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LOCAL MATTERS.

Real Estate Sales for Next Week.

Hope H. Barroll, Esq., trustee, will sell at public auction on Wednesday next, June 24th, at Rock Hall, between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock, the Hynson house and lot, situated on Swan Creek at Deep Landing.

Richard D. Hynson, Esq., attorney, will offer at public auction on Tuesday next, June 23d, at the court house, Chestertown, the valuable farms of Dennis McCauley as follows: Tract No. 1 is the "Culbreth farm," containing 477 acres; tract No. 2 is the "Moody Farm," containing 295 acres. These tracts are located in the second election district. The third farm is located in the first election district, and contains 394 acres. All the above farms are celebrated for their fertility and large yields of produce. They are conveniently located and are very desirable homes.

On Front Page.—On the front page of this issue will be found a list of trader's licenses so far issued, an editorial from the Centreville *Observer* in regard to Sunday steamboats and trains, and other local news.

The Italians Went Back.—Nearly half of the seventy Italian laborers who came down to work on the Queen Anne Railroad have returned, claiming that they "could not stand the fare." It is stated that the track of the new road will be laid as far as Hillsborough by the end of the present month.

First of the Season.—Florist W. H. Kirby leads the van of early vegetable growers. Mr. Kirby had ripe tomatoes grown out of doors fully two weeks ago. Deputy Clerk of the Court Frank Greenwood, who always leads the list of champion all-round vegetable growers, had on exhibition last week some of the finest new potatoes seen this season. Mr. Greenwood, as usual, has the ideal garden of town.

Enormous Basket Sales.—Messrs. Medders & Co., of Still Pond, have, in all probability broken the record for peach basket sales in Kent county. They in three days sold on *boni fide* orders one-quarter million peach baskets, and in order that this enormous demand might be met, purchased the entire output of three Delaware factories and are now negotiating with another factory for from 75000 to 100,000 baskets.

Geological Survey.—Messrs. Bagg and Abbey, of the State Geological Survey, have been at work in Kent, and were located at Chestertown last week. The gentlemen visited the extensive shell bank on the farm of Mr. John Loud and stated that they belonged to the Eocene period, and the name of the shells is Cardita Planicosta. They also discovered a number of Indian darts, stones used by the Indians for opening oysters, and other interesting relics. They are now working in Queen Anne.

Republican Club Officers.—As the initiatory to future campaign work, Republican organization is in order, and with this in view the Chestertown Republican Club held a largely attended meeting in Justice Wright's office last week, when the following officers were elected: President, Wilbur Eliason; vice-presidents, W. W. Chapman, W. S. Carroll; secretary, W. A. Burke; treasurer, M. W. Thomas; executive committee, J. W. Lambert, J. W. Chapman, T. W. Eliason, C. S. Smith, Sam'l Merritt.

Dwelling Struck by Lightning.—During the severe thunder storm of last week the house of George Johnson, near Sassafras, was struck by lightning. Fortunately no one was hurt. His wife was sick in bed at the time and all were very much frightened. During the severe electric storm on Tuesday evening, Mr. Harry Griffith's colored woman was pumping water at the pump, and the lightning was so sharp that it frightened her so that she fainted. Mr. Griffith and family were very much alarmed, thinking the woman had been struck.

Team Stolen.—The horse and carriage of Mrs. Robert W. Hatcherson was stolen from Tolchester on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Hatcherson and her daughter, Miss Grace, hitched their team at the Beach, and when they were ready to leave for home the horse and carriage were gone. After awhile two boys from the city returned the team and were placed under arrest. A hearing was had before Justice of the Peace Bramble, of Fairlee, and the youngsters released. This action of Justice Bramble is to be regretted; the youngsters should have been made an example of, and the public—the patrons of Tolchester Beach, been given to understand that they may visit the popular resort without danger of having their team stolen and possibly damaged. The justice, in such cases has jurisdiction and should exercise it.

Look Out for "Electric Bill."—The Chestertown authorities and the people generally should look out for a fellow who calls himself "Electric Bill." Bill visited Elkton last week and commenced operations by driving around town flourishing Bowie knives and pistols and of course soon attracted a crowd of "innocents." He set up business, selling electric belts and some other articles with medicinal value. These sold rapidly; then the wily gentleman wishing to make money in even an easier way, asked if any one had confidence enough in him to give him a $1. The money was quickly given by some one in the crowd and the request was repeated and granted until quite a sum of money was collected and put in "Bill's" hat. Turning to the crowd he asked what he should do with the money, and a voice shouted "keep it," to this he smilingly assented and singing a little song, "Am I Right," descended from his elevated stand and went to his room. When the crowd realized that their money was gone, they set up a general howl for its restoration, but "Electric Bill" was too sharp for them and giving them the slip left for parts unknown.

A Stormy Voyage.—The tug Comet on Saturday carried to Centreville a party of ladies and gentlemen from Baltimore to witness a game between the Centreville base-ball team and a select team from Baltimore. The game resulted in a tie after ten innings, when the game was called, as the visitors were compelled to start on their return trip. They left the wharf about eight o'clock, but on account of the darkness and high wind, were forced to anchor under Hail Point, in Chester river. After passing the night as comfortably as the weather and narrow quarters would permit, they returned to Centreville wharf early Sunday morning, where the ladies and most of the gentlemen landed, wet and hungry. They spent the day and night with friends. Some of the gentlemen were anxious to reach Baltimore in order to fulfill business engagements Monday morning and they started for the city on the tug at 7 o'clock Sunday morning, but the rough weather compelled the captain to land at Kent Island wharf. Those on board walked three miles to Stevensville, arriving there about two o'clock, where they obtained dinner, having fasted since noon of the preceding day. They then hired teams and were driven to Centreville and entertained by friends until Sunday morning, when the c[illegible] for Baltimore on the B. S.

Early Harvest.—Queen Anne, as usual, leads in the list of early harvesters. Mr. S. R. Hurlock, near Chester bridge, commenced on Thursday of last week and finished cutting one field the following day. Mr. John Emory, in Spaniard's Neck, was reported cutting on the same day. A number of farmers in Kent commenced on Monday, and but for the storm, general harvest would have been on by the middle of this week. Harvest this year is from five to seven days ahead of the usual harvest date. Two bushels of new wheat, the first of the season, were sold at the Chamber of Commerce, Baltimore, on Thursday. It came from Middlesex county, Va., and was received by Gaskins & Battee. G. A. Hax & Co. bought the wheat at 75 cents a bushel. A record kept by Secretary Wheatley shows that this was the earliest wheat received in Baltimore in eight years.

Queen Anne Assessment Schedule.—The board of assessors of Queen Anne county have decided to establish no fixed schedule of values for real estate, but will visit and assess each individual piece of property according to their judgment of its value. The schedule for the valuation of personal property adopted by the assessors is as follows:

Licensed stallions	$100 to $500
Driving horses	$100
Work horses—yearlings up	$40
Mules—yearlings up	$60
Cows—yearlings up	$20
Work oxen, per head	$35
Stock sheep, per head	$3.50
Stock hogs, 15 or less, per head	$4.00
Piano	$100
Organ	$40
Binder	$40
Drill	$25
Grass Mower	$15
Farm Wagon	$25
Cart	$15
Dearborn	$20
Carriage or Dayton	$40
Stock Geese, per head	$1.00
Stock Turkeys, per head	$1.00
Stock Ducks and Chickens, per head	$0.25
Bicycle	$50

NUPTIAL EVENTS.

CAULK—LLOYD.

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lloyd, in Odessa, Delaware, on Wednesday evening of last week, at eight o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. Fletcher Caulk, a popular young farmer of Sassafras, and Miss Mabelle Lloyd, one of the most popular and attractive young ladies of Delaware. Rev. Oscar Gillingham, of Port Penn, officiated. The large parlors were beautiful with floral decorations, palms, ferns, etc., and beneath a beautiful marriage bell of clematis the marriage vows were plighted. The bride was becomingly attired in a pearl colored lansdown gown with pearl and chiffon trimmings, and carried bride roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Lida Lloyd, sister of the bride, who wore flowered organdie over yellow silk, and Miss Carrie Bradley, of Crumpton, whose gown was white organdie. Both carried magnificent bouquets of daisies. The groomsmen were Messrs. J. Ford Caulk, the bachelor brother of the groom, and J. T. Hodson, of Sassafras. Miss Katie Hutchinson, of Townsend, played the wedding march. After the marriage a fine collation was served. Over one hundred guests were present. There were a great many gifts, handsome and useful, none more so than a beautiful horse, the gift of the bride's parents, which was hitched to the carriage ready to take her to her new home, at Sassafras, where her husband is farming on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Caulk have the TRANSCRIPT's congratulations and good wishes for a long and happy life together.

CULVERT—HUDSON.

Miss Emma Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hudson, of Smyrna, and a cousin of Mrs. G. Allen Jarman, Chestertown, was married to Mr. A. Culvert, of Ittica, Indiana, at the home of the bride's parents, in Smyrna, on Wednesday of last week.

CHARMING RECEPTIONS.

The Pieria Entertains—Members of the W. C. Bass Ball Team the Heroes of the Hour.

The Pierian Literary Society held its annual reception at the college on Saturday evening. It was the intention to have the usual lawn fete, but the rain drove the young ladies under shelter. The recitation room of Miss Pettigrew was tastefully arranged, beautifully decorated with flowers, and for the occasion was transformed into a bower of loveliness. From the centre of the ceiling hung a Japanese umbrella, from which were suspended four ribbons stretched to the four corners of the room. From these ribbons dangled tiny Japanese umbrellas, which were distributed to the guests as souvenirs. Refreshments were served in the gymnasium. The whole society served as a reception committee and right royally did they sustain their parts.

Miss Whaland delighted the company by one of her characteristic recitations. About 11.30 P. M. the guests went home, all voting the Pierians the most charming maidens and their reception a delightful success. The officers of the Pieria are: President, Miss M. Belle Boston; vice-president, Miss Grace Whaland.

MANAGER HURTT ENTERTAINS.

Manager Spencer M. Hurtt entertained the members of the Washington College base-ball team, at a splendid supper on Friday evening. The spacious dining hall of the Voshell House was brilliantly lighted and the tables, formed in squares, were beautifully trimmed with palms, ferns and cut flowers. The menu consisted of broiled chicken, soft crabs, terrapin and other delicacies of the season. Manager Hurtt occupied the head of the banquet board, while the champions, who have won glory on so many hard fought fields, sat in places of honor. The occasion was one of social pleasure and was a pleasant success.

CASHIER RUSSELL IN COMMAND.

Cashier William F. Russell gave the members of the Washington College base-ball team, the press and other friends a royal reception on Thursday evening last. The banquet was spread at the dining parlors of Mr. John L. Shuster, with plates for thirty. Ices and cake were served, after which toasts were offered and responded to in real banquet fashion. Toasts were made by Mine Host Russell, F. G. Usilton, Manager Hurtt, E. F. Perkins, Jr., Davis the "game winner," L. B. Russell and C. C. Hopper.

Real Estate Sales.

H. W. Vickers, Esq., mortgagee, sold on Thursday the Carter farm, near Lynch's station, containing 49 acres, for $2000. The mortgagee the purchaser.

H. W. Vickers, Esq. as trustee, sold the R. S. Griffith farm, situated near Sassafras and containing 261 acres, to James E. Woodall for $9918, or $38 per acre.

The following property was sold at public sale before the court house door on Tuesday:

Chas. T. Westcott, Esq., mortgagee, the E. D. Crew farm, situated near Coleman P. O., and containing 36 acres, to J. E. Dority for $675.

H. W. Vickers, Esq., the R. C. Smyth farm, situate near Fairlee, and containing 251 acres, for $19 per acre. Mr. Vickers, the mortgagee, was the purchaser.

The Wm. J. Payne property in Fairlee, two houses and lots, for $600. Mr. Vickers purchaser.

The Wm. Rogers property in Galena, store house and dwelling, $600. Purchased by Mr. Vickers.

The William Archibald farm, known as the Wm. Thos. Baker farm, situate near Fairlee, was offered by Hope H. Barroll, Esq., trustee, and was withdrawn at $34 per acre.

The house and lot in Millington, part of the estate of the late Thos. R. Quimby, was sold by Hope H. Barroll, Esq., for $600.

The Sallie Anderson property on Cannon street, Chestertown, was sold to Mr. James S. Bradley for $210.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Prof. J. I. Stephens, who has so acceptably filled the chair of sciences, at Washington College, and who last week tendered his resignation, has been asked by the board of visitors and governors to reconsider his action.

Mr. Thomas Hill and family will sail for a several months tour of Europe, on Saturday next.

Mr. Malcolm Hill is a graduate of Hopkins University this year.

Prof W. J. Humphreys, professor of sciences at Washington College during the collegiate year of 1893—'94, has secured a Hopkins University scholarship. The scholarship is what is termed "honorary," and entitles the holder to free tuition and a stipend of $75. Prof. Humphreys received the degree from A. B. of Washington and Lee University, Virginia.

Mr. B. Keen Michael, the one-armed cyclist who has spent several weeks in Chestertown representing the Spalding bicycle, last week made the run of seventeen miles between Chestertown and Centreville in fifty-eight minutes. Mr. Michael is the champion one-armed cyclist of the United States.

Prof. Hervey Pardee, of Baltimore county, came to Chestertown on Friday, to visit his brother, Mr. Elliott Pardee, at Washington College, who had left the College for his home, at Sudlersville, only a few hours before. Prof. Pardee is an expert cyclist and rode from Tolchester on his handsome Sterling or Green Flyer.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Gundry, of Catonsville, have been guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. Frank Hines.

Mrs. William McKenney and little son, William, are visiting Mrs. Meeteer on Front street.

Rev. Kent M. Bull, pastor of Worton Presbyterian church, expects to attend commencement exercises and his class reunion at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., this week.

Company A, commanded by J. Roy Roseberry, of Still Pond, won the flag in the competitive drill of the college battalion of cadets, which took place at St. John's College on Thursday afternoon. Lieutenant Evans, United States Army, was in command of the battalion. The drill consisted of battalion drill, company drill and dress parade. The judges were Lieutenants Colaban and Eberle, United States Navy, and Captain Young, United States marine corps. Mr. Roseberry graduated yesterday fifth in his class.

Mr. Benjamin F. Perkins graduated at the Pennsylvania University of Law last week, second in a class of sixty members, and only a slight fraction behind the leader of his class. Mr. Perkins has entered one of the most prominent law firms in Philadelphia. During his course at the University he held several positions of merited honor and distinction in his class.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard, of Middletown, Delaware, spent Sunday of last week at Still Pond.

Mrs. Caulk, of Sassafras, has been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Shepherd, Middletown, Del.

Dr. C. P. Gilpin, was the guest of his brother, Dr. T. H. Gilpin, Middletown, a portion of last week.

Rev. W. K. Galloway, the well-known evangelist of the peninsula, is visiting at Mr. John P. Wilson's near Sassafras, rusticating on the farm.

Miss Annette Sudler, of Baltimore, and Miss Arline Constable, of Elkton, are guests of Miss Nelie Walker.

Messrs. Norman and Foster Perkins, of Philadelphia, are visiting Chestertown friends.

Miss Carrie Holliday, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Laura Thomas, Washington avenue.

Miss Mamie Carroll, who has acheived distinction in her studies at the State Normal School, is home for the summer.

Miss Katie Duckett, whose sweet music delighted many judges of fine singing in Chestertown recently, has been extremely ill at her home, but is convalescing.

Miss Florence Melvin, of Harford county, is the guest of Miss Susie Culp, Washington avenue.

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

Miss Daisy Walters, of Baltimore, is visiting her cousin, Miss N. E. Walters. Miss Walters is an expert cyclist and has made several runs to Tolchester and other points in the county.

Mrs. Bailey and Miss Hammett, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Wood, of Philadelphia, are guests of the Misses Blackiston, Washington avenue.

Prof. Thomas D. Bowers, of the Friends Normal School, in Cecil county, is at home for the summer. Prof. Tinsley, at one time assistant to Prof Humphreys at Washington College, but who has been in the school with Prof. Bowers has accepted the chair of sciences in the University of New Mexico, at Albuquerque.

Phillips L. Goldsborough, the Cambridge lawyer and Republican leader, accompanied the Cambridge base-ball team to their Waterloo on the W. C. diamond, on Monday. Mr. Goldsborough is a hustling "rooter" in politics, but like the Cambridge players his nerve was "tuck" by the result of the first inning. Our old friend Tom Breerwood was also on hand with his Cambridge friends but was extremely nervy and gave some substantial roots for the college men.

Mr. Eddie Miller, the affable clerk of Jeweler J. H. Sides, is sniffing the invigorating ozone of the Virginia mountains.

Misses Nannie and Marguerite Deaver, of Frederick county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll at their handsome suburban home.

Miss Veva Perkins is the guest of Miss Hynson, Queen street.

Mr. Charles Plumly, of Philadelphia, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Dr. J. A. Catlin.

Mr. Brownley, of Baltimore, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. R. Pippin.

Mr. and Mrs. William Constable are visiting Chestertown friends.

Gen. Andrew J. Pennington, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. Jervis Spencer, on Front street.

Mrs. Capel and son, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. S. F. Smith, on High street.

J. Henry Baker, Esq., son of Mr. James H. Baker, and a member of the prominent law firm of Baker and Leach, of Baltimore, has received from his Alma Mater, Dickinson College, the degree of Master of Arts, upon an accepted thesis, subject, "Right of Eminent Domain."

Miss Fannie Bishop, of Carmichael, is visiting Miss Rose Frazier.

Miss Janie Anderson, of Worton, is visiting Miss Minnie Peregoy.

Mrs. Augusta Bowers [illegible] her little grand-daughter, Augusta [illegible]dge, are making a visit to Rev. J. [illegible], Baltimore.

Miss Trapnell, of C[illegible]a, is the guest of Miss Beu[illegible]yes, Washington ave.

Mrs. A. S. Clark, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. deK. Smith, Washington avenue.

Rev. R. W. Todd, preached a strong and interesting sermon at the Chestertown M. E. Church, on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Hazard, of New York, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hiram Brown, Queen street.

Mr. Wilbur Redden, of Philadelphia, was a guest at the home Prof. T. H. Topping, on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Howard Dryden, of Baltimore, is visiting his cousin, Miss N. E. Walters.

Dr. S. R. Murray, of Baltimore, and Prof. Raesler, of Union Bridge, Carroll county, were in Chestertown on Tuesday.

Mrs. Williams, of Seaford, Del., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. C. W. Reid, at the College.

The Rev. Wm. C. Butler, of St. Mary's Church, Baltimore, will preach in Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, on next Sunday, June 16th, in exchange.

The younger graduates seem to hold their Alma Mater in dearer remembrance than some of the older ones, and seem delighted to visit her halls once more. Carey, of '95, who is teaching in Worcester county, is back again. Gordy, of '94, who is regulating the aim of the tender mind in Wicomico, smiles on his old associates once more. Brown, of '95, a Somerset pedagogue and a prospective Australian consul, wends his way to old Kent, probably some stronger attraction than love of his Alma Mater drawing him. Venables, of '95, who on the sands of Syke's Island, Va., has been trying to make the youth of that community see something besides sand and fish, is again with the boys. Easley, '96, who strayed off to Dickinson, comes back to see his confreres don the cap and gown. Brinsfield, '97, who gave up the course and is now farming in Dorchester, once more looks in upon the boys. Merriken, '95, who comes to see his schoolmates (?) often, is now enjoying himself *as usual*. Goldsborough, '95, is back again and always has a good word for the college he loves.

Dr. Mace, of '81, who brought the Cambridge boys over to teach the college tossers how to play ball, renewed old scenes while the Cambridge boys were *receiving* a few lessons. Others have come during the week, to whom the hand of welcome is most cordially extended.

Miss Ray Heydrick, of Bridgeville, Delaware, is the guest of Mrs. W. P. Compton during commencement week.

Miss Katie Busteed, of Centreville, is visiting Miss Mary Hurtt.

Miss Stella Kenley, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Fannie Baker, Mill street.

Mr. James W. Chapman, we are glad to state is convalescing.

Mrs. R. S. Usilton, of Baltimore, and Mr. Walter B. Usilton and daughter, of Philadelphia, are visiting friends in town.

Mr. Lee Thomas, of Dover Academy is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ringgold, on Queen street.

Mr. Oyid Prettyman, of Seaford, Del., is attending the commencement exercises.

Mrs. Grace Nichols, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sappington, on High street.

Mr. Heber Crane, of Baltimore, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. A. E. Crane, Millington.

Miss Idel Baker took her interesting little Kindergarteners on a trip to Baltimore and Druid Hill Park, on Friday. Little Miss Louise Urie was presented with a handsome medal for the best attendance during the year. Handsome little Miss Rebecca Eliason also won golden honors for attendance and proficiency in study.

At its regular meeting last Thursday night Chester League elected the following officers for the ensuing term of six months; President, Jack Cannan; vice-president, W. W. Needles; rec. secretary, J. Alex. Russell; cor. secretary, V. M. Barnett; treasurer, W. S. McDonnell; warden, W. C. Sutton.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Eloquent Sermons and Addresses During the Week—The Successful Students in the Several Departments of Work.

FIELD DAY SPORTS.

The pleasant programme of the one hundred and fourteenth annual commencement exercises of Washington College, was formally and delightfully commenced on Sunday morning by the baccalauriate sermon preached before the graduating class in Emmanuel P. E. Church, by Rev. George S. Gassner, rector of Christ Church, Delaware City.

The church was so filled that after placing chairs in the aisles many were forced to stand throughout the service. Mr. Gassner is a gentleman of fine appearance, a vigorous thinker, and possesses a pleasant voice. His sermon was one of the most appropriate, eloquent and most thoroughly enjoyed, which has been heard in Chestertown for years.

"Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."—St. Matthew xx, 26-27.

The speaker said in substance:

"I congratulate you, my dear young friends, not upon what you have completed, but upon what lies before you; not upon what you are, but upon what you may become. After many studious years, you are now to go forth into the activities of life. That you may have power and influence is the earnest wish of those who have watched and assisted in your education.

"I speak to you this morning on the Higher Law of Greatness, and I want to show you that the highest attainments of manhood and womanhood are to be found in what we give, rather than in what we get; in the service that we render to others, rather than in what we do for ourselves.

"Ambition is one of the strongest motive powers, and when rightly controlled is one one of the noblest sentiments. I hope that each one of you is inspired by a worthy ambition, one which is controlled by a right ideal and standard of greatness.

"No ideal of greatness is worthy of our serious consideration which does not take into account the future life, for man is born to inhabit two worlds. Life is a beautiful thing, if its ends be beautiful, and it is worth living if its days be filled with ministry and its years be crowned with service.

"True greatness is not so much in the achievements of the body, or in the triumphs of the intellect, or in the manifestation of genius, as it is in the magnificence of the soul, and in the strength and exercise of the affections. The greatness of humility and service is a greatness that dignifies the life and ennobles the soul forever. Judged by the Divine standard, greatness must exist in your character and manifest itself in noble deeds, else all the world calls great will be cast out as naught.

"The text gives us the divine rule for attaining greatness. Man says that greatness comes by self assertion, by daring, by power, by triumph and success, no matter by what means attained, but Christ says that it comes by self-sacrifice, by humility, by service.

"We are placed on this earth for two great purposes; to get good and to do good. No man liveth unto himself. *Noblesse oblige* is a law of universal and eternal application. What we may have is, in a large sense, a trust to be exercised for the good of all the race. Each one of us is a debtor to humanity, and we have no right to ignore its claim upon us, and to say that we will live for ourselves alone. We cannot live isolated lives, but must depend upon and receive the service of others. The thought of mutual service is one that appeals to us in the simplest affairs of everyday life.

"As in material things, so in the realms of thought and progress. The nineteenth century is not of its own creation, but is the product of all the ages that have gone before. You, yourselves, are debtors to those who labored in the past in the establishment of this venerable seat of learning, now happily taking on new viger of life. As you have received, so you must give. Humanity is bound together by a thousand ties, and as we are ministered unto, so must we in turn discharge our duty of ministration.

"The greatest man in all history is the Man Jesus Christ. As He has given us the highest law of greatness, so He has shown it in His own life. And the marked feature of the life of Him who won such undying pre-eminence was that He went about doing good. By the very perfection of His unselfishness, and humanity, and ministry, has He been immeasurably exalted above all other men.

"Again I congratulate you that you stand at the threshold of what I trust may be lives according to this Divine ideal. Seek for greatness through this higher law, and there is no question as to your success. Never before were there such openings for usefulness, such a wealth of opportunities as crowd upon the youth of to-day. In your homes, in society, and in the church, you will find room for the exercise of your highest and noblest energies. Consecrate your powers to the service of man, and in this you will most truly live to the glory of God. If you would be great, learn the secrets of ministry; if you would be chief among men, learn to be their servant. For it is thus, and thus alone, that your life will be hailed as a success by the great King above, and by the heavenly intelligences that throng the court of heaven.

Fine music was rendered by the choir, composed of: Miss Hurtt at the organ, Mrs. J. D. Welch, Miss Mattie Constable, Miss Nannie Brice, Messrs. Thos. Perkins, Eben Perkins, E. J. Clarke.

Christ Methodist Protestant Church was crowded to its utmost capacity on Sunday evening, the occasion being the sermon before the Y. M. C. A. of Washington College, by Rev. Bartlett P. James, of Washington, D. C. The aisles were filled with chairs and still many were obliged to stand.

"Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, one thing thou lackest."—Mark 10 chap. part of 21st verse.

The reverend gentleman prefixed his remarks upon the text by commenting upon the mysteries of the Divine plans and their wide divergence from the plans and purposes of finite man. The human mind endeavors to follow and fathom the divine but with little success. Man philosophizes on light, electricity, steam, and uses them so far as his wisdom can, but what after all does he know of the nature and composition of these things? Man is fortunate in so far as he follows the guidance of the Supreme Being, as drawn from nature and Revelation. Then speaking of the rich young man of the text he skillfully and carefully explained how he partially followed Divine guidance and challenged the Saviour's admiration and love, but after all, like Peter, followed afar off instead of entering into the very essence and meaning of the Heavenly Father's desire and purpose.

The rich young man, following human conception of wisdom in this life, made his maxim *hold*. The Saviour set before the one claiming to desire to know what he might do to inherit *eternal life* the maxim *give*. This was illustrated by the results of giving in nature. The plant gives its seed and multiplies its species. The sun gives light and vastly multiplies light and life. So man giving to the extent of his power to his fellowmen lays up treasure in Heaven and lays hold on *eternal life*. The rich young man's conception of probity in life was abstinence from open transgression. The speaker demonstrated that, if this were true in his life, he had only partially performed his obligation and that the Divine command is not only "cease to do evil, but learn to do well."

The speaker illustrated this failure of positive power and its culpability thus: One man may wilfully malign and libel his neighbor and is guilty of slander. Another may have in his possession the indisputable evidence of his innocence and fail to use it in his defense, both men become equally guilty before God. From this strong premise the logical deduction of the text, the reverend gentleman proceeded to make a forcible application to the young men and women before him. Most important with you is the port of eternal life, most important in your life work is that you exert positive, as well as negative force and influence.

"If thou wouldst be perfect" and win the Divine judgment, "well done good and faithful servant," when your life work is reviewed and judged before the bar of God, remember and practice these things, was the concluding thought of the masterly discourse.

The sermon was listened to with the closest attention by the large congregation and produced a profound impression of life's responsibility upon the entire assembly, as well as upon the ones to whom it was especially directed.

The music was a pleasant feature of the evening, the duet by Miss Julia Thompson and Dr. H. L. Dodd, delighting those present, while the solo by Miss Thompson, "Some Day," was extremely beautiful. The choir was composed as follows: Miss Clara Usilton, organist; Mrs. T. S. Dodd, Mrs. P. T. McFeely, Misses Julia Thompson, Mollie Parks, Hettie Greenwood, Marian Lusby, Annie Russell, Messrs. H. L. Dodd, T. D. Bowers, F. G. Usilton and A. M. Culp.

BEFORE THE MT. VERNON.

Prof. W. W. Knowles, of Seaford, Delaware, on Monday evening addressed the members of the Mount Vernon Literary Society, in Stam's Hall. The speaker selected for his subject, "man" and in glowing terms referred to the magnificent possibilities of true manhood, and held up many prominent American's as worthy of emulation. Prof. Knowles opened his address by saying: "This is the prettiest audience I ever saw, and I said while on the base-ball field this afternoon, "Chestertown has the most beautiful girls in the world." Of course all subscribed to this beautiful and sublime sentiment. At the close of his address Professor Knowles was presented with a magnificent bouquet by the ladies. The audience was very large.

A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

The declamation contest on Tuesday morning for the A. H. Reid prize of fifteen dollars for the first and ten dollars for the second in point of merit in declamation, was in every way one of the most successful within the history of declamation contests at Washington College. Never before had judges so difficult a task to decide between the merits of the contestants. Where all did so well and where all merited a prize for the excellence of their work, we have no word of criticism or invidious comparison, but rather, sincere congratulation for each and every contestant. We must, however, refer to the splendid work of Miss Whaland and Miss Murray. Here again comparison would possibly be out of order, but a sense of justice demands that these ladies be especially congratulated upon the nearness to perfection in which they delivered their respective pieces. Only a decided natural talent, aided by conscientious, intelligent study could have produced to delightful a result. The work of both young ladies disarmed criticism and charmed the immense audience present. Then too, Prof. E. J. Clarke, whose highly cultivated talent as a teacher of oratory and elocution was largely instrumental in training the young ladies and gentlemen, is to be most highly congratulated, and Washington College is more than fortunate in the possession of his valuable services as a teacher.

The contestants and their subjects were: J. M. White, Fairmount, Md., Regulus to the Carthaginians; J. H. Anderson, Milford, Del., Liberty and Union; J. S. E. Pardee, Sudlersville, Md., Defense of Hofer, the Tyrolese Patriot; Miss Grace Whaland, Chestertown, Archie Deane; W. N. Sherwood, Chestertown, A National Monument to Washington; J. L. Coulbourne, Snow Hill, Md., Regulus to the Romans; Miss Lucy Murray, Baltimore, A Sisterly Scheme. The judges were: Mr. William S. Walker, Dr. W. Frank Hines and Prof. W. C. Brown. Miss Whaland was accorded the first and Miss Murray the second prize.

Because of the inclemency of the weather the Field Day sports, appointed for Tuesday afternoon were postponed.

REV. C. W. PRETTYMAN'S ADDRESS.

The address of Rev. C. W. Prettyman, delivered before the Philomathean and the Pierian Literary Societies was listened to with marked attention by a large audience. The speaker took for his subject, "The Coming Man; Who Shall Make Him and Who Shall Have Him?" He pointed out in eloquent terms the different factors that enter into the formation of the youthful mind, and the responsibilities of those who have the training of our youth. He showed that the woman who was destined to *have* him should be specially educated for the trust, and upon her depended largely the fate of the nation. He interspersed his address with just enough humor to make his hearers perfectly at rest and his illustrations were all of the happiest. The societies were most fortunate in their selection.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES PROPER.

The commencement exercises proper were held in Stam's Hall yesterday, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M. The usual assembling of students, faculty and board of visitors took place in front of James A. Pearce's office, and the procession, headed by the band, marched to the hall, where a large audience had already assembled. Rev. W. P. Compton opened with prayer after which Miss Burchinal, of Chestertown, read an essay on "Force of Example." The young lady showed in a strong light the influence of great men who have made themselves conspicuous in either a good or evil way. She counseled a careful examination of every one's words and deeds, as no one is without influence.

Mr. E. R. McDorman, of Dames Quarter, Md., followed. He was selected as class orator by his fellow classmen, and he clearly showed the wisdom of their choice. He delivered in an easy, graceful manner an oration entitled, "The Drama of Life." He divided life into three acts, youth, middle life and old age. He dwelt on each period, picturing in an eloquent manner all the incidents pertaining to each. The audience listened with wrapt attention, and he was heartily applauded.

Mr. E. M. Noble, of Denton, Md., created a flutter among the ladies by his essay entitled, "Education and Influence of Women." He took the position that woman is inferior in all respects to man, and great only in her home. He received many a black look and shake of the head from the fair ones, and no doubt they consigned him to the place in which he would put the women.

After his oration, Jas. A. Pearce, Esq., delivered an address to the graduates, at the close of which he presented the diplomas. Mr. Pearce, in speaking to the young lady graduates, said that he was ready to welcome them to all the honorable spheres of life, but he cautioned them to keep out of politics; that that was one sphere to which she could not enter without staining her garments. He thought their place was the hearth and home, and in no other way could they shine so brightly.

Dr. Reid, after Mr. Pearce's address read the honor list.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Miss Mary C. Burchinal won the prize of twenty-five dollars offered by Charles T. Westcott, Esq., to the most meritorious member of the Senior class. E. M. Noble, of Denton, Caroline county, won the Junior medal offered by the Board of Visitors and Governors for last year, but which was not presented. E. Cruikshank, of Baltimore, won the Sophomore class medal for 1896. The twenty-dollar prize offered by Thomas W. Eliason to the member of the Sophomore class making the highest average in recitations and examinations, was won by J. S. Elliott Pardee, of Sudlersville. The prize of twenty dollars, offered by Richard D. Hynson, Esq., to the most meritorious student of the Freshman class, was won by W. H. Anderson, of Delaware. M. E. Flounders, of Cecil county, won the prize offered by Prof. Stephens for the best work in chemistry. The prize offered by Prof. Stephens for the best work in botany was won by T. E. Goldsborough, of Greensborough, and Miss Mary Rogers, of Chestertown, won the prize offered by Prof. Stephens for the best work in physiology. T. A. Goldsborough and W. L. Wheatley tied for the prize offered by Prof. Jones for the student making the highest mark in examination in geometry, and the contest will be decided by a committee of the faculty. A prize of five dollars, offered by Dr. Reid to the member of the second preparatory making the greatest improvement in writing, was won by Charles Whaland, of Chestertown.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

The degree of A. M. was conferred upon William G. Smyth, of Kent county, class of '90; Rev. E. A. Robinson, of Wicomico, of '93; Dr. John Mace, of Cambridge, class '81; Wilmer F. Burns, of Dorchester, class '93. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. James B. Merritt, pastor of Union and Salem M. E. Churches, this county, and Rev. O. H. Murphy, of Somerset county.

The full list of graduates was:

Classical course—Samuel R. Douglas, Robert L. Glover and E. R. McDorman. Scientific course—Miss M. Belle Boston, cum laude, Miss Mary C. Burchinal *magna cum laude*, Howard A. Jump, and Edward M. Noble, *magna cum laude*.

The graduates appeared in Oxford caps and gowns.

COMMENCEMENT HOP.

The commencement hop last night was a brilliant affair and was enjoyed by many strangers. Weber's band furnished delightful music for the occasion. About midnight ices and coffee were partaken of. The floor committee were: T. W. Perkins, H. B. Constable, Thomas Massey, Spencer M. Hurtt, Frank V. Simpers and Harry G. Simpers.

FIELD DAY SPORTS.

Field Day sports were commenced after the game of ball yesterday, but were interfered with by the rain. Boston won the 120 yard hurdle dash in 18 seconds, Coursey second. Raymond Simpers won the 120 yard low hurdle in 16 seconds, Harrison Vickers, second. In the third contest, a hundred yard dash, was won by Frank Hines in 19 seconds. The 100-yard dash, first class, was won by Boston in 10 seconds, Coursey second and Glover third. In second class, Vickers won in 12 seconds, Simpers second. In the preparatory contest, Frank Hines won in 12¾ seconds, Eliason second. Rain interfered and the contests were declared off.

PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Graduates Who Will Lay Aside Their Books on June 30th.

The commencement exercisee of the Chestertown Public School, will be held in Stam's Hall, on the evening of June 30.

The graduates will be: Misses Bessie Cannan and Sadie Hendrickson, and Mr. John Loud. Rev. Mr. Cooper, pastor of Bond M. E. Church, it is expected will address the graduates. A prize offered by Mr. Colin F. Stam to the member leading the eighth grade, and the prize offered by Mrs. James A. Shaw, to the member of the fifth grade will be awarded

The programme will be interspersed with sweet music.

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Thrives on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her face blooms with its beauty. If her system needs the cleansing action of a laxative remedy, she uses the gentle and pleasant Syrup of Figs. Made by the California Fig Syrup Company.

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With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills,