—Quakers and Her Early Religion.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—As a mite contributed to the historical records of Kent county, I would beg to state that while in Annapolis a few years ago, by the courtesy of George H. Shafer and Dr. E. P. Duvall, I was permitted to examine some very old State records.

Among them was a paper, signed by Charles Calvert, dated 1666, granting 500 acres of land on Chester river east of Mark Pensay, called Stepney, to Mary Bateman.

Then in records of Kent appear the names of Thomas Seawards, James Ringgold and Thomas Ringgold. In 1690, Benjamin Blackleach deeds a tract of land at "Pastures Cove." Between 1666 and 1700, one hundred acres of Stepney are divided into 100 town lots. The exact date I have forgotten, and so for *that time* were the town lots, because it became necessary by act of "Counsels," in 1706 to have a re-survey of the town of Chester. For further research the reader is referred to a series of articles that were published a few years ago by Col. Hanson in the TRANSCRIPT, which were taken from the records in our Court House and from those of the Parish Churches. These records were culled over and interesting portions published.

No one at the time called Col. Hanson's notice, however, that among the earliest settlers of Kent, as well as Talbot, St. Mary's and Calvert were many Quakers. The Quakers were sufficient in Kent to have had in the eighteenth century four meeting houses, well filled twice a week. That they numbered about half to a third of Kent's white population at one time may be easily established. But keeping a record of marriages, births and deaths among themselves, and by the rules of their society not being permitted to race, drink, loaf around taverns, or other places of dissipation, it is in vain you search for their history, save in the minutes of their quarterly meetings. In the transfer of title to lands there appears no record in cognito as to their sect. Each generation of descendants of these staid broad-brimed fathers, have numbered many who have wandered to more worldly churches and more modern social circles, until now verily, there are but two or three gathered "In Thy name" on a sabbath at Cecil monthly meeting. Scarcely an old family in Kent but traces some root of its family genealogy through a member of the Society of Friends, and hence a weekly publication of the records of one marriage with names of those present will be read with interest; you may expect the first paper next week. A CITIZEN.

Tolchester and Vicinity.

TOLCHESTER, April 3, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Wednesday, March 27, was the day *to the best* of our *knowledge* and *belief*, if we can believe what we hear, that settled the *certainty* of the railroad, and decided that it will be completed by June 15. Perhaps Messrs. Hurlock and Skirven can testify to the fact as well as myself. Messrs. M. E. Theilens and Capt. Reybold, of Philadelphia, came over with Capt. Eliasion on the date named, and were kindly driven over the old route to Nicholson's Station by Messrs. C. H. Hurlock and T. W. Skirven. After returning to Tolchester and looking at Herring Pond, decided to build the road to Tolchester without *even* taking in Rock Hall.

Much work is being done at the Beach this season, carpenters, tinners, plumbers and other workmen are still hard at work. The painting is quite a big job, and will be done by Mr. Howard, of Chestertown. Kent county has been honored by the naming of the company's new steamer *Tolchester*.

Mr. J. W. Hubbard, of "Gresham Hall Farm," is confined to his house from a badly cut foot. He is being attended by Dr. T. H. Cooper.

If all reports are true, Salem M. E. Church is again *changed*, and goes with the Union. Well, we are not hard to please; just so long as the Sliding Elder sends us some one to marry us and bury our dead, we will get along at Salem.

We have heard of no applications for the postoffice at this place yet, but suppose that there is time enough as the office is a fourth-class one and only open three months of the twelve. HAPS.

Our Still Pond Letter.

April 2, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Still Pond is not dead, and, indeed, is not even sleeping, but in order that this statement may be verified I will give you just a bird's-eye view of a most delightful entertainment which was given in the town hall on the 26th ult. The thoroughly pleasurable entertainment still continues the talk of the town, and that, too, in a most favorable way, showing that it was duly appreciated. It is now evident that we have in Still Pond both musical and dramatic talent, and a first-rate entertainment, combining those two requisites, will in the future not be a difficult matter to arrange. Now, as the late entertainment held on the 26th ult. seems to be the talk of our community as being something grand, given under the auspices of the I. O. G. T., I enclose the program which was as follows: "The Anvil Chorus," by lodge choir; a charade, "Blunderbuss in Three Acts," with an instrumental duet between the second and third acts. "O! Restless Sea," by Miss Sallie Barnard; a drama, "False Accusation," in two acts, with an instrumental trio between acts; vocal trio, "A little bow of blue," by Misses Ethel Covington, Mattie Barnard and Ollie Harper. A charade, "The Old Maid," in two acts, with instrumental duet between acts; a solo, "Save the Boy," by Miss Ethel Covington; a drama, "Going to Mauro;" a vocal duet, "Larboard Watch, Ahoy," by Miss Sallie Barnard and Mr. Harry Lawton; a bass solo, "The Old Sexton," by Mr. Harry Lawton. The hall was packed with people, many being compelled to stand.

Our pastor, Rev. J. D. Rigg, was in his place on Sunday, having been returned to us for the second year, to the delight of the whole congregation.

I understand that Arbor Day, 10th inst., is to be appropriately observed in our community.

Masters Chas. Harper, William Watts and John Wilson, and Misses Venie Baynard and Mary Wilson, left on Monday for Dover Academy, after spending a week's vacation with us. More Anon.

"SCHOLAR."

Wilmington Conference.

The Wilmington Conference, which convened at Easton on the 20th ult., adjourned *sine die* at noon on Tuesday.

The number of districts and presiding elders was reduced to four, Virginia district being abolished. The conference will meet next year at Milford, Del.

THE APPOINTMENTS.

Wilmington District—Rev W L S Murry, P E—Bethel and Glasgow, J W Hammersley; Charleston, T B Hunter; Cherry Hill, T A H O'Brien; Chesapeake City, E H Nelson; Chester, A P Prettyman; Christiana, B F Price; Claymont, to be supplied; Delaware City, S N Pilchard; Elk Neck, D F McFaul; Elkton and Crouch's, Charles Hill; Hockessin and Ebenezer, Julius Dodd; Hopewell, John Jones; Marshalton and Stanton circuit, T C Smoot; Mt Lebanon and Union, T N Given; Mt Pleasant and Edgemoor, J T VanBurkalow; Newark and Wesley, N M Browne; New Castle, E L Hubbard; Newport, J E Bryan; Northeast, J B Quigg; Port Deposit, J P Otis; Port Penn, T C McKinsey; Red Lion and Kirkwood, O S Walton; Rising Sun, Isaac Jewell; Rowlandsville and Colora, Jas Douglass; St George's and Summit, O S Moore. Wilmington City—Asbury, J D C Hanna; Brandywine, C A Grice; Epworth, D H Corkran; Grace, Jacob Todd; Madeley, H W Ewing; Mt Salem, W E Avery; St Paul and Kingwood, L E Barrett and R I Watkins; Scott, Vaughn Smith Collins; Silvan Brook, Chas K Morris; Swedish Mission, to be supplied: Union, A Stengle; Wesley, W T Koons; Zion, E H Hynson. J W Geisler, W R Sears and M P. Taylor left without appointments to attend school.

Dover District—Rev J A B Wilson, P E—Beckwith, W M Green; Bridgeville, H Howard; Burnsville, J W Fogle; Cambridge, Alfred Smith; Camden, P H Rawlins; Cannon, R T Coursey; Church Creek, S T Gardner; Crapo, Asbury Burke; Denton, Isaac Newton Foreman; Dorchester, B Wheatley; Dover, T E Terry; East New Market, L W Layfield; Ellendale Robert Roe; Elliott's Island, J M Collins; Farmington, G W Wilcox; Federalsburg, J W Easley; Felton, F C Macnichol; Frederica, J H Caldwell; Galestown, G S Hardesty; Georgetown, J D Kemp; Greenwood, L P Corkran; Harrington, T L Price; Harbeson, to be supplied; Hooper's Island, C P Swain; Houston, James Carroll; Hurlock, to be supplied; Leipsic, S R Maxwell; Lewes, H S Thompson; Lincoln, I L Wood; Little Creek, Julius P West; Magnolia, W P West; Milford, J H Willey; Millsborough, W F Dawson; Milton, T R Creamer; Nassau, J T Prouse; Potter's Landing, W L P Bowen; Preston, E Freeman; Salem, F F Tabler; Seaford, W J Duhadaway; Taylor's Island, to be supplied; Vienna, J M Mitchell; Woodside, S A Bender; Wyoming, G A Sheets, John R Todd, professor in Wilmington Conference Academy, Member of Dover Quaterly Conference.

Easton District—Rev John France, P E—Appoquinimink, W M Warner; Bayside and Tilghman, J M Lindale; Cecilton, E, C Atkins; Centreville, C A Hill; Chestertown, R W Todd; Church Hill, J A Arters; Crumpton, J B Merritt; Easton, W W W Wilson; Galena, I G Fosnocht; Greensboro' S J Morris; Hillsborough, G W Townsend; Ingleside, Albert Chandler; Kent Island, Joseph Robinson; Kenton W W Sharp; King's Creek, J A Brindle; Marydel, G S Conoway; Massey's, Isl Gollie; Middletown, R H Adams; Millington, E E White; Odessa, R O Jones; Oxford, E P Roberts; Pomona, W R Mowbray; Queenstown, G T Alderson; Rock Hall, N McQuay; Royal Oak, J D Reese; St Michael's W B Walton; Sassafras, William Sheets; Smyrna, W S Robinson; Smyrna circuit, R K Stephenson; Still Pond, J D Rigg; Sudlersville, T H Haynes; Townsend, S M Morgan; Trappe, F J Cochran; Union and Salem, H C Turner; Wye, J D Locates.

Salisbury District—T O Ayers, P E—Annamessex, W R McFarlane; Asbury, W F Corkran; Berlin, C T Wyatt; Bethel, W B Gregg; Bishopville, F F Carpenter; Concord circuit, S A Conwell; Crisfield, F O McSorley; Deal's Island, B C Warren; Delmar, C S Baker; Fairmount, C W Prettyman; Frankford, C F Sheppard; Fruitland, W W Redman; Girdletree, Warren Burr; Greensboro', W W Johnson; Holland's Island, W B Guthrie; Kiej Grange, G G Jones; Laurel, J O Sypherd; Mt Vernon, C J Hammett; Nanticoke, D F Waddell; Newark, T H Harding; Parsonsburg, G W Bowman; Pocomoke circuit, L T McLane; Pocomoke City, A S Mowbray; Powellsville, J W Gray; Princess Anne, W P Compton; Quantico, E Davis; Roxana, A D Davis; Salisbury, T E Martindale; Selbyville, George P Smith; Sharptown, E H Derrickson; Snow Hill, Robert Watt; Somerset, W W Chaires; Stockton, C H Williams; St Peter's, E S Mace; Westover, J F. Anderson; Whiteville, Z H Webster; Accomac and Northampton, J A Ayres; Cape Charles, W. A Wise; Chincoteague, E H Miller; Hallwood, G E Wood; New Church, J E Graham; Onancock, Geo. W Burke; Parkesley, H S Dulany; Smith's Island, W Jaggard; Tangier, James Connor.

Rev. J. E. Kidney was transferred to the Pittsburg conference, and Rev, John Warthman to the New Jersey conference.

PENINSULA ITEMS.

The total amount of railroad, bank and mining stock of the late Capt. John Wilkinson, of Centreville, was $14,223.27.

William T. Saulsbury, a brakeman on the Delaware railroad, was run over and killed by a train of cars at Clayton on Sunday.

The bond given by the administrators of the late Capt. John Wilkinson last Tuesday, was the largets ever required by the Orphans' Court for this county. It was for $300,000.—*Centreville Observer.*

Mr. Tome is maturing the details of the industrial school