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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1889.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Thanksgiving.

Welcome, thou grand old Feastday!
Again the russet fields
Lie idle in the soft, gray light,
Shorn of their splendid yields;
So hail thee, grand old Feastday!
The wind-swept orchard boughs
Have flung their ruddy gold and green
Upon the earth; the mows
Are rich with grain; the furrows
Sleep 'neath the sun's veiled ray—
And all the land is glad, and greets
A new Thanksgiving Day!

—*Helen Chase in Good Housekeeping.*

—Chestertown was alive with lady teachers on Friday last.

—The roads throughout the county are in miserable condition.

—The measels are having a full run in Chestertown and vicinity.

—Quoth the turkey, "Nevermore." The day of his glory is here.

—Into each day some rain must fall—with very few exceptions.

—To-day is a legal holiday and the bank and county offices are closed.

—Hawk shooters are now sending in the measurements of their game.

—The farmer who is fortunate enough to have pork to kill is now speculating and betting on heavy weights.

—Large quantities of poultry have been shipped this week to the Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York markets.

—The most poetic thing in Kent county—"a rainy day." The latest thing in Kent, a rainy day; the most depressing thing in Kent, rainy day.

—It is predicted by a local weather prophet that navigation will be closed by the middle of December. Let us have a clear freeze if it must come.

—Oyster roasts closed with the close of the November campaign. The rustic little fish is now at rest so far as the political oyster roast is concerned.

—A petition has been variously signed petitioning the Postoffice Department at Washington, D. C., to give Chestertown a tri-weekly mail by steamer Emma A. Ford.

—Look cheerful to-day and be thankful that you have seen the reappearance of the annual Thanksgiving, for not more than others you deserve, though God has given you more.

—The Queen Anne's opossum carries off the palm from his sleepy brothers of Kent. One was captured near Centreville recently which tipped the beam at nineteen pounds.

—It is said that some portions of the shore line of Kent Island is being cut away at the rate of over twenty feet a year. At this rate the diminutive republic will soon be washed into the sea.

—The turnip harvest is now in full blast up the county. Some farmers will have a crop ranging from five to six hundred bushels. There is no better food for stock during the winter than the turnip.

—Some of the members of the Washington College foot-ball term "turn out" about six o'clock every morning and take a run around the race course for the purpose of acquiring speed and endurance.

—The Chestertown game season has been formally opened. The market was literally flooded with swan, wild geese and ducks on Tuesday. Robert Wickes, Esq., is the unfailing caterer to the town's game supply.

—Frank Harris, who is in jail for the murder of the two men, Brown and Trusty, is now as silent as a mummy in regard to the affair. He positively refuses to say a word to any one except his counsel in regard to it.

—"Liquidifying" is a new word coined by the CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT. Whence cometh it, brother?—*Clayton Call.* Why, friend *Call*, you have answered your own question satisfactorily. It came from the TRANSCRIPT of course. We work upon the principle in Kent if we fail to have what we want, we don't go begging, but make it.

—The king bolt of the two-horse carriage of Mr. Harrison Massey, of Church Hill, broke on Tuesday while passing through town, and Mr. Massey and Mr. Callahan, a gentleman in company with Mr. Massey, were thrown to the ground. Mr. Callahan sustaining injuries to his back. The team was a fiery one, and the parties are to be congratulated that it did not result more seriously,

—Captain Horney, of the police schooner Helen Baughman, assisted by Capt. Howard of the steamer Gov. Thomas, arrested five vessels for illegal dredging on Swan Point bar on Friday last. The boats were taken to Rock Hall and their captains given a hearing before Justice Davis. The captains in each case were held for the action of court. Justice Davis will probably be kept busy during the season in hearing these cases.

—Serious complaints are made in the upper part of the county of the serious ravages of mice in the peach orchards. Owing to the unusual growth of grass the little pests are afforded protection and eat the bark off the trees around the roots, this is particularly the case in young orchards. To stop the injury to the trees it will be necessary to dig around the trees, thus removing the shelter for the mice.

—A rather serious accident occurred on Tuesday afternoon in front of the drug store of Colin F. Stam. The dearborn of Mr. Voss Willis came in collision with the carriage of Mr. Humbert, in which were Mr. Humbert, Miss Anthony and another young lady. All the parties were thrown out and Mr. Willis' arm was knocked out of place and required medical attention. No one else was seriously hurt. Mr. Humbert's horse ran away but did no serious damage.

—In accordance with the decision of Engineer Whiting, of the United States coast survey, Gov. Jackson has issued a proclamation, announcing that the Hog Island flats and oyster beds, in the Potomac river, claimed by Charles R. Lewis under a lease from the State of Virginia, are within the bounds of the State of Maryland, and therefore free to the common use of the oystermen of both States, subject to the existing regulations concerning the taking of oysters and fish.

—The Chesapeake Improvement Company, which has been incorporated in Baltimore city with almost unlimited charter rights and privileges, and, indeed, it would appear that nothing short of the earth would fill the requirements of their demands, has set its seal upon Rock Hall as being a desirable point as a summer resort. Should the lavish hand of the new corporation lay hold of the little bay-side town, who knows but that it may yet blossom into a summer resort with magnificent hotels, daily steamers and other evidences of thrift and progress.

—Sheriff Samuel Comegys filed his bond and was sworn into office as sheriff of Kent county on Tueseay last. C. C. Morgan, Esq., was sworn in as deputy to Mr. Comegys. As the old board of county commissioners have some unfinished business they will not be superseded by the new board until Tuesday next. The commissions have been received and there will be no delay on Tuesday.

—A farmer near Still Pond recently lost a turkey. Suspecting where it had gone he went to the house, and while the proprietor was protesting his innocence to the farmer the turkey gobbled. "That is my turkey in your cellar," said the farmer, and so it proved to be. One of the parties say the next time they kidnap one of the farmer's turkeys they will murder it right away and put it in the frying pan.

—With the Nicholson creamery and an honest agricultural community to supply our demands for butter, the probabilities are that the uses for a butter test will be very slight, in case it should be of use, however, we give the following: "Smear a clean piece of white paper with a little of the suspected butter, roll it up and set it on fire. If the butter is pure the smell of the burning paper will be rather pleasant. But if the article is made up entirely or in part of animal fats the odor will be distinctly tallowy."

—Orphans' Court, Nov. 26, 1889.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. Mary C. Wilson, administratrix of Wm. Wilson, filed an inventory of the personal property of her decedent. Wm. M. Slay and Mary A. Clothier, administrators of E. S. Clothier, filed releases from Ida E. and Mary E. Clothier. Mary J., William and James Archibald, executors of Wm. Archibald, filed their bond, which was approved by the court. J. H. Simpers, administrator of Catharine D. Vannort, passed his first and final administration account. Charles T. Westcott, administrator of George B. Westcott, filed account of sale of leasehold property in Baltimore city.

—The case of the State of Maryland vs. Dr. J. H. W. G. Weedon, presented for assault with intent to kill Samuel G. McCollister, was one of the most interesting cases of the recent session of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's county. The particulars of the shooting, it will be remembered, were in the TRANSCRIPT at the time. Says the Centreville *Record:* This case was not concluded until Thursday morning. Judge Wickes in disposing of the case dwelt for a considerable length of time upon the serious nature of the charge, and the contradictory nature of the evidence, for the State and defense, but said as the preponderance of the evidence was in favor of the party charged, the court would have to acquit him. Judge Wickes further added that he believed the whole trouble was caused by bad and uncontrollable tempers and that he hoped in the future they would try and govern them. About 50 witnesses were summoned in the case. P. B. Hopper appeared for the State and Keating & Keating for defendant.

—Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1889.—County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Full board present. An order was passed directing notice to be given in TRANSCRIPT and *Kent News* that after Dec. 1, 1889, no articles or supplies for Kent county purchased by any county officer, supervisor or agent, without a written order authorizing such purchase from the county commissioners of the district in which the party purchasing resides, will be recognized by the board. An order was passed directing a levy of $25, being the annual rent for a cellar under the hall of the Kent Lodge I. O. O. F., in which to confine parties arrested under State warrant. Wm. H. Ford, collector, paid into the board amount of levy due McClennahan & Bro. for stone for bridges. H. E. Cooper's collector vouchers for 1887 and 1889 were examined and a final settlement made with said collector. The plot of the levies of Betterton Public Landing as agreed upon and adopted, and also the plot of the levies of Gale's Public Landing. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for orders on respective collectors, and for levy in 1890.

From Kennedyville.

KENNEDYVILLE, Nov. 25, '79.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad's forces are quite busy repairing the old road-bed along the route, as well as making the bridges secure for the winter; are also laying steel rails, which they expect to have done before Christmas. They are also removing the surplus earth from the deep cuts and ditching the same, making a most decided improvement.

Our creamery is now paying ten cents per gallon for milk, and the patrons are beginning to realize that it is a most profitable investment and pays well for the trouble, and certainly better than they could realize in any other way. The demand for butter is now greater than the manufacturers, Messrs. Shafer & Medders, can supply. We hear of some who claim an average of over forty dollars per cow for the past year with the ordinary stock of the county.

Our village has been improved lately by the addition of three new houses which have already been rented for the ensuing year, while the demand is still for more.

The crop of rabbits has not yet been greatly diminished. The boys frequently come in loaded, and report plenty. We hear of one party who is buying all he can get at ten cents per pound, and is salting them up in lieu of the scarcity of pork. He thinks they are much better than beef or pork, while the tongue is a great delicacy.

Several wild geese have been killed near here lately, they having taken to the wheat fields, but they are not often caught napping. Those taken weighed about ten pounds and were in fair condition.

The health of our people is exceptionally good. Everybody is preparing for Thanksgiving dinners, which we hope they all may enjoy. CRUSOE.

A Fox Killed by Honey Bees.

A number of gentlemen who reside near town, and who verily believe that the sweetest music is a pack of hounds under full cry, started a fox one day last week which gave chase for several hours. Reynard being hot pressed he took to a hollow tree in the woods of the White House farm, situate about half way between Centreville and Queenstown. Axes were procured and the tree soon felled. The surprise of the hunters can be better imagined than described when they discovered that they had captured a dead fox. Further investigation disclosed that a swarm of honey bees had taken possession of the tree and had stung the fox to death in the short time it took to fell the tree. When the dead fox was withdrawn from the hollow the bees began to come after and made it warm for the hunters and their horses. They decamped as speedily as possible; some of them being badly stung. The following morning Mr. Samuel Roe, J. H. Jump, Dan. Goldsborough, John M. Perry and others, who were on the chase the previous day, rode to the woods and captured the honey.—*Centreville Record.*

Personal Mention.

J. Frank Anderson, Esq., of Milford, Del., brother of Mrs. Reid, has been visiting Prof. and Mrs. Reid at Washington College.

J. A. Perkins, of Philadelphia, is spending a week at the home of his parents.

Miss Edith Adams, of Howard, has been visiting Miss Josephine Wickes.

Miss Maggie Reed has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Ida Bramble, of Fairlee, is visiting Mrs. J. T. Twilley.

Mrs. D. Wolfe and two children, of Baltimore, are the guests of her brother-in-law, R. Bergen.

Miss Belle Aldridge is spending several weeks in Baltimore.

Thanksgiving Services.

A Thanksgiving service will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church to-night, at half-past seven o'clock. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Todd, will preach a national sermon, appropriate to the occasion. All are cordially invited.

Rev. R. W. Todd will (D. V.) preach at Morgan's creek school house next Sunday afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

To-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock Miss McGruder, State organizer of the Maryland W. C. T. U., will address a public meeting of the Chestertown Y. W. C. T. U. at the M. E. Church. The public generally are very cordially invited. Miss McGruder has never been in Chestertown before, but is said to be a fine talker and an enthusiastic worker in her chosen field.

Miss McGruder will address the Chestertown W. C. T. U. Friday afternoon at 2.30 in the lecture room of the church. All the ladies of the town invited to be present.

Mass and special Thanksgiving services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 8 o'clock this morning.

The regular Thanksgiving services will be held in Emmanuel P. E. Church, Rev. S. C. Roberts, rector, at 11 o'clock A. M. The chancel is decorated with flowers and the products of the earth. In front of the chancel is a large gilded, arched horn, representing the "Horn of Plenty," which is profusely decorated with vegetables and other products of the field and garden.

Special services will be held at the Methodist Protestant Church, Rev. W. R. Graham, pastor, at 7.30 P. M.

A Police Steamer Sunk.

The State oyster police steamer, Gov. Thomas, while in pursuit of illegal dredgers on Saturday afternoon, ran afoul of her own anchor and was sunk in Swan Creek, near Rock Hall. Captain howard's report is as follown: "He ran into Swan Creek on Saturday to take the numbers of several vessels that had been dredging on Swan Point bar. Just as the leadsman gave one fathom and a-half as the depth of water in the creek the anchor was ordered to be dropped. Almost instantly the water shallowed so that when the Thomas swung she struck one of the anchor flukes, which penetrated the iron hull on the starboard side near the fore foot. The forward compartment began to fill with water. Unfortunately the gate in the water-tight bulkhead, which separates it from the engine room, had been left open. The water rushed in so rapidly that the fires were threatened, and even with the aid of the steam pumps it could not be reduced. The steamer was then immediately beached. Captain Howard's judgment came to his rescue, and with a pole he found the hole in the hull. A blanket was cut up and forced into the aperture. The flow of water was thus stopped, leaving fully six feet of water in the forward compartment, but it was soon pumped out. After Captain Howard temporarily stopped the hole, which is about four inches by six inches in size, he backed off his vessel without assistance and went to Baltimore. As the hull of the Thomas is of iron, the repairs can be easily made at very little expence."

Death of William M. Gilpin.

William M. Gilpin, formerly of Kent, and well and favorably known throughout the county died at his residence No. 1020 Hopkins ave, Balto., Nov. 25, aged 56 years. Mr. Gilpin was originally of Delaware, and was a nephew of Chief Justice Gilpin of that State. As a young man, he, with his two brothers, came to Kent, where the name has become one of the most generally respected and honored among the familes of the county. His wife was Miss Mary Ellen Heighe, a daugeter of Dr. James Heighe, one of the most skillful and widely-known physicians of the county. In politics he was a fearless and unwavering Democrat, and during the war of Secession was a strong sympathizer with the Southern Confederacy. As a genial, pleasant gentleman, W. M. Gilpin was best known. Though not a professional politician, he was always a man whose interest in his party and her destinies never flagged.

In the year 1865 he was elected to the office of sheriff for Kent county on the Democratic ticket, being the first sheriff after the war. Mr. Gilpin was once a register of voters in the county, and during the administration of President Clevelaud was appointed to a position in the Custom House of Balto., which position he held until the time of his death. Joseph E. Gilpin and Burt Gilpin are both brothers of the deceased.

The funeral services will take place this (Thursday) morning at nine o'clock from Ascension P. E. Church, Baltimore. Interment at Galena, this county.

New Advertisements.

C. M. Lucas, Esq., calls attention to his stock of Christmas holiday goods, and invites the public generally to give him a call. His line is complete and handsome.

George Kalsky, Esq., will sell at public sale on the Samuel Maslin farm where he now resides, in Skinner's Neck, on Wednesday next, Dec. 4, some fine young personal property.

Joseph Porter, Esq., offers in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT, a fine lot of young stock at public sale on his farm at Worton Station, Monday, Dec. 16, 1889. See advertisement for particularr.

E. T. Comegys, Locust Grove, gives notice by change of advertisement in this issue, that he is now ready to buy new corn, in any quantity, either on the cob or shelled, for which he will pay the highest manufacturers' prices.

Charles S. Smith, Esq., advertises a new store-room and dwelling on Cross street for rent. This is a desirable location with many conveniences.

Those who want steady work can get a good paying job by reading the advertisement headed "Work for the Winter."

Remember the concert at Stam's Hall next Saturday evneing by the Boston Ideal Co. This company is thoroughly endorsed by the press wherever it has appeared.

An announcement will be found elsewhere in this issue of a festival to be held at Stam's Hall December 11, 12, 13 and 14.

THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Teachers in Session—An Interesting and Beneficial Meeting.

The last meeting of the teachers' association of Kent county for the year 1889, met at the public school-room, Chestertown, on Friday last. The meeting was called to order by Eben F. Perkins, president, with Prof. Fallowfield secretary. After prayer by Rev. S. C. Roberts. and the roll-call, to which 56 teachers responded, the regular order of business was taken up. The first of the series of questions for discussion was: "By what means may quotations be made most profitable to pupils and how often should they be used." By unanimous consent the teaching of quotations to scholars is attended with decided benefits, and has a refining and elevating influence, the only question being in regard to the methods used for impressing them upon the minds of the children. The next on the program was the address by Prof. J. M. H. Rowland, principal of Still Pond school. Prof. Rowland, after waiving the usual formality of excusing himself, saying that youth and inexperince would speak most eloquently in his behalf; said, after reviewing the earlier days of the profession of public school teaching, that the relations existing between the teacher of the average country school is not what would be most desired, nor is it that which would exercise the greatest amount of good to the pupil. The usual impression of the patrons of the particular school is that the teacher's stay is transitory, that he is a bird of passage, this is, however, not always the case. He contended that to be a successful teacher it is necessary to acquaint ones self with every department of human occupation. The teacher enters the school a stranger to both the children and their parents, and in order that the greatest amount of good may result from the new relation, a feeling of intimacy and of mutual interest must exist, and by possessing a fund of general information the teacher is enabled to enter into the feelings and interests of those with whom he is thrown. The address was particularly appreciated by those who have undergone the experiences which were so graphically described. The address was carefully prepared, and it were safe to say that no more interesting address has been delivered before the institute during the year.

After a recess of fifteen minutes the exercises were again taken up, when Miss Elizabeth H. Roberts read a most interesting essay, "The Boys and Girls of Our Period." Miss Roberts said, that older people often claim that children are not now what they used to be, and this is true, yet it is not a fault so much of the children as the times in which they are reared. The teacher's duty was not considered to end with the study of books or the daily recitation of the child. His or her moral influence should be second only to the sacred inflences of the home circle in fitting it for the stern realities of practical life. Girls as well as boys should be trained with a definite idea that they have a fixed purpose in life. Girls should not, however, be trained for Belva Lockwoods or Susan B. Anthonys.

Miss Roberts' essay was thoroughly enjoyed by an interested audience of teachers.

The question, "How should composition be taught, and how often required as an exercise, in connection with Swett's method," brought out an interesting exchange of views, the gentlemen taking an animated part in the discussion. The general impression was, that the matter should to a great extent be left to the discretion of the teacher, and as much time given to the exercise as could be possibly spared from other studies.

Before the meeting adjourned a motion was made and seconded that a petition be presented to the county school board asking that Monday, December 23, be added to the Christmas holiday, it being the only school day in that week.

The meeting of Friday last was one of, if not *the* most interesting occasion of the scholastic year. Each teacher took an evident interest in the program as arranged, and by dint of study prompted by this interest the respective parts were carried out in a manner both interesting and instructive.

An Interesting Case.

The case of Steinmeir against the Tolchester Beach Improvement Company, a suit removed from Kent to the Circuit Court for Talbot county, was decided at Easton last week. The suit was for ten thousand dollars damages against the corporation for false arrest, imprisonment, and indignities suffered. The case was tried before a jury and was argued by the finest legal talent in the State. James A. Pearce and Harrison Vickers for Steinmeir; H. V. D. Johnson, of Baltimore; Albert Constable, of Elkton and Hon. Charles H. Gibson, of Easton, for the company. A verdict was brought in allowing Steinmeir fifteen hundred dollars damages and the company to bear the full costs of the trial both in the magistrate's and the Circuit Courts.

The particulars of the case are as follows: In July last Daniel Steinmeir, who keeps a number of pleasure boats at Tolchester beach for hire, was arrested upon a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill. The charges being preferred by O. H. Paxson, superintendent at Tolchester for the company, and Thomas J. Fletcher, the company's officer at the beach. While Mr. Paxson and several men were engaged in booming logs, an altercation arose between Steinmeir and Leonard, his partner, two boatmen and Mr. Paxson, the superintendent. Whereupon it was claimed that Steinmeir stepped upon the log on which the superintendent was standing and either knocked or pushed him overboard, at the same time drawing a dangerous looking revolver and threatened to shoot. Officer Fletcher was ordered to arrest the unruly boatman, whereupon the officer was also forced to look a serious arrangement squarely in the face. After an obstinate resistence Steinmeir was arrested, handcuffed and lodged in jail to await a hearing. At the hearing before Magistrate Burgess Steinmeir was adjudged not guilty; whereupon he brought the suit for damages which has recently been settled at Easton.

The company claimed that the bruises on the wrists and the excessive inconvenience was occasioned by Steinmeir's determined resistance.

From Still Pond.

Mr. James M. Severson, living near Barnard's has a disease among his cattle. It is supposed to be the same that has effected cattle in the upper part of the county. A good deal of anxiety is felt in this section about it.

Spencer Boulden, son of Frisby H. Boulden, is attending the Commercial School in Wilmington, Del.

Thadeus Davis, of New York, has been visiting his brother, Samuel Davis, near Still Pond.

W. J. Coleman has erected a store house at Stanley. J. T. Ireland is making improvements at same place—new barn, etc.

Mr. Jesse Wilson, of Baltimore, is visiting his son, J. Frank Wilson.

W. F. Stavely has been to New York.

The Best Turkey.

The mere mention of the name of Thanksgiving Day recalls visions of the lordly turkey and royal feast. Now, just where this bird reaches the acme of its perfection, is a question in which the most eloquent advocates of widely separated sections are glad to engage. One will claim that "the best two-legger" to eat to-day pipped the shell in far-away Rhode Island within the shadow of the towering spires of fashionable Newport. But however much it may be asserted that the money king lingers beyond the stated time for the annual exit, for the pleasure of enjoying the Newport gobler on Thanksgiving Day, it is a fact that the acknowledged king of the Eastern Shore poultry yard has no equal.

The New Yorker has enjoyed and entertained this Eastern Shore angel unawares for more than half a century, and now insists upon calling the sterile North the "native heath" of the American prince of fowls. And after having silenced the clamors of the Connecticut epicure for producing the finest birds, our friends from Howard, Carroll, Washington and Frederick counties raise the point and insist upon the honors of the day. The best that can be done, however, is to give them honorable mention and put the Eastern Shore turkey preeminently at the head of his class. For the honors in the list of geese—and fat, well-fatted goose is hard to beat—Kent Island persists in a position in the lists which the most thoughtless would not for a moment dare to question.

"Oh! take me to some wilderness,
Far far away from town,
Where turkeys roasted run about
With gravy dripping down."

Let us feast and be glad, but remember that the day is not alone a day for feasting and merry-making, but for ennobling thoughts and thanks-offering to God in its most exalted form. The old-fashioned festival comes laden with priceless lessons of praise. No life is so barren that it has not reason to rejoice and be glad. The darkest night has its sable curtain pinned back by myrids of sparkling stars; so is the poorest life, if there be a life that is poor, having been fashioned and ennobled by the great Creator, encompassed by blessings for which a chorus of daily thanksgivings should be raised. Let us see to it that other hearts are made glad by a distribution of our abundance that and the kindly hand of sympathy be extended to the oppressed.

Send kindly messages of cheer to the sad, and remove the dark curtain of want from the home of destitution. Then may we rejoice and be glad because of having lessened the bundens of others.

A Pretty Entertainment.

The entertainment given on Tuesday evening, at Stam's Hall, by the prospective graduating class of the Chestertown public school, was in every way a most decided success. This success, however, was no surprise to any one, since the teachers had labored industriously to insure its success, and their efforts had been seconded by the enthusiastic support of each and every member of the class. The stage was brilliantly lighted, and was profusely decorated with Japanese lanterns, screens, fans, etc. The program opened with a chorus by the class, followed by a very pretty piano solo by Miss Clare Vannort. The quartette by Miss Daisy Brice, Hattie Greenwood, Sam Beck and James Chapman was finely rendered and much enjoyed. The Japanese wedding was exceptionally well done, each of the very difficult parts being sustained in excellent style. The solo, by Miss Ciare Vannort, "Where are the Old Folks?" was sung in a sweet, clear voice. Miss Bertha Hynson and Master Howard Fowler presided at the piano and furnished music for the occasion. The hall was filled to overflowing and the entertainment was financially successful. Owing to limited space we can but do the entertainment meagre justice.

Shells for Road-beds.

The mud and miserable condition of our roads, both in and out of the town, during the past few weeks have suggested a closer investigation in regard to the value of oyster shells as material for the improvement of our roadways and as means for reclaiming almost valueless lands. For both purposes shells are unsurpassed, making a durnble, smooth and firm road-bed. Our town commissioners, realizing these facts, have used a large quantity of shells with highly satisfactory results. It would be a matter of economy to use shells on all the public roads within a reasonable distance of public landings where heavy hauling is done. Joseph Turner, Esq., has used one hundred and sixty-four thousand bushels of shells on his Scott's Point wharf property, and has reclaimed year by year a number of feet of a most desirable property from the low marshy shore of the river, which have become as solid as rock. Mr. Turner used in

May and June, 1883	60,000 bus.
Fall and succeedi winterng	76,000 "
In fall of 1885	3,000 "
In fall of 1886	3,000 "
In spring of 1887	7,500 "
Dec. of same year	4,500 "
The next December	3,000 "
Will put in this fall	7,000 "
Making a total of	164,000 bus.

Tolchester Briefs.

TOLCHESTER, MD., Nov., 26, 1889.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—Now that the great trial is over and we suppose everybody is happy, we will now turn to other matters.

The usual quiet of this place was somewhat broken on Sunday last by the finding of the body of a drowned man on the shore of the Gresham Hall estate Esquire Gale was summoned and a jury sworn. Nothing was proved, however, except that it was the body of a white man, who, perhaps, came to his death from drowning. the only thing found on the body was a pipe. The body was buried near the shore of Mr. J. W. Hubbard.

The roads in this part of the county are in a bad condition owing to the recent heavy rains and the very poor condition they were in to receive it.

Our little school at the Oaks is in a prosperous condition; with more pupils than it has had for years, and is taught by Mr. A. J. Greenwood.

Quite an interesting meeting is now in progress at Salem, H. C. Turner, pastor.

Fairlee expects a boom when the railroad gets there next spring and hopes to be *the* Chestertown of Kent county. HAPS.

Eupepsy.

This is what you ought to have, in fact, you must have it, to fully enjoy life. Thousands are searching for it daily, and mourning because they find it not. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are spent annually by our people in the hope that they may attain this boon. And yet it may be had by all. We guarantee that Electric Bitters, if used according to directions, and the use persisted in, will bring you Good Digestion and oust the demon Dyspepsia and install instead Eupepsy. We recommend Electric Bitters for Dyspepsia and all diseases of the Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Sold at 50c. and $1.00 per bottle by Colin F. Stam, Druggist.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Death of Malcolm G. Lee.

The entrance of W. Carson brings the total enrollment to date to 67. There are still some more to come.

We are very sorry to announce the death of one of our students, Malcolm G. Lee. He had just recovered from the typhoid fever when by some slight imprudence he brought on a relapse and died on Friday, the 22d inst., at 4 P. M. He was the eldest son of Mr. Samuel G. Lee and a very promising young man. Bright and attentive, he gave promise of much progress in his studies, and what is better far than great intellect, he was a good boy. We sympathize deeply with his bereaved parents, and trust they will find solace in their grief in the thought that the hand that afflicted bears also healing, and the Lord chasteneth whom He loveth. There is that in the dispensations of Providence we do not understand, but this we know, our God is a just and merciful God, and doeth right. Words are empty to console, we can but sympathize. Thy Lord will bring comfort.

The Young Men's Christian Association did not meet on Sunday because Dr. Reid and Profs. Clarke and Watts attended the funeral of our late student, Malcolm Lee, and it was thought fitting to hold no meeting. The meeting of next Sunday promises to be one of more than usual interest. Dr. Reid continues his lecture. We are sure all would appreciate this course of lectures, and extend a cordial welcome.

The match for Thanksgiving between the Dover Academy Foot Ball Team and the college eleven is looked forward to with much interest. It is right amusing to see the boys coming out at sunrise to take a mile run before breakfast. The boys are not one-half so lazy as they look. They make fair time around the Rose Hill track.

The regular team had a lively contest with a team selected from the other students on Saturday. The opposing team sometimes consisted of fourteen or fifteen, and then it would dwindle down to eight or nine. They played with enthusiasm, but up to date have failed to break the rush line of the regular team or make a point.

The rain on Monday prevented the anticipated match between a picked nine from town and the regulars, but the boys repaired to the gymnasium and spent two hours in limbering up their muscles. It is a shame they have not a better gymnasium, but they made good use of what they had.

On Tuesday afternoon there was a lively contest for three-quarters of an hour between a picked team and the regulars. The regulars' rush line remained impregnable and the whole team played well, but there are just ten captains too many. The art of saving your wind for the grand rush is a splendid accomplishment for success. The opposing team was by no means a mean opponent but was a little shy. Capt. Gerker was in the opposing team, and he, together with Lewin Wickes, did some good work in brushing up the boys on the rules of the game. Our team is a fair one but a trifle too confident. But we think they will make a good showing on Thursday.

The hare and hound club spoken of some time since has, owing to the prevalence of the TRANSCRIPT'S "mild, soft, juicy, weather," not had much practice. Perhaps a duck club would be more compatible with the weather. At this time we will not mention the mud puddles at the foot of the campus, as we haven't time and space to do it justice. Come up and see it.

Items from Locust Grove and Kennedyville.

November 26, 1889.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The Grove will lose two of its residents this week. Sheriff Comegys is going to the palatial residence provided by the county for himself and such persons as through the perversity and general wickedness of their nature may elect to be his guests. It is hardly fair to wish him a prosperous term, as that means *tough times* for others. At anyrate we wish him all the good luck possible under the circumstances, and if through the strange possibilities of this life, we should be his involuntary guests, hope he will remember to give us plenty of pone bread and lasses.

J. Herman Ireland moved to Kennedyville on Monday, deeming that, a more central location for the prosecution of his business than the Grove. He says he will confine his *business strictly* to *Kent county* in the future, believing it will pay better in the end; his ventures in Queen Anne's not having panned out very well. Mr. Ireland will occupy the beautiful residence of C. B. Warren, in the front room of which he will have his office. He has also rented the lower part of the town hall, in which he will store agricultural implements, etc. If he meets with the same success that is attending the other business men of the village of Kennedyville, his venture will prove a profitable one.

Many of our farmers have not yet threshed their wheat, and if the present rainy weather continues, they never will.

Corn husking is generally over. The crop is fair and quality good. One of our farmers gathered forty ears of corn in his ares from the pile (not selecting them), and on shelling them, the corn was found to weigh thirty pound and the cobs eight.

Wild geese have been plentiful. Quite a number have been shot by our local sportsmen who talk of nothing now but geese, and would hardly shoot a partridge if it flew in front of him.

The Kennedyville creamery is doing well. The patrons received 10 cents per gallon for the month of October, with a prospect of doing better still for November. MORE MILK is wanted, the demand for the product of this creamery being greater than the supply. If the farmers would patronize it more generally they would not feel the pressure of the times so much. One of the patrons (who does not make dairying a specialty, either), got $63.00 for last month. Come join the creamery, farmers, it will pay you.

Kennedyvillians will have plenty of good things to eat during the next two weeks. The Mite Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold a supper this week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and the Ladies' Aid Society of Shrewsbury a bazar and supper on the same evenings of the next week. Both entertainments will be in the town hall.

Joseph E. Weer is quite unwell, and has been confined to the house for sometime.

Bedford Roe slipped his knee cap several weeks ago, but is now able to get around with the aid of a stick.

Lewin J. Usilton, who has been very sick, is much better.

Rev. D. E. Day, of the M. P. Church, was too unwell to preach on Sunday morning or evening.

Rev. John Martin is thinking of taking up his residence in Kennedyville in the house owned by him on Main street.

Mrs. Hayes, mother of Owen and T. E. Hayes, has been ill with pneumonia at the home of the former in Locust Grove. She is reported as much improved.

Miss Jennie Speakman, who spent sometime with Miss Racie Archibald, has returned to Philadelphia, Miss Racie accompanying her.

D. U. Dewees is in a bad fix. He has a house to finish before cold weather, and wild geese are flying around in a most tantalizing manner.

J. Edward Young expects to move to Wilmington in a short time. He has been engaged in wheelwrighting in Kennedyville, but thinks there is a better show in the city.

At the sale of the personal property of George Thompson on the 23d, horses brought from $3.75 to $70.00; cows from $20 to $25. Half interest in 45 acres of corn in shock, $56.

The low price of grain is very discouraging to the farmers. Corn is selling on the cob at 30 cents, 72 pounds to the bushel, shelled 31 cents. The best price offered for wheat is 65 cents.

The roads in many places is almost impassable. The side ditches should all be opened before the ground freezes. The water would then have a chance to run off the road. The usual custom, however, is to leave the summer and fall grass lay in the ditches until spring, then when the roads would dry up themselves, they are cleared out in time for the first draught.

This is a matter deserving the serious consideration of our commissioners. X.

TEACHERS' COLUMN.

Some Thoughts on Quotations and other Topics.

EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT:—Noticing your kind offer of last week to give the teachers of the county a column of your paper in which to discuss matters relating to their work, we think the teachers should show their appreciation by writing for this column. Some may feel diffident about attempting to write anything for publication, but we can certainly find much of mutual interest and profit in the discussion of various parts of our work. We do not understand, Messrs. Editors, that you expect us to prepare any elaborate theses for this column, but merely to discuss plainly subjects of common interest to ourselves as teachers.

As the education of the children of the land is the most important subject to demand the attention of all intelligent people, and as the teachers stand as a bulwark to resist the great wave of reeking ignorance and anarchy that would sweep over our fair land, we think this column should interest all your readers. We seem to be very proud of the position of teacher. To be candid, we are. There is no nobler vocation, excepting the ministry. Then there is no wealth of office to tempt us to wrong. We simply receive enough compensation for our arduous labors in saving the country to allow us to live a careful sort of life with just sufficient incident in it to make us wish sometimes we were millionaires, just to realize how it feels to be thoroughly independent. Think of it, Messrs. Editors, Melinda won't write on a slate because Susanna writes in the copy. Sammy won't apply nature's cleansing element to his face again until swiming time next summer, except under protest. Then there is Pa and Ma to please, the trustees to please. Pshaw! we won't tire you and your readers (if you ever print this) by enumerating all the people we must please and each much harder than the next. Please tell me, somebody, did you ever succeed in pleasing everybody and then were you yourself pleased.

Now, Messrs. Editors, we had made up our mind to say tomething when we began this, but we are afraid we are a long time getting it said. Excuse the preliminary and shut your eyes when you come to the following.

Among other things at the last teachers' association they discussed the question: "By what means may quotations be made profitable to the pupils and how often should they be used?" I will look at the last part of the proposition first. How often should they be used?" Well, that depends upon circumstances. Of course what will exactly suit one school and one teacher will not answer for another at all. No two cases are exactly analogous. We will then merely discuss the question from our own point of view, allowing to others the privilege of disagreeing.

Our curriculum of studies as laid down by the State law does not, we believe, make any allowance for quotations as a regular study. Then we must treat it much in the light of an extra, or accomplishment. We speak of an accomplishment as that which ministers to our pleasure but is not a prime necessity. The boy or girl can very well fight the battle of life without much stock of quotations as without much, or any, musical or artistic proficiency. Though they all are important and highly desirable. Now the question suggests itself to my mind, how much of the time we are supposed to devote to the essentials of a child's education can we profitably and conscientiously give to the acquirement of that which we view as an accomplishment. Desirable it may be but hardly essential.

There are times in the life of every teacher and in the history of every school when monotony would become painful if it were not for some break in the routine. In our experience we have found it profitable to devote some period each week to a miscellaneous exercise. As we began to write of quotations we will confine ourselves to our text and not speak of any other care-killing device. Whenever we can make it suit, and we nearly always can, we try to have memorial days. For example, we take Longfellow, Whittier, Poe, Bryant or some other of our American poets, and as near the anniversary of their birth as possible we devote thirty minutes or more to quotations from their writings. We take poets because poetry is easier to remember and it is more desirable when remembered. We give date of birth and any interesting facts we may have at command in as few words as possible, and expect the children to remember and they can easily do so. Then we have each, or as many as we have time to hear, to recite their quotation from memory, the others hand their's to the teacher. All are required to write them neatly upon slips of paper. In this way the children learn much that will be useful to them in after-life, and they usually enjoy the exercise.

Sometimes we vary the exercise by allowing the pupils to quote from any source but requiring always the name of the author and title from which quoted. We encourage them to learn of the author's life as much as they can, but do not require it, as sometimes the children have not the opportunity of finding out the desired information. We cannot, however, fully agree with those who think it a burden to the child's memory to remember the author, date, etc. Surely, if a child can commit and retain a long quotation, he can remember Shakespeare, and the play or poem from which the quotation was taken. What burden can it be that Shakespeare lived from 1564 to 1616, any more than to remember when we were born? Some one will rise to object, and say that there is only one of us and there be many Shakespeares. True, there are many poets, but we do not find it necessary to remember them all, though we think it desirable, even essential, to remember the most important. No failure is more painfully evident in society than the inability to tell any thing in accurate detail. You hear such stories as the following: "Wasn't that a terrible accident cut West there, on one of those western roads—perhaps it was East, I don't exactly remember—anyhow, there were lots of people killed. The cars collided, or run off