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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Second National Bank

AT CHESTERTOWN, MD.,

in the State of Maryland, at the close of business, December 13, 1900.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$276,458.19
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	33.13
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Stocks, Securities, etc	22,338.20
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	13,500.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve agents)	4,906.29
Due from approved reserve agents.	22,128.32
Internal Revenue Stamps	124.00
Checks and other cash items	1,575.87
Notes of other National Banks	1,540.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	149.37
Specie and Legal Tender Notes	9,052.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (five per cent. of circulation)	625.00
Total	$364,931.12

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$50,000.00
Surplus fund	12,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	8,523.01
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	2,345.74
Due to State Banks and Bankers	406.75
Individual deposits subject to check	279,101.30
Certified Checks	54.32
Total	$364,931.12

State of Maryland, County of Kent, ss: I, W. B. COPPER, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. COPPER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of December, 1900.

CHARLES ESTES, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest

W. W. HUBBARD,
HOPE H. BARROLL,
JAMES A. PEARCE,
Directors.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, letters of administration upon the personal estate of

MARY A. DIEHL,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 28h day June, 1901, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1900.

WASHINGTON G. SKIRVEN, Administrator

d22-4t.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, letters of administration upon the personal estate of

MARTHA W. PERKINS,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of June, 1901, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1900.

HENRIETTA W. PERKINS, Administratrix

d22-4t.

WINTER SCHEDULE.

Sassafras River Line,

Weather and Ice Permitting,

After Monday, December 24th, 1900, steamer will leave Baltimore Thursdays at 7 A. M. for Betterton and Georgetown.

Returning, leave Georgetown same day (Thursday) at 11.30 a. m.;

" Betterton at - - 12.30 P. M.
" Buck Neck at - - - 1.45 P. M
" Tolchester, - - - 2.45 P.M.

Arriving in Baltimore at 5.00 p. m.

SATURDAYS.

TOLCHESTER SPECIAL!

Leave Tolchester Saturdays at 9.00 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Leave Baltimore at 7 a. m. and 2.30 p. m.

TOLCHESTER COMPANY,
Pier 16 Light St., Baltimore, Md

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

The most attractive line of beautiful

Centre-Draft Nickle LAMPS

ever seen in the county. These lamps cannot smoke, are highly ornamental, and are the very thing for a beautiful and acceptable present for the holiday.

Scarcely second in importance and beauty is my line of

Daintily Decorated and Plain China

TEA and DINNER SETS.

These are beauties, and no more appropriate gift could be presented to the appreciative housewife.

Then, too, a superb line of

Handkerchiefs

dainty in fabric and refreshingly cheap in price. SILK MUFFLERS, too, and many articles appropriate to the Christmas season.

Call and examine one of the Finest Stocks from which to select Christmas gifts, to be found in the county.

WM. R. ALDRIDGE,
HIGH STREET, CHESTERTOWN.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

A NEW

Straw-Baling Press.

JAMES C. CALHOUN,
d29-4t.* Sassafras, Kent Co., Md.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

All persons are notified not to trespass on the Jabb farm now tenanted by me with dog, gun or otherwise; all trespassing by crossing this farm positively forbidden. No personal requests for permission to cross this farm need be made to me as none will be granted.

H. C. PRICE.
d29-3t.* W. R. PRICE.

FOR SALE.

I have for sale a Lot of Thoroughbred LEGHORN ROOSTERS, and 75 to 80 SHOATS, weighing from 40 to 100 pounds. No cholery,

W. H. WALLIS,
d29-4t.* Kennedyville, Md.

Bring Your Eggs

As you will meet your greatest expectations in price.

WESTCOTT & DODD.

POTATOES FOR SALE.

I have a lot of POTATOES for sale. Fair size. Price,

33c. per Basket.

JAMES W. HURTT,
*d22-3t. Locust Grove, Md.

DWELLING FOR RENT FOR YEAR 1901.

Intending to move, I will rent my DWELLING on Mill street for the year 1901. The house has three bedrooms upstairs, two rooms, hall and kitchen down stairs, and a splendid summer kitchen, nicely located and every convenience.

Write or apply to

H. MEETEER WALLIS,
d22-ts. Chestertown, Md

DR. HOWARD F. PYFER,

LOCUST GROVE.

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Office Hours until 11 A. M., after 7 P. M.

d15-4m.

HAY FOR SALE.

I have just received one Carload of Pure, Bright and Sweet

ALL CLOVER HAY.

Also one Carload of No. 1

CLOVER and TIMOTHY MIXED HAY, which I offer for sale.

JOSEPH GUEST,
d15-tf. Chestertown, Md.

BUSINESS REMOVAL.

I wish to announce to the public that after January 1, 1901, my place of business will be at 125 High street, near Queen street. When not away on professional business I will always be found at my office or undertaking parlors, in rear of my home.

J. E. FERGUSON.
d8-3t. Chestertown, Md.

BANK NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF CHESTERTOWN, Maryland, that their regular ANNUAL MEETING for the election of Nine Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at their banking house, in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1901, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

d8-5t. W. B. COPPER, Cashier.

THE ERICSSON HOTEL

AT BETTERTON

FOR SALE,

SCOTT CROWNHART,
u25-tf. Betterton, Md.

OFFICE OR BEDROOM FOR RENT.

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THOMAS G. WROTH,
n10-tf, Sec'y Stam Hall Company.

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H. L. BOYD, Chestertown, Md.

WILLARD MELVIN,

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

CHESTERTOWN, - - MARYLAND.

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All business promptly attended to.
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Bowers have issued cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Loula O., to Mr. William T. Godwin, Wednesday, January 9th, 1901, at half-past six o'clock, in Kennedyville M. P. Church.

Miss Marguerite Barnette, of Baltimore, is visiting the Misses Carrie and Nannie Ford, at their home near Pomona.

Mr. and Mrs. William Godwin have issued cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Fannie Belle, to Mr. Sam'l G. Maslin, on Wednesday, January 9th, 1901, at seven o'clock P. M., at Salem M. E Church, Fairlee.

Announcement is made of the wedding of Miss Elsie Mann, daughter of Mr Samuel Mann, to Mr. Harry T. Hoyle, of Chestertown, to take place Wednesday evening, January 2nd, at the home of the bride's parents, near Lynch's. The young couple will reside on Mill street, Chestertown.

Lewin W. Wickes, Esq., and wife, spent Christmas with Mrs. Wickes' parents, at Riverton, N. J.

Mr. Walter Sappington, of Baltimore, is spending a few days with his parents, on High street.

Mr. George C. Perkins, of Chestertown, spent a few days the past week in Baltimore and Washington.

Miss Sophie Miller will entertain her seventh grade pupils at her home in Still Pond, on Monday, December 31, at 7.30 o'clock.

Charles E. Perkins, Esq., and wife, and Mr. George Perkins, of Philadelphia, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Perkins, on Water street.

Mr. J. King Wright is spending the holidays in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd McFeely and children, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

Miss Ethel Hoffman, of Washington, D.C., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Dodd.

Mr. Miles Hoffman, owner of the Chestertown Electric Light Company, was in town a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hurlock and son, Wilbur, of near Chester bridge, contemplate a visit to Florida the coming month.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Blackiston Perkins, of Philadelphia, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. M. A. Wilkins, at the "Maples."

Mrs. Joseph Woodall and family, of near Galena, spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Duyer.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. McFeely and children, of Philadelphia, are at the home of Mrs. McFeely's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Usilton.

Mr. Harry Rickey, Jr., of the University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, is the guest of his parents.

Mr. Rudolf Stam, of New York, is spending the holidays at home.

Messrs. Marion deK. Smith, Jr., Frank Hines, Mill Davis, Eldridge, Holt and John Eliason, John Toulson and G. Hines Thomas are among those who spent the holidays in Chestertown.

Mrs. John Sweney and son, Charles, are guests of the former's mother, Mrs. D. Gruber, High street.

Prof. Thomas D. Bowers, of Easton, is visiting his mother.

Harry Kenton, proprietor of a large grocery store in Centreville, met with a painful accident Wednesday afternoon. While gunning he attempted to get over a fence and caught his foot in a vine, which threw him down, and in the fall a bone in his right leg was broken near the foot.—*Centreville Record.* Mr. Kenton was a citizen of Chestertown some years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Haddaway, of Easton, have issued cards to the marriage of their sister, Mrs. Nina Faithful Aldridge, to Mr. Joseph Wright, to be solemnized at Christ P. E. Church, Easton, Tuesday, January 1st, at 5.30 A. M.

A number of young ladies and gentlemen of the lower section of the county, have formed a new social club which they call the C. C. C. The real significance of these letters is, with difficulty, being kept a secret by the young ladies, but here are the interpretations of their gentlemen friends,—Country Courting Club; Cute Clodhopper Club. The club held its last meeting of 1900 on Friday night, Dec. 21, when the greater portion of its members attended in sleighs.

Mr. John Raymond Voshell and Miss Lucy Elmire Lecompt, of near Fairlee, were married at Worton on the evening of the 26th inst. Ceremony performed by Rev. J. B. Merritt.

Miss Mary Hurtt has returned after a protracted absence and will resume her music work next week.

Miss Mary Janvier is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, at Biford.

Miss Virginia Martin, of Port Deposit, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Physick, Queen street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Trenchard spent Christmas with Mrs. Trenchard's parents, in St. Michaels.

Mr. G. Hines Thomas has become a valuable assistant at the Maryland Agricultural College. He has rendered efficient aid to Prof. Johnson in his scientific investigations.

Mr. Rudolf Tull, of Elkton is visiting Chestertown friends.

Prof. T. Howard Fowler, of Horner Military Institute, North Carolina, who has been visiting his parents in Chestertown, left yesterday to visit West Virginia friends.

Mr. Robert G. Nicholson entertained a number of friends at an elegant dinner on Thursday.

Miss Amye Russell, is visiting Baltimore friends.

A marriage license was issued in Baltimore on Wednesday to Mr. Eugene Martin Bonwill, of near Still Pond, and Miss Anna Gertrude Bond.

Mr. A. N. Staveley and Mr. Robie Toulson, have returned from a gunning trip to St. Mary's county. The gentlemen bagged about 150 birds.

Mr. Lewis C. Cohlens, of Baltimore, has issued cards announcing the marriage of his daughter, Miss Anna Elizabeth, to Dr. Robert Cooper Rasin, on Thursday, December 27.

NEW BUILDING LOAN.

A Local Enterprise to be Opened With the New Year.

Charter papers, signed by Judge James A. Pearce, were filed with Clerk James T. Dixon on Thursday, for incorporation of the "Kent Building and Loan Company." It is now generally understood that the new Building and Loan Company will be officered as follows: President, Wm. F. Russell, cashier of the Savings Bank; vice-president, Thos. H. Topping, proprietor of Radcliffe Mills, and a well known business man; secretary and treasurer, Prof. Jefferson L. Smith, principal of the Chestertown public school.

Those named as incorporators are: William F. Russell, Charles S. Smith, H. Benge Simmons, John D. Urie, Thomas H. Topping, L. Bates Russell, Azariah M. Kendall, Thomas S. Bordley, Jefferson L. Smyth, R. Heston Hicks, T. Benjamin Durding, James W. Urie.

The papers of incorporation state "That the said corporation, so formed, is a corporation for the purpose of investing the funds and making loans to its members, buying and selling or dealing in real or leasehold property, and accepting such property as security for loans under the provisions of the Code of Public General Laws of the State."

The term of existence of said corporation is limited to forty years, and the principal office will be located in Chestertown. The aggregate capital stock of said corporation is represented by such number of shares, not exceeding five thousand shares, having a par value of one hundred dollars each, aggregating $500,000 as the members of said company may from time to time subscribe for, and which stock may be of full-paid or installment stock issued in such proportions and in such amounts as the officers of said corporation may determine, and the owners of all of which stock shall be subject to the responsibilities and enjoy the rights pertaining to such ownership as provided in the by-laws adopted by the board of directors of the said corporation.

The corporation will be managed by a board of twelve directors, who shall serve without pay, and Messrs. Wm. F. Russell, Charles S. Smith, H. Benge Simmons, John D. Urie, Thos. H. Topping, L. Bates Russell, Azariah M. Kendall, Thomas S. Bordley, Jefferson L. Smyth, R. Heston Hicks, T. Benjamin Durding and James W. Urie, are the names of the directors who will manage the concerns of the said corporation for the first year. Their successors shall be elected after the first year at the first annual election by the stockholders. The board of directors then elected shall divide themselves by lot in three classes of four each, and determine by lot which class shall hold office for one year, which for two years and which for three years.

Officers Elected.—At a meeting of the Chestertown Council No. 177, Jr. O. U. A. M. on Wednesday night, the following officers were elected: Councilor, J. R. Rollison; vice-councilor, J. B. McIntire; recording secretary, Wm. J. Sappington; assistant recording secretary, Wm. L. Fowler; financial secretary, J. E. Matthews; treasurer, J. W. Hirons; conductor, W. F. Blyman; warden, J. W. Barnes; inside sentinel, Geo. H. Burk; outside sentinel, Geo. Bryan; Rep. to State Council, Wm. L. Fowler; chaplain, G. B. Twilley; trustees, J. W. Barnes, W. F. Blyman, Wm. J. Sappington.

Prices for Comparison.—In the inventory of the personal estate of Edward Comegys filed in 1865, are found some figures of peculiar interest when compared with present prices. For instance, corn 85 cents; wheat, $2.25; wheat, (rakings) $1.75; damaged oats, 35 cents. Gold was then at a premium of 46 cents and silver at a premium of 30 cents. These were real war-time prices.

A BRILLIANT DANCE.

The Annual Christmas Ball a Delightful Success.

The annual Christmas dance given by the young men of Chestertown in honor of their lady friends on Thursday night, was in every way a brilliant success. The decorations of holly were elaborate and attractive. From the centre of the brilliantly lighted hall hung a spray of beautifully berried mistletoe. The orchestra of five pieces furnished as fine music as ever inspired the gallantry and beauty of Kent at a social function. The ladies were charming and the gentlemen courteous. Everything conspired to make the occasion a brilliant success.

The patronesses were: Mrs. James A. Pearce, Mrs. Marian Rogers, Mrs. J. R. Micou, Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Mrs. Jas. G. Beck, Mrs. Allen A. Harris.

Among the many present were:

Baltimore—Misses Rosalind Diffenderffer, Reba and Ridie Knight, Bessie Robertson, Olive and May Russell, Ethelind Phipps, Lillian Ward; Messrs. Cavendish Darrell, Guy Groff, W. H. Perot, Messrs. Reed, Brady and Hiss.

Miss Ethel Hoffman, Washington, D. C.

Miss Maud Atkinson, New York.

Centreville—Misses Katie Legg, Nannie Deaver, Nellie Clash, Fannie Watson, Ella Roberts, Carrie Goldsborough; Messrs. Samuel and Thomas Emory, James and Richard Earle, Madison Bordley, E. B. Emory, Jr., Lemuel Roberts and Mr. Wilson.

Church Hill—Misses Nellie Valliant, Helen Dudley, Helen Brown, Maud and Neva Newnam, Elva Friel; Dr. Coppage, Frederick Hall and Mr. Friel.

Miss Virginia Hawley Martin, Port Deposit.

Miss Evns Ross, Mexico, Mo.

Miss Jessie Graham, Westminster.

Edward Tarbutton, Sudlersville.

Rudolf Tull, Elkton.

Chestertown and county.—Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Judge and Mrs. James A. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Lewin W. Wickes, Dr. and Mrs. James Roy Micou, Dr. and Mrs. Harry G. Simpers, Mr. and Mrs. Allen A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas Massey, W. H. Wallis and wife, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. William O. Selby, Mrs. George W. Smith, Mrs. A. E. Physick; Missis Mary, Sallye and Isabel Beck, Marguerite Plummer, Mary Rogers, Helen and Olevia Wilkins, Minnie Massey, Rebecca Wickes, Lillie Greenwood, Hallie Connelly, Olive Beauchamp, Lottie Wickes, Anna Smith, Louise Stam, Amye Russell, May Jones, Bettie Wallace, May Morgan, May Sutton, Eva Comegys, Miss Jessop, Anna Foxwell, Mary Janvier, Mattie Davis, Miss Anna Strong and sister; Messrs. Eben F. Jr. and Thomas W. Perkins, Henry Deaver, W. W. Beck, Thomas Massey, Samuel H. Greenwood, George C. Perkins, Howard Fowler, Frank E. Hines, Noland Wilkins, Frank Simpers, Hynson Rogers, Raymond Simpers, Scott Beck, W. Ambrose Carroll, Arthur Bradley, John Toulson, Earle Nicholson, Claude Parks, D. Arthur Bacchus, Paul Comegys, Henry Davis, Charles Jessop, M. deK Smith, Jr., John and Eldridge Eliason, Harrison W. Vickers Jr., Horace Constable, W. W. Chapman, Dr. H. L. Dodd, Harry Rickey, Rudolf Stam, John G. Westcott.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Deringer gave a pleasant progressive euchre at their home at Locust Grove, on Wednesday evening. Miss Ida Crow won first lady's prize and Miss Mabel Comegys, second. Dr. Harry Hurtt won first gentleman's prize and Mr. Robert Kennedy the second. The contests were all spirited and fascinatingly close. After refreshments dancing was enjoyed until far into the wee sma' hours. The home was beautifully trimmed with mistletoe and holly.

The guests were—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Comegys, Mr. and Mrs. Woodland Hurtt, Mrs. Sophia S. Hurtt, Mrs. Howard Pyfer, Mrs. Alexander Kennedy; Misses Katherine and Fannie Woodall, Etta Wallis, Marian and Lizzie Pennington, Susie Sutton, Eva Comegys, Ida and Lula Crow, Anna Foxwell and Susie Edson; Dr. Harry Hurtt, Washington, D. C.; Messrs. P. G. Wilmer, W. H. Wallis, John B. Parrott, Edward Wallis, Paul Comegys, Walter Crow, Edgar Pennington, Harry Kennedy, E. B. Pennington, Jr., Robert Kennedy, Edmon Hurtt. Mr. and Mrs. Deringer extended an old-fashioned Eastern Shore hospitality with elegance and grace.

INSTITUTE PROGRAM.

Prof. W. L. Amoss Arranging For a Profitable And Pleasant Meeting of Kent County Farmers.

Prof. W. L. Amoss, director of Farmers' Institutes, has arranged the following program for the Kent county Institute to be held in the Court House, Chestertown, on January 28 and 29:

Monday afternoon session at 2 o'clock, Alfalfa, the Queen of the Meadow, Jos. E. Wing, of Ohio. This subject will be of interest to dairymen—Harvesting and Storing Fruit, Edward Van Alstyne, of New York. Mr. Van Alstyne is not only a skilled dairyman, but is secretary to the Eastern New York Horticultural Society. Question Box. Evening session, 7.30, House Plants, Edwin A. Seidewitz, a florist of Baltimore. Geography and Agriculture of New York State, illustrated, Edward Van Alstyne. Tuesday morning session, 10 A. M. Question Box. Lambs for the Early Market, Jos. E. Wing, of Ohio. Silo and Ensilage, Edward Van Alstyne. Afternoon session 1.30 Question Box. Baby beef, or Growing Beef, Jos. E. Wing. The Balanced Ration or Variety essential for Milk, Edward Van Alstyne.

Prof. Amoss says:

"You need not hesitate to promise that these men will give satisfaction. I know them to be all that can possibly be hoped for. Please make an effort to interest your town people in the evening lectures, as they are more for them than the country people, as I am desirous of interesting them in our work, and convincing them of the opportunities that our department offers, to give a good entertainment the evening of the Institute, and to have them invite their friends to make them a visit that evening, and incidentally to attend the Institute. If they give us a good audience, and assure us that any lectures we bring to the town will meet with a kind reception, I will have no difficulty in the future in securing some of the best talent that Washington or Baltimore city has. Failure to attend these sessions, not only reflects on our work, but also on the town where the meeting is held."

In method the meetings will be ideal. The last Legislature increased the annual appropriation $1,000, so that now the Farmers' Institute receives $4.000 per year from the State. Though many demands for institutes from rural districts cannot be entertained under the $4,000 appropriation, an improvement on the past will be noted in this season's program.

The meetings will be held in towns easily accessible by roads and railways. Meetings will be longer and more time will be given for discussion and answering questions. The farmers will have more opportunity for getting acquainted with the visiting workers and their neighbors, thereby creating a closer fellowship and encouraging relations which will result in much good to individuals, county and State. In former institutes subjects of vital interest to the home have been necessarily omitted—this season they will be among the first to receive attention.

CHURCH NOTES.

The children and teachers of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church Sunday School, enjoyed their annual Christmas tree and treat in Stum's Hall on Wednesday evening. A big Christmas tree laden with gifts, nuts and candies, stood in the center of the hall. Old Kris came out and shook hands with the girls and boys, wished them a merry Christmas and proceeded to enjoy the evening in his own peculiar way. Messrs. Thomas W. Perkins and Joseph Brice, so soon as the rector, Dr. Martin, had closed an interesting talk to the little folk, began the distribution of all manner and kind of presents to the expectant and delighted children. Two Brownies threw great golden oranges at the children and all present. Old Kris wrote a letter and sent a box of toys, tiny roosters, pug-dogs, pigs, and other really valuable articles to the following members of the infant class: Mrs. Hartin, Mrs. Physic, Mrs. R. H. Collins, Mrs Ringgold, Miss Josephine Wickes, Miss Hope Wickes, Miss May Ireland, Miss Susie Roberts, Dr. W. F. Hines, George B. Westcott, Henry Deaver, Thomas W. Perkins, C.C. Hopper and others of the younger members of the school. The occasion was one of unusual pleasure to all present.

The handsome Methodist Episcopal church at Rock Hall, Rev. W. B. Guthrie pastor, will be dedicated on Sunday, January 6. Dr. L. E. Barrett, Dr. W. F. Corkran and Dr. C. T. Wyatt, are expected to participate in the eloborate and interesting services. A special program of fine music will be a feature of the occasion. Pastor Guthrie says—"We will welcome all our friends."

There will be midnight mass in Sacred Heart church on the last night of the old year.

The seats for the new Rock Hall M. E. Church have arrived and have been hard-oiled and are ready to put in position.

Rev. D. F. Waddell, D. D., died at Westminster on Thursday of last week, of paresis, aged 48 years. Dr. Waddell was admitted to the Wyoming Conference in 1874, and was transferred to the Wilmington Conference in 1880. He faithfully and acceptably filled the pastorate of Millington church in 1898-99. A wife and three children survive him.

The pupils and teachers of Christ M. P. Church will enjoy their annual Christmas treat on next Monday evening.

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