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LOCAL MATTERS.

Stole His Bees.—Mr. George S. Biddle has a large number of hives of bees in his lawn in front of his residence. On Friday night some thief carried off two hives, leaving no note of thanks or instructions as to where the old bees may be found after the honey has been extracted from their homes.

Was it a Defeat?—The Washington College base ball team stopped two runs short, in the finely contested game with the Baltimore Athletic Club yesterday. The visitors insisted upon stopping at the end of the seventh inning to catch the Tolchester boat, and that too, without giving the college men thier turn at the bat. This game was spirited and but for the home men going to pieces for a short time in the fourth inning they would easily have won. "Dr. Pond" the celebrated professional pitcher of the Baltimore team pitched for the visitors. This cannot be scheduled a defeat for W. C.

New Freighting Line.—Capt. George Tarbutton, an officer of the steamer Sassafras, and one of the most widely known and popular steamboat men on the Chesapeake, has purchased the fine freighting schooner, Harry B. Moore, and after having her thoroughly overhauled, has put her in Worton creek. The Moore is in command of Capt. P. Biggs, an experienced boatmen and will do a general freighting business in lumber, grain, phosphate, etc. Capts. Tarbutton and Biggs state that they will give the business their personal supervision and consequently are enabled to guarantee satisfaction to patrons.

Interesting to Cyclists. — Justice Grannan, of Baltimore, made a decision last week of interest to bicyclists thoughout the State. Chestertown, like Baltimore, has an ordinance requiring that bicyclists carry lighted lamps when riding through the town at night. Here is the Baltimore case: Wm. L. Beauchamp, a telephone operator, was arranged on the charge of riding through the streets at night without a light on his bicycle. Mr. Beauchamp stated that the lantern on his wheel was not lighted when he was arrested by Patrolman Reinhardt, but he was riding in company with a friend who had a bright light, and who was close by his side. Justice Grannan decided that one light was enough to prevent an accident, and the law had not been violated. Beauchamp was dismissed.

Sailed for Germany [illegible]sses Mary Hurtt, of Chestertown, [illegible] Stewart of Washington College, a[illegible]ss Mary Stewart, of the West, sailed from Baltimore at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Dresden, Germany, on the North German Lloyd steamer Willehad. One of the tourists, just prior to leaving expressed a desire for three excitements during the trip; to see an iceberg, a Spanish warship and a moderate storm, and one said, "and be captured by a Spanish warship, for of course we would simply be taken to Cadiz and set free." The steamer on which the ladies sailed, struck an enormous whale on its trip over last week. The officers and passengers felt the ship tremble from stem to stern from the shock. Many ran aft and saw the water crimsoned with blood and a large whale floundering about in the sea. During a voyage from Baltimore two years ago the Willehad struck a whale and bent a propeller blade.

Sued for Breach of Promise. — Mr. Robert M. Lowe, the traveling cigar salesman, is one of the best fellows on the road, and there is scarcely a merchant or hotel man in Maryland who doesn't know this jolly knight of the sample case. December is as pleasant as May to Mr. Lowe, and even the depressing effects of a breach of promise suit for $10,000 when brought by a rare and fascinating widow falls to depress. He was in Chestertown last week as radiant as a summer's blossom while his land-lady, who declares that she loves her wayward and obstinate boarder, was at home arranging either for a marriage or an opportunity to write out a receipt for $10,000 damages for a breach. Now Mr. Lowe's Kent county friends will smile audably when they read the following from Mrs. Reese: "I do not think I am doing Mr. Lowe an injustice in suing him for breach of promise. He was not only engaged to me, but the day for the wedding was twice fixed. The second time the wedding was set to occur was in last July, but when the day came Mr. Lowe refused to fulfill his promise to me. Mr. Lowe cannot deny that the engagement exists, for it was made in writing and signed by him. This paper I still retain, and it will be produced in court to prove my case. 'I think lots of him, but it is time for him to settle his mind. I love him just the same, and I am positive he loves me, but I think he is stubborn. Of course, it is possible, some one has come between us. Men are strange mortals, anyhow. He need not say that I did not tell him of my purpose to enter suit against him, for I so informed him a short time ago. [illegible] came home this evening, he spoke [illegible]out the suit, and said it meant probably one of three things—marry me, pay me the amount of damages which the court may allow, or go to jail. He told me he would choose the last named. I still think him a very fine man, but in justice to myself I could not allow his attentions to go on indefinitely."

MISS BAKER'S COMMENCEMENT.

A Dainty Programme by Interesting Little Pupils.

The present commencement season was beautifully inaugurated on Thursday afternoon by the annual exercises of Miss Idel Baker's interesting Kindergarten. The evening was an ideal one and the pretty yard beneath the shade of the lindens was transformed into a scene of fairy land. Gorgeously colored lanterns throughout the entire grounds

"Sparkled like a swarm of fire flies
Tangled in a silver braid."

The little pupils and their friends assembled at 8 o'clock and the programme was daintily rendered by as bright and interesting class of little folk as was seen in Chestertown:

Hymn, Father in Heaven.....School
Greeting Song.....School
Song, America.....School
Song, Busy Bees.....Bees—Hiram Brown and Walter Simmons. Flowers—Miriam Hubbard, Carolene Hynson, Helen Urie, Betty Patterson and Mary Smith.
Song and Game.....School
A Little Worm—Chrysalis and Butterfly Louise Urie
Song, The Mill Wheel.....School
Song, Lambkins.....Carolene Hynson
Song, Swing, Cradle Swing...Miriam Hubbard
Song, Lady Moon.....Mary Smith
Song, Ball for Baby.....Helen Urie
Song, Merrie Little Men.....Betty Patterson
Song, Do You Know How Many Stars?
Declamation, The Boy's Three Wishes, Hiram Eliason
Pantomine, Six Little Grandmas.

This was one of the most delightfully quaint features of the evening. Miss Iris Anthony read the verses and the little tots performed their respective parts.

Piano and violin music was enjoyed during the entire evening. Refreshments were served on the beautiful grass-carpeted and flower-dotted yard, and after the regular program the little folk participated in a Donkey Party.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Bits of News and Gossip Gathered Here, There and Everywhere.

† An unknown woman was taken ill on Thursday night on the steamer Louise on her return trip to Baltimore from Tolchester Beach. She wore a black shirt waist and white hat and appeared to be about twenty-two years old. She was taken to the Maryland University Hospital in the southern patrol ambulance.

† The Letter-Carriers Yacht Club of Baltimore, are preparing for a cruise on the Chesapeake when Betterton will be one of the principal points visited.

† Monday was Heptasoph Day at Tolchester. A large number of the order came over from Baltimore, but few from the Conclaves in Kent were there.

† The afternoon train on the B. & D. B. R. R. was discontinued on Saturday last.

† Second Baseman Smoot won the handsome gold medal offered by Mr. J. H. Sides to the player on the Washington College team making the highest batting average. Mr. Burris and Mr. Davis gave him a close chase for the trophy.

† Notice has been given by the authorities that the buoy in Chesapeake bay off Poole's Island, and the one above Sassafras river, have been discontinued.

† Capt. Frank E. Stevens filed his bond and was sworn in as commander of the police schooner, Anna B. Smith, by Judge Pearce, on Monday.

† The white boy arrested last week for stealing money from the money drawer of Mr. James S. Bradley, is suspected of being one of two unknown young men who stole the bicycles of A. H. Matthews and wife from Mr. Matthews store, on Dover street, Easton.

† A valuable dog belonging to Mr. John N. Duyer went mad on Wednesday of last week. The dog was bitten by a dog just sixteen days before and had been tied as a precaution ever since.

† The pretty home of Cashier W. B. Copper, Washington avenue, narrowly escaped being destroyed last week. Mr. Carroll was at home at the time and fortunately discovered an exploded lamp a few moments after the accident. It was with difficulty that the rapidly spreading flames were smothered.

† Mr. Frank P. Cochran, the chief of Kent county asparagus growers, last week presented Mr. William Medders, of Still Pond, with a bunch of asparagus, some stalks of which measured 4½ inches in circumference.

† Mr. Samuel G. Lee lost a valuable cow by lightning during the storm of Friday afternoon last. The animal was insured in a company represented by Mr. W. Harper McFeely and on Monday Mr. Lee was paid for his loss.

† Mr. Walter Sparks, at Fairlee, received on Saturday the new threshing rig sold to him by Mr. George W. Smith. The engine is a seventeen horse power and the hresher one of the finest in the county, with self-feeders, band cutters and wind stackers.

† Mr. John D. Urie has been made attorney to the board of election supervisors.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Walker, Jr., of St. Louis, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. Frank Hines, Front street.

Mrs. Horace Beck and children, of St. Louis, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hines.

Miss Lucie H. Crow, of Worton, graduated at Goldey's College, Wilmington, last week.

Prof. Thomas D. Bowers, of Chestertown, but for two years vice-principal of the St. Michaels High School, was present at an elegant reception tendered the graduates of the Easton and St. Michael's High Schools by Mrs. Edward Roberts, of Easton, last week.

Mr. Percy T. McFeely, Miss Fannie Baker and Miss Gussie Cannon, attended the Christian Endeavor Convention at Aberdeen, Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Helen Walnut, Miss Alexina Solomon and Mr. Sommerwell Solomon, of Riverton, N. J. are guests of Miss Beulah Hayes, Washington Ave.

Miss Page, of Princess Anne, and Miss Handy, of Annapolis, are guests of Judge and Mrs. James A. Pearce.

Rev. D. L. Greenfield, who preached the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Fleming during his short stay in town.

Rev. R. H. Adams, who preached the annual sermon before the Student's Christian Association on Sunday evening, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Clements.

Miss Trapnell, of Charlestown, West Virginia, is visiting Miss Beulah Hayes, Washington avenue.

Miss Mabel Young, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. M. L. Baker, High st.

Miss Annette Sudler, of Baltimore, and Miss Arline Constable, of Elkton, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Walker.

Miss Ellen Hollingswoth, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Minnie Massey, Maple avenue.

Miss Annie Willson, of near Edesville, attended a delightful dance at "River View," the residence of Mr. Carroll McCollister, on South East river, last week.

Mr. Clifford Sparks, of Crumpton, has accepted a position in the store of Messrs. F. H. Harper & Son, Still Pond.

Mr. John W. Bordley has been at the hospital in Baltimore for six weeks past for treatment to one of his eyes. The trouble was caused, it is thought, by some insect. He came to Chestertown last week but was forced to return for further treatment.

Prof. Henry B. Leaverton, teacher of manual training at the High School in Easton, has gone to Staten Island, N.Y., where he has a position as draughtsman in a ship-yard. During his absence W. Mason Sheban has had charge of his department. Mr. Leaverton is a son of Mr. I. R. Leaverton, one of the best known agriculturist of Kent.

Mr. Marion deKalb Smith, Jr., on Saturday evening entertained the members of the graduating class at an elegant supper. Those present were: L. A. Davis, M. E. Flounders, Gordon Nicolson, William N. Sherwood, J. S. E. Pardee and J. McD. White.

Mr. Virgil Ward, of Wicomico, one of the heroes of last year's base-ball team, is visiting friends at the College.

Miss Grace Greenwood on Tuesday received a large box of Cape Jessamine from North Carolina. The blossoms are white and of delicious fragrance. The flowers were much admired by all who saw them.

One of the prettiest and most stylish turnouts in town is that of Miss Nelie Walker. It is a trap with every modern improvement for beauty.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Nicols, of Baltimore, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Aldridge. Mr. and Mrs. Nicols will soon move to the west (Chicago) where Mr. Nicol's business demands his presence.

Miss Clara Downey, of Rock Hall, is visiting Miss Hallie Toulson, Main St.

Capt. and Mrs. William Marshall, of Lewes, Del., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Bordley. Capt. Marshall is one of the most prominent pilots at Lewis, and recently, with several others, sold a fine pilot boat to the government for $80,000. They are having another built which will cost $100,000.

Miss Florence Melvin, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Susie Culpe, Washington Avenue.

Miss Annie B. Loud, is the guest of Miss Jennie Anderson, near town.

Miss Grace Greenwood, of South Carolina is visiting her parents on Queen street.

Miss Grace Wilkins is visiting Miss May Jones, Queen street.

Mrs. Carrie Wright, of Baltimore, is the guest of Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Nickerson.

Mr. Morris Hoffman, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. John M. Scanland, resident physician city Hospital, Baltimore, are guests of Dr. H. G. Simpers, Queen st.

Dr. William Gale, of Baltimore, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker.

Dr. Leonard Parker, of Baltimore, is the guest at "Hill Top," of Josiah Massey and family.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. H. Jacobs, of Centreville, spent Tuesday in Chestertown.

Mr. Townsend, of Townsend, father of the irrepressible "boy twirler" of the Washington College base-ball team, attended the commencement exercises this week and witnessed the fine performance of his son in the game of yesterday. Mr. Townsend states that he is delighted with Washington College and has another son whom he wishes to send next year.

Judge and Mrs. James A. Pearce entertained in honor of Miss Lucile Rasin, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. David Davis and little son, of Philadelphia, spent several days in Chestertown this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, and baby, of Baltimore, are spending a week in Chestertown.

Miss Clara Bacchus, daughter of Rev. G.Q. Bacchus, of Cambridge, and niece of Mr. Jeff. D. Bacchus, Chestertown, graduates at Western Maryland College this week.

Miss Josephine Watson is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. T. R. Hubbard, High st.

Miss Clare Vannort and Mr. Raymond Simpers are attending the commencement exercises at Western Maryland College.

Mrs. Paul Turner, the sweet singer of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. France, High street.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hubbard, and little Louise, of Mt. Royal Terrace, Baltimore, are visiting their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, on Washington avenue.

Mrs. Horace W. Beck, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Gundry, of Catonsville, are guests of their brother, Dr. W. Frank Hines, Maple avenue.

Mr. Spencer Hurtt, with the J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, spent several days of the present week the guest of his father, Mr. J. Henry Hurtt.

Editor S. Chester Coursey, of the Centreville *Record*, attended the commencement exercises at the college this week.

Miss Mary Hurtt was tendered a most flattering impromptu reception on Monday afternoon and evening by her large class of music scholars. Many of them were at the steamer to say good bye when she sailed for Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicolson, of Falls Church, near Washington, are guests of Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Micou, at the college.

Mr. H. V. Holloway, principal of Harrington Academy, attended the commencement exercises. Mr. Holloway was a graduate of the class of '95.

Mrs. William J. Evans, of Baltimore, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John N. Dood, High street.

Miss Ethel Perkins, of Philadelphia, is being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Eliason.

Miss Sopha Beck, of near Tolchester, is visiting Miss Grace Whaland.

Miss Bertie Beck, is the guest of Miss Anna Brice, Queen street.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

Flower Mission Day of the W. C. T. U., was observed by the Union of this village, by sending through its superintendent, Miss Maggie Seney, a large box of flowers to a "Home" for friendless women in Baltimore.

On Friday evening of last week the union held a social meeting at the home of Mr. J. P. VanDyke. The occasion was one of the most delightful in the history of the union. The large parlor and hall were filled with guests. The program opened with a chorus by the choir, Miss Lula VanDyke presiding at the organ; Rev. J. H. Daugherty offered a prayer that must have given inspiration to every heart to work more earnestly for the Master; Mrs. Acca Crew read the leaflet, "Busy Women and the W. C. T. U." This was followed by readings by Mr. W. T. Hague and Miss Katie VanDyke, after which a solo was sung by Miss Clara VanDyke. The president announced that the annual lawn fete would be held in August. At ten o'clock the company was invited into the dining room were tempting tables were spread and soon all were enjoying the delicious cake and ice cream. The spirit of friendliness drew all hearts more closely together; new members were added to the union and the work for another year for the uplift of humanity was most auspiciously begun.

Children's Day services were held at Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, and an interesting program rendered.

Mr. Jas. E. Weer has been confined to his bed for several days with typhoid fever.

Mr. Frank Hill, of Baltimore, spent part of the week with his parents near the village.

Children's Day services will be held at the M. P. Church on Sunday evening next. All invited.

Mrs. Copenhaver, of Baltimore, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Emma Shafer.

Mr. Ollie Steinbretcher and wife, of Philadelphia, have been the guests of Mr Isaac Cleaver.

Miss S. B. McKnett spent Saturday and Sunday in Wilmington.

Rev. J. H. Daugherty is delivering a series of lectures on Sunday evenings, on the subject of "Frogs." His talks are brief but very interesting and to the point. Song service, 7.45; lecture, 8.00 o'clock. HUGO.

Registrars, and Judges of Election.

The board of election supervisors for Kent county, on Tuesday made out the following list of registers, who will also serve as judges of election in November;

1st Dist., Millington Precinct,—W. W. Baldwin, Rep., Chesterville; B. W. Duling, Dem., Millington.

Galena Pre'ct—Louis Atwell, Rep., Sassafras; Henry Parr, Dem., Galena.

2nd Dist.—Samuel J. Comly, Rep., Locust Grove; John McKee, Dem., Morgnec.

3rd Dist.—Alex. Mair, Rep., Betterton; Abe S. Crawford, Dem., Melitota.

4th Dist.—Wm. H. Brown, Rep., Josiah Massey, Dem., Chestertown.

5th Dist.—Henry W. Davis, Rep., John Dickinson, Dem., Rock Hall.

6th Dist.—A. M. Kendall, Rep., Fairlee; Harry C. Wallis, Dem., Melitota.

7th Dist.—John C. Davis, Rep., Pomona; Richard Groves, Dem., Lankford.

Mr. P. Ketcham, of Pike City, Cal. says: "During my brother's late sickness from sciatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

ENJOYABLE COMMENCEMENT

A Detailed Account of the Pleasant Closing Exercises of Venerable but Highly Honored Washington College.

INSTRUCTION, ELOQUENCE AND MUSIC.

Students Leave Their Alma Mater to Assume Life's Sterner Responsibilities.

HONORS CONFERRED.

The one hundred and sixteenth commencement of Washington College formally opened on Friday evening. Few, if any of the closing exercises of the past have been more pleasant or have given greater evidences of a healthful and vigorous old age, than were manifest during the varied feast of good things spread by teachers and students during the past week, for the delectation of their friends and the friends of the pioneer among the great educational institutions and of the great and proud commonwealth of Maryland.

THE PIERIAS AT HOME.

The programme was most delightfully opened by the charming young ladies who compose the Pieria Literary Society, in their annual reception to their brother societies, the Mt. Vernon and the Philomathean, and the faculty of the college. All nature conspired to assist the enthusiastic young literateurs in making a royal success of their anniversary occasion on Friday evening.

"The soft-sloping meadows lay brightly enrolled
With their mantles of verdure and blossoms of gold,
And the earth in her beauty, forgetting to grieve,
Lay asleep in her bloom on the bosom of eve."

The reception hall, in middle building, was elaborately trimmed in national flags, and bunting of the societies' colors, purple and white daintily intermingled.

A reception committee consisting of Misses Grace Whaland, Susie Belle Culpe, Adelle France, Lottie E. Woodall, Lydia Whitworth and Katherine Hobbs did the honors of the evening.

Tete-a-tete tables were set on the terraces beneath the lindens, and Japanese lanterns gave a picturesque beauty to the scene, as guests partook of delightful refreshments delightfully served.

PIERIAS IN TABLEAU.

Friday's reception was only prepartory for the "feast of reason" which classic Pieria was preparing for its friends on Saturday evening, when its annual entertainment took place in Stam's hall.

A literary society, the young ladies arranged an elaborate and beautiful programme of tableaux, selecting their subjects from the very gems of literary productions. Because of the lateness of the hour it was found impossible to complete the programme, and where so much of beauty and merit abounded, no criticism will be made other than to repeat that made in sweeping terms by one of the audience, that it was one of the most charmingly arranged programmes ever given in Stam's Hall. The following is the programme as arranged:

Instrumental Solo.....Mrs. Paul Turner
The Bachelor's Reverie.
Mud-Pie Days.....Miss Toulson.
Sweet Sixteen.....Miss Davis
Sport.....Miss Maslin
Peasant.....Miss Elva Reese
Society Bell.....Miss Culpe
Bal Masque.....Miss C. Jones
Nun.....Miss Strong
La Tigale.....Miss Whaland
Bride.....Miss Smith
Bachelor.....Mr. E. J. Clarke
Solo.....Miss Stewart
Spenser's Faerie Queene.
Queene.....Miss Smith
Nun.....Miss Maslin
Knight.....Mr. Burris
Dwarf.....Mr. Ridde
Faeries ——
Instrumental Solo.....Miss Jones
Poet's series.
1—LONGFELLW — Courtship of Miles Standish—"Why don't you speak for yourself, John?"
Priscilla.....Miss Wallis
John.....Mr. Burris
2—SHAKESPEARE — Twelfth Night — "Look you, sir, such a one I was this present: is it not well done?"
Olivia.....Miss Whaland
Viola.....Miss Culpe
3—WORDSWORTH—"We Are Seven"—"She was a rustic little maid, and she was wildly glad."
Little Maid.....Miss Elva Reese
Poet.....Mr. A. B. Burris
4—TENNYSON—Lady Clare—"He laughed a laugh of merry scorn, and turned and kissed her where she stood."
Lady Clare.....Miss Culpe
Lord Ronald.....Mr. E. J. Clarke
5—SCOTT—Bridal of Triermain—"Gently, lo! the warrior kneels, Soft that lovely hand he steals."
Gyneth.....Miss Stevens
De Vaux.....Mr. McDorman
Solo.....Mrs. Paul Turner
Girl Series.
Spring Maiden.....Miss Culpe
Summer Girl.....Miss Whaland
Autumn Girl.....Miss Davis
Winter Girl.....Miss Maslin
PART II
Instrumental Duet.....Mrs. Paul Turner and Miss Hurtt.
Camp Scene.....Society
Solo.....Miss Downey
Les Series Amusants, S'il vous Plait.
1—Antiquity Versus Moderness.
Aunt Samantha.....Miss France
Dame Fashion.....Miss Whitworth
2—Hurry Up..Misses Toulson, E. Reese
3—"Caught."
"Got your picture, you and sister.
Pa'll be glad to know you kissed her,
Buy the negative from me?"
Miss Toulson, Mr. McDorman, Master Paul Jones.
4—Lady of the Lake.....Miss Culpe
5—Love Letter,....Misses Maslin, Whaland, France.
Instrumental Solo.....Miss Jones
Statuary.
1—Burd Statue—Misses Woodall, Maslin Elizabeth Connelly, Mr. Anthony.
2—Hope.....Miss Culpe
3—Sculpture's Studio—Misses Hearne, J. Jones, Wallis, Medora Reese, Toulson, Elizabeth Connelly.
Artist.....Mr. E. J. Clarke
4—Sweet Memories.....Miss Smith
5—Tribute to Bacchus...Misses Strong, Stevens, E. Reese, Davis.
Bacchus.....Master Walter Simmons
Solo.....Miss Stewart
Elaine
Elaine.....Miss Smith
Queen Guinivere.....Miss Whaland
Sir Launcelot.....Mr. McDorman
King Arthur.....Mr. Clarke
Boatman.....Mr. Davis
Attendants.
Net.....Miss Stewart, Miss C. Stewart
Picture series.
1—Scene from Romeo and Juliet—Miss Whaland, Mr Clarke, Mr. McDorman, Mr. Anthony.
2—For the Favourite....Misses Maslin, Smith, Culpe.
3—Scene from Macbeth.....Miss Jones, Mr. Clarke.
4—The Indian's Wooing....Miss Medora Reese, Mr. Burris.
5—Two Strings.....Miss Whaland, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Burris.
6—Cuba Libre.
Cuba.....Miss M. Reese
Spain.....Miss Whitworth
America.....Miss Smith
Solo.....Mrs. Paul Turner
Tribute of Nations.....Society

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

On Sunday morning, Dr. David L. Greenfield, of Washington, D. C., preached the Baccalaureate Sermon in Christ Methodist Protestant Church. His text was from Ezekiel, eighteenth chapter and second and third verses,—"What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? "As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel." He selected as his theme: "The Force of Heredity in the Issue of Life."

By general consent the sermon was one of the finest ever heard in a Chestertown pulpit. It scintillated with beauty and burned with a holy fervor which impressed each member of the large congregation. Said the minister addressing himself to the students: "I have chosen my theme in the single-hearted wish to help those who are to-day to pass from their school life into the world, to realize the hopes animated by the education they have received. The stern world has a way of upsetting foregone conclusions. Nothing is more easily lost than a great possibility. The failure of men of gifts and resources; the sacrifice of brilliant chances of usefulness, greatness and happiness, is the ever recurring tragedy of life." As it is impossible to give in its entirety this magnificent gem from this grand young man of his church, we must, for the benefit of others cull a few of the fragrant blossoms which were so lavishly strewn along the mental pathway of his Sunday sermon. Among other things he said: "To encounter the world with a sanguine heart is half the battle." "There are forces, some of them too subtile to be forearmed against, which in the stress of battle, may frustrate the ardent hopes of the hour when the young soldier stands buckled in his shining armor for the fray." "You have read of Senaca, uttering words of lofty morality, of almost apostalic force, yet sinking into a sycophancy and avarice that woke the scorn even of his dissolute age; of an Abelard, dowered with an intellect keener than is granted in a century to any of our race, yet so flagrant in his folly and crime, the meanest could only regard him with contempt; of a Bacon, with that glorious mind which inspires the admiration of each succeeding age, and yet branded as the basest of mankind." "By the highest authorities we are taught that the whole life of man is to be explained as the product of heredity and environment." "The carcass of the mother, and the blow of the assassin are equally automatic and inevitable." "The novels of Emile Zola, of whose works it is said, enough has been sold to build a stack as high as the Eifell tower; of Ibsen, and of the shoal of their feebler imitators, whose romances and plays are the maddor which colors the judgment and conceptions of countless people, are all prophets of this determinism: that our fect are tangled in a net whose meshes were knit by our dead ancestors, that our lives can only be echoes of the spent passions of other people, shreds and patches of worn out sin, rags and tatters of the past; a peace of shoddey made up in the mill of circumstances." "Who has not seen brothers, the same ancestral blood in their veins, sleeping in the same cradle, saying the same prayers, growing up under the same nurture, and one going *up* to intigrity and honor, another going down to shame and crime;

"From the same father's side,
From the same mother's knee,
One to long darkness and the frozen tide,
One to the peaceful sea."

He emphasized the stern laws of heridity, saying: "Pathalogy has no more thoroughly accredited chapter than that which treats of heriditary desease and malformation; and it is scarcely less sure that moral traits are transmitted along the currents of the blood from sire to son." "That 'blood tells' is a fact bottomed on voluminous proof."

SERMON TO THE S. C. A.

Rev. R. H. Adams delivered a strong and eloquent sermon on Sunday evening to the Student's Christian Association of the college, in the Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Adams took for his text the seventeenth verse of the ninetieth Psalm: "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us." The subject was carefully analyzed and manly beauty, womanly beauty and moral beauty were finely presented. The standard of manly beauty was set high, but not so high that manly men may not attain to its fullest perfection. Be not slothful in business, upwright and dilligent in all things, with an eye single to reaching the moral beauty of the perfect man, were required.

The subject of womanly beauty was dealt with in a way to emphasize the supreme beauty of person and soul which has always characterized womankind. It is her prerogative to please and charm and when to her beauty of form is added the higher charm, she stands the supreme peeress in the world of men. Moral beauty was that beauty of soul without which real beauty is impossible. The sermon was listened to with delight by a large congregation.

DR. WATT'S ADDRESS.

Rev. R. Watt, of Wilmighton, on Monday, delivered the annual address before the Mt. Vernon Literary Society. His subject was Charles Dickens, his life, his works and the effects of his writings upon the times. Unfortunately, Mr. Watt was forced to rely almost solely upon his notes thereby largely neutralizing the effect of an elaborate and highly interesting address. Dr. Watt has a pleasant voice, is a forceful writer and has a fascinating way of grouping incidents. As he expresses it, he is a Dickens crank. Because of a death in his church, he was forced to come to Chestertown by way of Prices Station and appeared before his audience without having had a mouthful of food since early morning.

DECLAMATION CONTEST.

The Declamation Contest, always one of the most attractive features of the commencement exercises, was held in Stam's Hall, on Tuesday morning. The contestants were: J. Elliott Pardee, of Sudlersville; J. Wilson Sutton, of Black's, Md.; J. Hall Anderson, of Milford, Del.; Alfred T. McDorman, of Dames Quarter, Md., and Miss Lottie E. Woodall, of Sudlersville, Md. The plan was adopted this year of allowing the audience to constitute a committee of the whole to decide who should receive the prizes, and a large majority of the votes was cast for Mr. J. Hall Anderson, of Milford, Del. This young gentleman chose the Hon. Mr. Thurston's impassioned address on Cuba Libre, which was so lately delivered in Congress, and which reduced the Senate to tears. Right nobly did Mr. Anderson reproduce the feeling of the famous peroration, and the applause of the audience was a very clear prediction as to how the vote would go. Mr. Anderson's voice, articulation and gesticulation, were both much admired, and he held his hearers from start to finish. Mr. McDorman came in for a goodly number of votes, and his mellow tones, easy pose, graceful gesticulation, caught the attention, and had he made himself more destinctly heard, the race between him and Mr. Anderson would have been closer. Mr. Sutton, owing to physical weakness, was not able to put into his speech the vigor necessary to make it effective. It was probably a little long. The famous utterances of the Hon. Mr. Bryan, were not brought out with the force that have made them so much talked of, and they consequently lost in effectiveness. Mr. Sutton under more favorable conditions, can do himself greater justice. Miss Woodall's voice was almost too weak to be heard in all parts of the hall. To those near her, her appreciation of the subject was plainly manifest and her execution excellent. Mr. Pardee's rendition of "Spartacus to the Gladiators" was strong and effective. Mr. Pardee has a good voice, and enters into his subject with great enthusiasm. Very many most favorable comments were made on his declamation. The prize for the contest was $25, given by A. H. Reed, Esq., of Philadelphia. This was equally divided between Miss Woodall and Mr. Anderson. The contest, as a whole, was one of the best ever given, and created a most favorable impression upon the public as to the elocutionary advantages of the college.

BEFORE THE PHILOMATHEAN SOCIETY.

Mr. W. H. Kerbin, of the Princess Anne bar, delivered the annual address before the Philomathean Literary Society on Tuesday evening. The speaker opened up with a fine description of the breaking day, which he applied very gracefully to the morning of life. Then he traced the life of a human being to its close, noting all the influences that mould the existence. Right eloquently he alluded to our trouble with Spain, and caught the young idea by his references to "Love's Young Dream." The speaker is of most pleasing voice and appearance.

THE COMMENCEMENT PROPER.

The commencement exercises proper took place in Stam's Hall yesterday morning, when the following graduates were awarded deplomers by Judge James A. Pearce for the board of governors and visitors. Leon A. Davis, *Cum Laude*, Adamsville, Del.; Mark E. Flounders, *Cum Laude*, Cherry Hill; Gordon D. Nicolson, *Magna Cum Laude*, Falls Church, Va.; J. S. Elliott Pardee, *Cum Laude*, Sudlersville; William N. Sherwood, Chestertown; Marion deK. Smith, Jr., *Cum Laude*, Chestertown; James M. White, *Cum Laude*, Upper Fairmount. Normal Department: Amye Russell, S. Walter Sparks, Grace Whaland. The orations, all of which were excellent, were as follows: First honor, J. S Elliott Pardee, Manhood; class oration, James McD. White, Companionship of Books; second honor, Marion deK. Smith, Jr., Changes of Time; normal address, S. W. Sparks, Significance of Human Life; conferring of degrees and announcement of honors by Judge Pearce; benediction, Dr. S. C. Roberts.

Fine music by Weber's band interspersed the programme.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

The degree of Ph. D. was conferred upon Prof. James Roy Micou, vice-president of the college, and D. D. upon Rev. David L. Greenfield, of Washington, D.C.

The degree of A. M. was conferred upon the following alumni class of '95: W. C. Copper, W. F. Venables, G. E. Williamson, J. F. Carey, H. V. Holloway, H. G. Simpers, R. Merriken.

The degree of A. B. was conferred upon: L. A. Davis, M. E. Flounders, G. D. Nicolson, J. S. E. Pardee, W. N. Sherwood, M. deK. Smith, Jr, J. M. White. The certificate of the normal department was conferred upon: S. Walter Sparks, Miss Grace Whaland and Miss Amye Russell.

PRIZES AWARDED.

Dr. Reid then announced the following awards of prizes: The ladies prize for declamation, given by Mr. A. H. Reid, to Miss Lottie E. Woodall. Gentleman's prize for declamation, by Mr. A. H. Reid, to J. Hall Anderson. It was here announced that Mr. Anderson, in view of the fact that he had entered with no idea of competing for the prize but to fill the list, generously devided his prize with Mr. A. T. McDorman, who made a splendid showing in the contest

The senior prize of $25, given by C. T. Westcott, Esq., was awarded to Mr. Gordon D. Nicolson, whose work was 94. The junior medal, given by the Visitors and Governors, to Mr. Clogg, of Pocomoke City, mark 91.4. The sophomore prize of $20, given by Mr. T. W. Eliason, was conferred upon J. W. Sutton, of Kennedyville. The freshman prize of $20, given by Dr. C. W. Reid, was divided between Mr. W. S. Sheppard, of Salisbury, and Miss Ida G. Deane, of Federalsburg, both having gotten 90 as an average.

Gordon Nicolson leads senior class with an average of 94; Howard Clogg, the junior class, average, 91.4; J. W. Sutton, the sophomore class, average, 95.6; Walter Sheppard and Miss I. G. Deane, the freshman class, average, 90.

The following students having made a general average in recitation and examination during year 1897—98 of not less than 90, are distinguished in scholarship: J. W. Sutton, 95.6; Miss Adele France, 94.9; G. T. Rude, 94.8; Gordon Nicolson, 94; H. S. Brown, 92.9; Walter Sparks, 92.9; Howard Clogg, 91.4; W. S. Sheppard, 90; J. W. Russell, 90.7, (half year.)

The following students having made a general average in recitation and examination during the year 1897—98 between 80 and 90, are meritorious in scholarship: Miss Ida G. Deane, 90; George Biddle, 89.8; Miss Annie Beauchamp, 88.2; J. Hall Anderson, 87.8; Miss Mary Brown, 87.2; Miss Elizabeth Hearne, 89.2; C. C. Gum, 85.9; Miss Lillian Benton, 85.8; Miss Carrie Ford, 85.3; Miss Jessie Jones, 84.7; Miss Maude Bramble, 84.3; Miss Estelle Crew, 84.2; E. D. Simpers, 84.2; Miss Clara Jones, 83.7; M. E. Flounders, 83.5, Miss Grace Whaland, 82.9; Miss Lottie Woodall, 82.9; Miss Hallie Toulson, 82.6; Miss Mattie Davis, 82; Dudley Roe, 82; W. L. Wheatley, 82; A. T. McDorman, 81.7; J. M. White, 81.1; Miss Ethel Smith, 80.7; L. A. Davis, 80.

The annual commencement hop, held in Stam's Hall last night, was a brilliant affair and was largely attended.

New Advertisements.

The Foyer Club of Baltimore has not given a performance here since two years ago, when they produced "The Boarding House," one of the most enjoyable entertainments ever given in this city. Our readers will therefore, doubtless be glad to learn that this club will again visit Chestertown on Saturday, June 18th, when they will produce at Stam's Hall, F. C. Burnand's roaring farce comedy "Baby," which has been one of the greatest hits ever made by this club during its long and brilliant career. The cast will be made up of the most talented members of the club, a majority of whom played here in "The Boarding House." Between the acts, Mr. Joseph N. Ramos will sing a selection of coon song. Chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Beer and Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry Eisenbrandt. The following will be in the party: Misses L. Zadia Hulme, Carrye D. Wulfert, Emily Claire Gale, Edna Earl Auger, Dorothy Sanford, Adah A. Kerlinger, Messrs. Fehsenfeld, Swikert, Hamilton, Kager, Ramos, White, Clunet, Parker, Slater, Hecht, L. McK. Kines. War Souvenir spoons will be presented to the ladies in attendance.

In perusing the columns of the TRANSCRIPT this morning no reader should fail to carefully read and consider the advertisement of Messrs. Turner & Son Betterton. These gentlemen are among the largest buyers of any business house in this county and have advantages of cheap freights that but few if any other firm have, which give them an advantage in close selling that is enjoyed by very few others, therefore they are in a position to save you money on your purchases.

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