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LOCAL MATTERS.

—Mr. Charles S. Smith had the first watermelons of the season for sale on Saturday last. The melons were of southern growth.

—The steamer B. S. Ford last week commenced her trips between Baltimore and Claiborne, in connection with the Baltimore and Eastern Shore railroad.

—The schooner Margaret S. Kennedy, belonging to Mr. B. F. Fleming, is receiving a new coat of paint and other improvements, at the Scott's Point dock.

—Mr. J. Ford Caulk, while working the knives of a mowing machine on last Thursday, received a painful wound in the palm of the left hand. The wound extends from the palm across the joint of the index finger.

—The closing exercises of the Chestertown public school will be held in Stam's Hall to-morrow (Friday) evening, beginning at eight o'clock P. M. All friends of the school are cordially invited to be present. The graduates will be Misses Tillie Reiche, Annie DeFord, Maud Bramble and Mamie Patterson.

—George Byron furnishes within a slight fraction of two hundred Sunday newspapers in Chestertown each Sunday, independent of nearly eighteen hundred daily papers sold during the six intervening days.

—Mr. Phillip Powers lost a valuable driving horse during the excessive warm spell of about ten days ago. Dr. T. H. Cooper drove the animal to Caroline county, had it carefully stabled and fed, but on the following morning it was found dead in the stall.

—Mr. Charles A. Davis, liveryman, had a dayton wagon demolished last week, while being used by a party of colored people, near the gate of Biddle Hossinger. The exact details of the accident it will of course be impossible to learn, but the dayton was a complete wreck.

—The first carload of peaches from the south to New York was received June 15. The southern peaches are rather better this year than usual, but when at their best, compare with the delicious productions of Kent, about as the uncultivated muskmelon to the finest nutmeg cantaloupe.

—Eighteen or twenty colored laborers left Worton and vicinity last week, for the hay harvest in Pennsylvania. The men expect to receive $1.50 per day throughout the harvest, which will last about a month. The emigrants were unaccompanied by their families, and will return to their homes in Kent county.

—M. deK. Smith, Esq., was the recipient on Tuesday, of a beautiful, full-rigged model of the police schooner Anna B. Smith. The boat was built and presented by Capt. Robert C. Ayres and others, and is an exact counterpart of the police schooner, and is 3 ft. long and 8 inch beam. The work of Capt. Ayres and his friends has been greatly admired.

—Rock Hall's improvements are being pushed ahead, and it is expected that ground will be broken for the new hotel this week. The shore has been graded and sodded in places, while the lower portions of the shore have been thoroughly drained, and over seven hundred beautiful shade trees have been planted along the avenues.

—The steamer Corsica has made several special trips up Chester river during the past two weeks, but as yet has not put into effect any regular schedule. This will probably be done just so soon as farmers commence threshing wheat and are ready to put it into market. The Crumptonians are hoping that the new order will be introduced at an early date.

—Many gentlemen who are growing tomatoes largely for cannery use, report that it has been almost impossible to secure a stand of plants on account of the cut worm. Mr. L. C. Justis, Jr., has set out 200,000 plants, more than one-half of which are re-sets, and still has not a satisfactory stand. The tomato acreage of the present season is the largest ever known in the county.

—Mr. William Presbury Patterson died at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Friday morning from an affection of the kidneys. Mr. Patterson was about thirty-seven years old and was a son of the late Dr. John H. Patterson, of Baltimore, who died a few weeks ago. He was at one time a member of the wholesale liquor firm of Bowling, Patterson & Co., was a widower and leaves four children. A son is a pupil at McDonoogh School. Ava, John H., Anna and Mamie. His wife was Miss Sopha Beck, sister of Dr. Samuel Beck, of Chestertown.

—Mr. J. P. Price's mill, on the old Connelly's mill site is now enclosed, and much of the heavy machinery is in place. A large portion of the machinery was landed at Nicholson's station, saving more than two miles of hauling to the builders. The new patent flood-gates are finished and a full head of water will in all probability be in the pond when the mill is ready to commence operations, which will be in about five weeks.

—Miller Maslin caught a curiosity on Monday, while crabbing. The novelty was a crab having all of the claws on one side milky white, except a blue tint on the end of one of the smaller fins or claw. Half of the under portion of the crab was also perfectly white. The other portions of the crab were of regulation color in every respect. The curiosity was examined by a number of persons who declared that they had never before seen anything like it.

—Charles S. Emory and Henry Hurtt, two of the four boys who are serving out a life sentence at the Maryland penitentiary for the murder of Dr. J. Heighe Hill, are reported ill. Emory is paralyzed from his hips down, and has been for several months unable to work at his duties in the stone department. Hurtt is suffering from consumption, developed by an attack of pneumonia. All of the boys are said to be in poor health.

—The Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad has already commenced making every necessary arrangements for the handling of the Kent county peach crop. Commencing July 1, a large force of hands will be put to work repairing and placing in order the track from Chestertown to Nicholson's station, insuring to the peach growers in that section as efficient service as will be enjoyed at any other points along the line of the road. The telegraph lines, instead of being run to Nicholson's along the public road as formerly, will be placed along the line of the railroad.

—Several Wye river crabbers have been fishing in Chester river for soft crabs during the past ten days, but with no success. Soft crabs are extremely scarce and correspondingly high in price. An old waterman several days ago, said that the scarcity of both fish and soft crabs is to be accounted for by the dry season. The water is very clear and both the fish and crabs are remaining in deep water. Fifteen bunches of good fish were the result of three days seine hauling last week. Hook and line fishing has been a failure in Chester river so far this season.

—So far as known, Tolchester Beach is the only place in the county where "the glorious Fourth" will be celebrated with any especial features of interest. Anticipating the great national event to some extent, a royal day of sports has been arranged for boatmen in a series of delightful races between crack canoes and bateaus, to take place over a course between Huntingfield buoy and Swan Point buoy, on Saturday next, commencing at 10.30 o'clock sharp. The day promises to be a most pleasant one for lovers of sport on the water.

—Contractor R. K. Pippin, and his son William Pippin, of Philadelphia, have spent the past several days in Millington, making preparations to commence work on the new academy building, which will be of one story and divided into three large rooms and the necessary hallways. The portion of the building on the site of the destroyed school house, will be of brick, 33x18 feet, and will be occupied by Prof. Tonkin. The two rooms, one to be occupied by Miss Power, the other by Mrs. Mallalieu, will be of frame, with floor dimensions of 20x40 feet. The rooms will all enter into roomy halls, and will be under one roof. Over the front entrance will be a shingled gable surmounted by an ornamental belfry. The several gables will add much to the architectural beauty of the building. The school rooms will be generously equipped with blackboards and every other requisite of a thoroughly appointed school. The contract calls for a completion of the work by August 20.

—President G. S. Griffith and General Agent L. F. Zinkham, of the Maryland Prisoners Aid Association, made visits of inspection about ten days ago to the jails and almshouses in Prince George's, Charles and Kent counties and to the House of Reformation for colored boys at Cheltenham, and their report shows the institutions visited to be in good condition. They state substantially that since the execution of the Hill murderers there have been comparatively few prisoners in the jail, and at the time of the visit there were two white men, both of whom were charged with shooting with intent to kill. The county almshouse, situated two miles from Chestertown, on a beautiful farm of about 300 acres, was next visited. It contained twenty-nine inmates, sixteen males and twelve females, and one child. Twelve of the inmates are colored. The farm, which is one of the best in Kent county, is in charge of Mr. Bennett, so that the superintendent, Mr. William B. O. Knight, and his wife, can give their whole time to the care of the almshouse, which is in a better condition than ever before. All the buildings were very clean, the floors well scrubbed and whitewash used without stint. The colored quarters, too, were found exceptionally clean.

Church Items of Interest.

Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., will preach in Wesley Chapel M. P. Church, on Sunday next, July 2, at 10.30 A. M. and 8 P. M. All invited.

Rev. John G. Bacchus preached a splendid sermon at Emmanuel P. E. Church on Sunday evening.

Old Salem, one of the old religious landmarks of Queen Anne's county, has been remodeled, repainted and generally beautified, and was reopened for services on Sunday last. Rev. C. S. York, of Chestertown, preached a strong opening sermon, his theme being "The sufficiency of the grace of God."

Rev. J. D. Kemp and J. W. Easley will exchange pulpits next Sunday.

Epworth Twilight Meetings every Sunday evening at seven o'clock, in the M. E. Church.

Lockwood-Ginn Case Ended.

Moses W. Ginn, who left this section in June, 1884, held a large and valuable real estate for life, denied to him by his father, John Ginn, of Delaware. Not a word has been heard of Moses W. Ginn since his departure for the west on the above date. For two of his farms, the late John Barwick was appointed receiver a number of years ago. Prior to his leaving here, Moses Ginn deeded his ninety-acre farm near Crumpton Lane, which is a veritable garden for fertility and productiveness, to John J. Lockwood for the life of Moses Ginn.

After the lapse of seven years, a man in law is presumed to be dead if he is never heard of. The heirs of Moses W. Ginn employed Hope H. Barroll, Esq., to obtain a decree to sell the land left by the will of John Ginn, and a bill for this purpose was filed in September last. In March two letters were received here signed "M. W. Ginn," addressed to Judge J. A. Wickes and M. deK. Smith, counsel for I. J. Lockwood, which were post-marked Chicago, but which were stamped as having been mailed in a railway post-office car under cover to the postmaster at Chicago. These letters were pronounced frauds by those familiar with the handwriting of Moses Ginn.

Last week a deed was filed from John J. Lockwood and Hanna S. M. Lockwood, his wife, to Hope H. Barroll, attorney for the Ginn heirs, declaring that they did not place any confidence in the letters, and did not believe them genuine. The court has now signed a decree for the sale of this valuable estate, as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns.

Bell and Cemetery Consecrated.

The episcopal work of Rt. Rev. Bishop Curtis began here in Sacred Heart Church last Sunday A. M., when ten persons were confirmed. The bishop conducted the services and preached. He also gave the following young members first communion: Charles Senart, Arthur Green Richard H. Rogers, George H. Massey, Paul C. Massey, George V. Quigley, James Quigley, Charles Quigley, Mary F. Green, Nannie Dixon, Mary I. Rogers. After the services the bishop was driven to Rock Hall, and at 3 P. M. he began the blessing of the bell and cemetery at St. John's Church. The bishop explained the ceremonies in a few remarks, in which he said that by Original Sin the earth and all material things had become defiled, and that before using material things for the service and honor of God, the blessing of God should be called down upon them that they might be worthy of his service, this being the sole object and intention of the consecrating services. A very large crowd assembled to witness the services. The bell weighs nearly 600 pounds and is of sweet tone. It was made by Henry McShane & Co., of Baltimore.

The cemetery is laid off in sections and lots in very complete order and arrangement. The bell was fixed in place on Monday A. M. by Mr. Wiley, McShane's very efficient bell-hanger. It is arranged for tolling and ringing, and will ring the *Angelus Devotion* three times daily, and in this way will be a useful time-piece for the surrounding neighborhood for a radius of at least five miles. It is to be hoped that it will be especially useful to call the members together "promptly" for Christian worship. Rev. Father Scott assisted at the services at Rock Hall.

Of Personal Interest.

Cards have been issued, announcing the marriage of Mr. Harry Wilmer Brice and Miss Fannie Bucking, at the bride's home, Ridge avenue, Wissahickon, on Thursday evening, July 6, at eight o'clock. Mr. Brice is a son of Mr. James Brice, of Chestertown, and has a responsible position with a large importing white goods house of Philadelphia. The prospective Mrs. Brice is said to be a most charming and accomplished young lady.

Prof. and Mrs. Roland Watts, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hubbard, on Main street.

Prof. I. L. Twilley, the TRANSCRIPT'S foreign correspondent, and a prospective tourist to China on a world-circling trip, arrived in Chestertown yesterday.

Miss Nannie Nichols, is the guest of Miss Belle Aldridge, on Front street.

Miss Fannie Parrott, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Miss Minnie Peregoy, on Mill street.

Mrs. Bayly and Mrs. Myers, daughters of Dr. C. M. Hammett, health physician of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, Maple avenue.

Miss Alice Platt, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting Miss Minnie Massey, Maple avenue.

Mrs. S. H. Blackiston, of Newport News, Va., is visiting Miss Eunice Gemmel.

Mrs. Skirven and Miss Addie Kennard are the guests of Mrs. M. A. Brown and Miss Anna Brown, Front Street.

Mr. William Anderson, of Philadelphia, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Dr. Reid.

Mr. George A. Bunting, of Bishopville, of the class of 1891, is visiting friends at the College.

Miss Arline Constable, of Elkton, is the guest of Miss Nelie Walker.

Miss Anna Carvill, is the guest of the Misses Brice, on Front street.

Miss Celia Clements, of Centreville, Miss Elva Friel, of Queen Anne's, and Miss Mary Willson, of Rees Corner are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Boyd, Mill street.

Miss Florence Melvin, of Baltimore, is the guest of friends in Chestertown.

Mr. W. M. Watts, of Still Pond, has been appointed principal of a large school at Bedford, Pa. The school numbers eleven teachers and 600 pupils. Mr. Watts is a recent graduate of Dickinson College, is a young man of executive ability and will doubtless meet the responsibilities of his new position as he has met those of the past, in an entirely satisfactory manner.

Miss Florence Burgess is visiting Miss Mary Thomas at Washington College.

Mr. Edward A. Miller, William Budd Triste, Jr., J. Moore Preston and T. A. Daly, all associated with the Philadelphia *Record*, reached Chestertown about six o'clock on Monday evening, on foot. The gentlemen are on pleasure bent, and are enjoying a tramp. They left Philadelphia by steamer on Saturday afternoon, reached Chesapeake city on Monday morning, and tramped it from that point to Chestertown, via Cecilton, Georgetown, Galena and Kennedyville. They speak of the country as being fertile and beautiful, and the hospitality of the people as being cordial and unreserved. They left on Tuesday afternoon on foot for Betterton, where they will take the boat for Philadelphia. A pleasant call was made at the TRANSCRIPT office. The gentlemen declared that Chestertown is one of the most interesting towns they have ever visited, and that the Voshell House is an inimitable hostlery.

Mrs. Merritt, Miss Nettie Merritt, Miss Congdon, Miss Browne, Mr. William Merritt and Master Robert and Wickes Merritt, of Baltimore, are spending several weeks at Hotel *de la Watts*.

Miss Pearl Smith, of Caroline county, is visiting Miss Anna May Downey.

Mrs. L. A. Kelley and her two daughters, Miss Virginia and Katharine Kelley, are registered at Hotel *de la Watts*.

Miss Barcus, of Greensboro', Miss Downes, of Denton, and Miss Goodhand, of Baltimore, are guests of Miss Beasten.

The Western University of Pennsylvania has conferred the honorary degree of D. D. upon the Rev. Stockton Reese Murray, of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Mr. J. H. Rose, a former student of Washington College, is visiting Chestertown.

Mr. John Patterson, of "McDonough" School, is visiting Mrs. A. M. Hurtt.

Miss Nellie Brown, of Centreville, and Miss Anderson, of New York, are guests of Miss Josephine Wickes.

Mrs. J. Fletcher Rolph, of Centreville, is visiting Miss Walker.

Miss Stewart, of Smyrna, and Miss Bowerman, of Baltimore, are guests of Miss Anna Stewart.

Miss Katie Webb, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Eva Connelly.

Miss Harriette Seemuller, of North Charles street, Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Hurtt.

Prof. Roland Watts was the judge in deciding the merits of the speakers in the oratorical contest at Western Maryland College.

Mr. E. R. Jump, of Talbot county, a former graduate of Washington College, is visiting friends at the college.

William S. Stevens, of the class of '91, Washington College, but teaching in Barnard's School, New York, is summering in Chestertown.

Miss Lowe, of Centreville, is visiting Miss Wallis, on Mill street.

Fourteen members of the Centaur Cycle Club, and a member of the Clifton wheelmen of Baltimore, came to Chestertown on Sunday via of Tolchester. The gentlemen took a spin around town, escorted by a number of local wheelmen, and apparently enjoyed their visit. The weather was bracing, and our roads were pronounced excellent for wheeling.

Prof. L. J. Smith, of Brooksville academy, a graduate of the class of '88 attended the commencement exercises.

Miss Baker's Commencement.

The annual commencement exercises of Miss Baker's kindergarten school, was held on Thursday evening, and was a most pleasant exercise throughout. Miss Baker, assisted by Mrs. Joslas Ringgold, has made her school a splendid success. Dainty little Miss Louisa Ringgold and Miss Ethe Ringgold were charming little tots. Master Kennard Aldridge's solo and his Farmer's Boy, were as quaint as they were interesting, while little Miss Rebecca Eliason was a picture of beauty in the tableau of, "Tears, Idle Tears"; Miss Maud Ringgold did a most difficult part in Dame History's Peep Show, in a manner to be above criticism. Joie Easley's solo was a pleasant success and the little singer was warmly applauded. Master Philip Easley's declamation, "Old Ironsides" was a most excellent production and to the little orator was given the unqualified congratulations of the large audience. All did splendidly. Miss Anna Smith did nicely in the tableau, "Tears, Idle Tears," by Tennyson.

The pleasant programme closed with the three beautiful parts, Dame History's Peep Show; Dame, Maud Ringgold; Characters, Anna Smith, Mary Fleming; Angels, Florence Boulden, Ethe Ringgold. Song of the Ball; Florence Boulden, Grace Brooks, Eloise Ringgold, Bessie Westcott. Delsarte Movements, Anna Smith, Mary Fleming, Maude Ringgold. The Delsarte Movements were exceptionally pretty, and made an appropriate close for the successful entertainment of Miss Baker's school.

THE SOCIAL WHIRL.

"Round Goes the Wheel and Troubles We Defy."

PLEASURABLE OCCASIONS.

"The feathery foliage has broadened its leaves,
And June, with its beautiful mornings and eves,
Its magical atmosphere, breezes and blooms,
Its woods all delicious with thousand perfumes,—
First-born of the summer,—spoiled pet of the year,—
June, delicate queen of the seasons, is here!"

Rarely has this queenly month of roses brought more of gladsome sunshine and social beauty, and rarely has it been more redolent with sweet song, than during the present year. Social blossoms have made truly beautiful the brow of this royal handmaid of pleasure. The first of the series of charming entertainments, was the lawn fete, given by the Misses Mary and Jennie Vickers at their beautiful home, Lauretum Place, on Wednesday evening last, in honor of their guests Miss Conger and Miss Crebbs, of Illinois; Miss Taylor, of Pennsylvania, and Miss Robinson and Miss Carpenter, of Baltimore.

The beautiful grove which surrounds the handsome residence, represented an ideal picture of fairyland, as each tree stood out against the tinted background of a starlit night laden with a harvest of burning, glowing fruit. Under the trees, distributed with a charming disregard of all rules of rigid conventionality were numberless *tete a tete* tables, while picturesquely nestling amid the glossy foliage, was a camping tent, as though some fairy queen had made her rustic camp with the joyous merry-makers. Bevies of ladies, as charming and beautiful as the scene was inspiring and brilliant, added a rich and varied beauty to the scene. The myriad-eyed night vied in vain with the beauty of the light-crested and gorgeously robed mountain of the fete. The hill's crest was literally bathed in flame, while towering above it all, was the rich illumination of the residence, shedding a flood of light through many-colored class and shades of georgeous richness. The interior of the house was a tropical region of plants and flowers, and was scarcely less resplendent and inviting to the revelers than were the romantic nooks and corners hidden away in the bowers of the lighted lawn.

At 10.30 o'clock a monster balloon was sent up in honor of Miss Crebs and Miss Conger, of Wilson College, college friends of the Misses Vickers, and bearing the name of Wilson College. Miss Crebs lighted the sponge which sent the air-ship sailing off to the north. This balloon was found on Thursday by Mr. E. E. Cooper, of Chesterville, in a peach orchard of Mr. Turner, about one mile north of Morgan's Creek. At 11 o'clock the sponge of another balloon named in honor of Lauretum Place, was lighted by little Miss Rose Vickers, and also sailed away to the north.

At twelve o'clock delightful refreshments were served to the guests, who had become mysteriously scattered in every part of the grounds, from a magnificently arranged table, which in richness of beauty was a veritable poem. The occasion was in every respect a charming success throughout.

A DAY AT CLIFF CITY.

The Misses Vickers gave their guests a delightful day on the banks of the Chester at Cliff City, on Friday. A large tent had previously been erected in the beautiful grove of pines, a cook stove, wood, cooking utensils and several cooks were on hand, and when the party of jolly picnicers reached the prospective city on the Chester, at eleven o'clock A. M., all was in readiness for a royal day of pleasure. An abundance of fish, hard and soft crabs, fried chicken and every tempting delicacy which the season could supply was in attendance upon the aesthetic wishes of the feasters when the dinner-hour arrived. Boats and gallant sailors were at hand, and excursions on the river were enjoyed. The afternoon passed like a dream, as noiselessly and as free, and after a sumptous supper the delicious twilight hours stole on only too fast. Foot-racing and talking contests were the favorite pastimes of the occasion, and in both the ladies bore off the prize and wore their honors graciously. The moonlight fell with an intoxicating sweetness after nightfall, and a sail on the picturesque Chester closed one of the most charming programmes possibly ever carried out at beautiful Cliff City. The western visitors looked with an appetizing envy upon the plump outlines of some of the finest specimens of the Maryland oyster, but only after numerous efforts did the succulent morsel consent to be swallowed. In regard to the spicy romance of numberless occurrences, possibly it is best that the rest should be guessed.

AN ENGAGEMENT PARTY.

One of the most novel, as well as one of the most delightful excursions of the season, was the engagement party originated and chaperoned by Mrs. Le Duc, on Friday afternoon. Just before 5 o'clock, four jolly crafts set sail with an animated freight of pleasure-seekers, for the picnic grounds on the shore of Capt. R. S. Emory. Favoring winds soon measured off the liquid miles, anchors were cast and the engagement party which had for several days been only a dream of the future, became a living, fascinating reality. Cards with dainty pencils attached were provided each one present; five minutes were given in which as many as possible of the permissible engagements should be made and after this, ten minutes were allowed in which the engagements should be fulfilled, the one making and fulfilling the greatest number to be declared the winner. This was a delightful feature. Vocal and instrumental music were pleasant features of the occasion. A splendid supper, elegant refreshments and an unbroken flow of rippling laughter and song, supplemented by a beautiful moonlight home return made of the occasion a brilliant success.

A BIRTH-DAY SUPPER.

Mr. Frank Gilpin celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of his birth, on Monday evening last by a splendid supper to about fifteen of his friends. The menu consisted of every luxury of the season elegantly prepared, and the occasion was one of rare pleasure. The debutante into the broad and responsible position of lusty manhood, received the congratulations, not alone of his guests, but of a wide circle of friends.

DR. REID'S RECEPTION.

Dr. C. W. Reid, president of Washington College, tendered the students of the college a pleasant reception on Saturday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock. Dr. Reid's home was handsomely illuminated, and a beautiful avenue formed of japanese lanterns hung under the deep shadows of the trees, reached from the front door to the very door of the richly lighted gymnasium building. In the rear parlor, Dr. and Mrs. Reid, Miss Matthews, Miss Boston, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Polk received the large number of guests. The students were generally introduced and apparently enjoyed the delightful innovation of having so many ladies where men were accustomed to hold an undisputed field. About 10 o'clock the guests were invited to the gymnasium building, which was brilliantly illuminated and handsomely trimmed. In the centre of the spacious room stood a table laden with flowers and refreshments. The evening was in every way a most charming success. Miss Hurtt discoursed delightful music on the piano.

Washington College Commencement

A DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMME DURING THE PRESENT WEEK.

MANY VISITORS ATTEND.

A Full Report of the Enjoyable Exercises.

The exercises of the one hundredth and eleventh commencement of Washington College, commenced on Sunday morning, with the Baccalaureate sermon in Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, by Rev. John G. Bacchus D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Bacchus' sermon was from a portion of the 96 Psalm, 6 verse: Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. The church was so crowded that benches and chairs were placed in the aisles, and even then all were not accommodated. The discourse was truly a magnificent production. Pure and clear in diction, it sparkled and overflowed with profound and beautiful thought. Strength and beauty of character were presented like beautifully set gems in the coronet of robust and exalted manhood. The massive grandeur and architectural beauty of the great temple consecrated to God on Mount Moriah, said the eloquent divine, was not so enduring or transcendently lovely as the temple of the human soul, massive and strong in its convictions of right, and beautified by the finer emotional feelings. The sermon was masterly and eloquent.

Rev. B. A. Dumm, of Kent Island, preached a fine sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association of the College, at Christ M. P. Church, on Sunday evening. He took for his text Colosians II. and viii—"Beware, lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." The sermon was a very able production, and was a strong plea for the placing of Christ and His wisdom above all earthly knowledge. The attendance was large, and the young men were out in force.

The anniversary address before Mount Vernon Literary Society by Prof. L. Irving Handy, on Monday evening, was bright, substantial and eloquent; a perfect jem for the occasion, and was enjoyed by a very large audience. Mr. Handy's command of words and readiness at illustration of salient points, was something remarkable. Words and beautiful mind-pictures fell from his tongue like autumn leaves, and it were safe to say that never within the history of the Mount Vernon Literary Society has it achieved a greater success in the selection of a speaker, and possibly never within the history of the charming speaker, has he won more brilliant or more enduring laurels. His subject was "Triumphant Living," and his advice to the young men was sound and logical, and based upon the practical experience of life.

On Tuesday morning, the declamation contest for the A. H. Reid prize took place. The speakers and their pieces were as follows: E. B. Polk, Princess Anne, Md., Lochinvar; J. F. Carey, Bishopville, Md., Cataline's Defiance; H. V. Holloway, Selbyville, Del., Battle of Waterloo; Miss May Matthews, Chestertown, Md., The Polish Boy; R. G. Nicholson, Chestertown, Md., Bernardo Del Carpio; Miss M. W. Cavender, Connellsville, Pa., Mona's Waters. The selections were all well rendered, and were declared by many to be equal to the average productions on similar occasions. Miss May Matthews won the first prize, a purse of fifteen dollars, and Mr. Holloway, the second, a purse of ten dollars. Rev. S. C. Roberts, Mrs. C. W. Reid and F. G. Usilton composed the committee to decide as to the merits of the contestants.

The Field Sports of Tuesday afternoon, as usual, were intensely interesting features of the week, and were witnessed by several hundred spectators. The following is the programme, entries, winners, and prizes: Hurdle race, Massey and Harris; won by Harris in 18 seconds. Prize, a sweater. 100 yards dash (16 years and under), Pippin, Perkins and McDorman; won by Pippin in 12½ seconds. Prize, a gold pen. Throwing 16-pound hammer, declared off because of the breaking of the handle of the hammer. Throwing base-ball, Brice and Zearfoss; won by Zearfoss on a throw of 116 yards and 8 in. Prize, uniform case. Running high jump, Polk, Harris, Brice and Burris; won by Brice in a 5 feet jump. Prize, gold medal. Pole vault, Parker, Polk and Brice; won by Parker in a jump of 8 feet 4 inches. Prize, gold medal. Running broad jump, Brice, Polk, Massey, Harris and Burris; resulted in a tie between Burris and Brice in a jump of 18 feet, 6 inches. Potato race, 16 years old and under, H. Vickers, Matthews, Toulson and Easley; Easley won. Prize, gold pen. One mile run, Brown, Parker, Hurtt and Massey; won by Parker, in 6 minutes and 53 seconds. Prize, silk umbrella. Standing broad jump, Brice, Zearfoss and Polk; won by Brice, 9 feet 6½ inches. Prize, Columbian souvenir match box. The most interesting contest of the series was the pole vault. After winning in the contest, Mr. Parker gave an exhibition vault, breaking all previous records at the college, in a vault of 9 feet 5½ inches, beating the records by 1 foot 5½ inches. Prof. Burris, Polk and Massey gave an interesting exhibition on the bar. The work of Mr. Burris in the gymnasium has been eminently successful, and has resulted in much good in developing an admiration for the manly sports. The tie between Brice and Burris in the running broad jump was not decided.

The second anniversary of the Philomathean on Tuesday evening was well attended. A crowded hall greeted the eloquent speaker, Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, of Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware. The orator took for his theme "Stumbling Blocks," and with rare clearness and power pointed out some of the stumbling blocks in the way of success in life. With the earnestness of a fellow student he entered into the real life of a student and set forth forcefully the encouraging things of life. The address while able and eloquent was so interspersed with well-chosen anecdotes as to be very interesting. For over an hour the audience hung delighted upon the flow of wit and wisdom which the reverend speaker can so well set forth.

The commencement exercises proper took place in Stam's Hall yesterday morning. There were 3 graduates whose orations showed a careful handling of the respective subjects, together with research, care and thought in their general arrangement. Mr. Robinson, who graduated with a record throughout his entire college course of exceptional honor, presented an oration of much strength, while Messrs. Hanna and Burns gave evidence of a not less thorough and comprehensive grasp of their respective themes. The programme was as follows: The Chinese Question, E. A. Robinson, Sharptown, Md.; A Vision of the Twentieth Century, A. M. Hanna, Rock Springs, Md.; Bi-Metalism, Wilmer F. Burns, St. Michael's, Md.

The conferring of degrees was performed by James A. Pearce, Esq., of the Board of Visitors. Mr. John T. Morris received the Junior prize of twenty-five dollars. Mr. Morris is a conscientious and diligent student and did splendid work during the year.

The degree of A. M. was conferred upon W. B. Vane, of Pocomoke city, Md.; Prof. L. J. Smith, of Baltimore, Md.; E. R. Jump, of Cordova, Md.; W. T. Henry, Rockville, Md.; Rev. J. H. Geoghegan, Dover, Del., and Prof. I. L. Twilley, Baltimore, Md.

Those receiving distinguished mention were: E. A. Robinson, 94 5; J. T. Morris, 93.7; W. E. S. Thomas, 92.6; N. Cameron, 91.7; W. F. Burns, 89.2; W. C. Brown, 88.7; M. deK. Smith, 88.7; E. M. Noble, 88.3; J. Jefferson, 87.5; H. V. Holloway, 87.4; R. L. Glover, 87.2; C. C. Brown, 86.6; E. B. Polk, 85.2; Miss E. A. McFeely, 85; Miss Mary Trew, 85; R. Merriken, 85; E. Usilton, 84.7; N. Perkins, 84; Chas. Easley, 83.5; A. M. Hanna, 83.2; Miss Belle Boston, 83; W. C. Copper, 83; H. Beck, 83; Miss May Matthews, 82.8; Miss Tichia Easley, 82.6; W. F. Venable, 82.5; E. F. Webb, 82.1; L. Gordy, 81; H. Rickey, 80.6; E. R. McDorman, 80; H. E. Perkins, 80; Miss Sallie Brown, 80. R. H. Anderson received a prize for writing.

The splendid music furnished by Weber's Military band has delightfully interspersed the exercises of the week, and has been a veritable treat to all lovers of fine music.

A business meeting of the alumni was held yesterday morning immediately following the commencement exercises. Harrison W. Vickers Esq., was elected president; C. F. Stam, Robert F. Brattan and James E. Ellegood, vice-presidents; F. G. Usilton, secretary; J. S. W. Jones, corresponding secretary; Dr. H. L. Dodd, treasurer. The executive committee was elected as follows: B. F. Flounders, Cecil county; Charles T. Westcott, Esq., Eben F. Perkins, Esq., and Dr. Samuel Beck, Kent; P. H. Feddeman, Jr., Queen Annes; Dr. F. R. Malone, Caroline; E. R. Jump, Talbot; R. W. Mowbray, Dorchester; Thomas Perry, Wicomico; R. F. Duer, Worcester; Hyland P. Stewart, Baltimore.

The Alumni Banquel was held at the Voshell House, yesterday afternoon. After elegant courtesies extended to the inner man, president Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., toast master called for responses to the following toasts: The Alumni Association of Washington College, responded to by C. T. Westcott, Esq. The Past History of Washington College. Responded to by C. F. Stam. Another Leaf from the Chapter of the Past, Mr. Sam'l Vannort. The Washington College of the Present, J. W. Chapman, Jr. The Present of the College, J. D. Urie, Esq. The Board of Visitors and Governor, James A. Peace, Esq. The Younger Life of the Board of Visitors, Hiram M. Brown. The College, Dr. C. W. Reid. The Faculty, J. Roy Micou. The Principal and Faculty, Prof. J. S. W. Jones. What can the Association do to Aid the College, Dr. W. F. Hines. College Days of Old, John G. Bacchus, D. D. Athletics of Washington College, Prof. E. J. Clarke. The association has started on the new collegiate year with an evident determination to make its influence felt in building up the future prosperity of the college.

The annual commencement ball given at Stam's Hall last night, was a splendid success. Four pieces of Weber's band furnished the music, the floor was in excellent condition, and with beautiful ladies and gallant men, every requisite of an enjoyable occasion was present. The number of strangers present, particularly ladies was unusually large. About midnight refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and lemonade were served. To say that the dance was a most enjoyable affair is simply stating an axiom in relation to the annual commencement hops, for no care is spared to make them pleasant in every respect.

Court News.

The county commissioners met on Tuesday with full board present. Henry James & Co's. account for lumber for Chester bridge in 1892 of $19.80, was examined, approved and ordered paid by order on levy to keep said bridge in repairs, in the hands of the county treasurer; same for account of lumber of $11.07 was ordered paid.

The following accounts were examined, approved and ordered to be provided for by levy: Robert C. Morgan, commissioner, per diem and milage, $239.05; Jno. A. Groves, commissioner, per diem and milage, $180.50; Horace A. Willson, commissioner, per diem and milage, $183.15; Thomas J. Shallcross, commissioner, per diem and milage, $253.75; Richard F. Moffett, judge of Orphans' court, per diem, $220.09; James S. Harris, judge of Orphans' court, per diem $216.00; Samuel Burgess, judge of Orphans' court, per diem, $220.00; Thomas H. Horsey, for sundries for Galena lock-up, $2.95; Kent lodge of I. O. O. F., for rent of lock-up, $18.75; Andrew Woodall, shells, pipe and cement, $605.88; John P. Shelton, supervisor, for special work, $2.80; R. T. Turner & son, for pipe, cement and lumber for second district, $52.94; Edward Bradley, supervisor, for special work, $28.35; Dr. J. H. Kelley, for vaccinating indigent children, $18.50; R. T. Turner & son, for pipe, cement, plank, etc., for 3d district, $176.47; R. T. Turner & son, for shells and road work in 3d district, $31.80; John W. Corey, for road work in 1891-92, $19.85; Wm. J. Coleman, for pauper coffin, $4; Wm. W. Duyer, supervisor, for mason work and putting in pipe, $44.80; E. O. Duyer, for mending road machine, etc., $5; Dr. Samuel G. Fisher, clerk of Circuit court, for fees, $1179.06; clerk of the court of Appeals, for costs in the bicycle case, $79.60; Lewin W. Wickes, Esq., attorney, for defending Joseph Brown, assigned by court, $15.00; Wm. M. Slay, Esq., State's attorney, fees in State cases, $1099.63; S. J. Coleman for mason work on pipe abutments, $32.50; H. M. Stuart, for repairs to county wharf at Chestertown, $87; D. K. Ayers, supervisor, for special work, $4.75. Orders were passed for the following road supervisors for work under contract: Wm. Pratt, $88.78; John McKee, $90.64; John McGuyre, $66.67; Wm. W. Duyer, $75.00.

New Advertisements.

The advertisement of the Rock Hall Land and Improvement Company, will be found in this issue. Read it for full particulars.

Mr. Frank Bailey, of Smyrna, Del., advertises in this issue, lumber and bricks. Read Mr. Bailey's advertisement, and see what he offers you; it may be to your advantage to purchase of him.

The Ladies.

The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use the California liquid laxative, Syrup of Figs, under all conditions, makes it their favorite remedy. To get the true and genuine article, look for the name of the California Fig Syrup Co., printed near the bottom of the package

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Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and $1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

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