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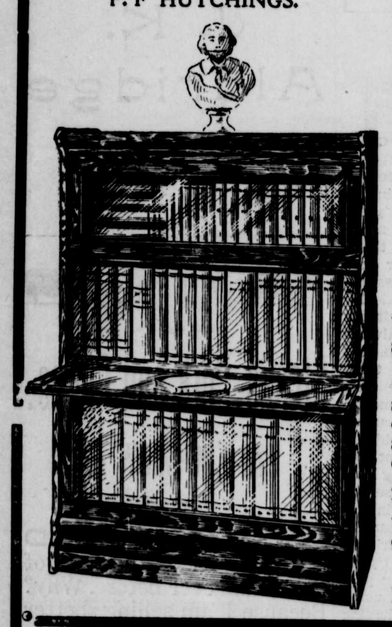
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CHURCH NOTES.

Preaching at 10.30 A. M. by the Rev. W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder, in the Chestertown M. E. Church, and at 7.30 P. M. by the pastor. Evening subject, "The Penitent Thief." Love Feast at 9.30 A. M., conducted by the Presiding Elder. Sunday School at 2.15 P. M. Epworth League meeting at 6.45 P. M. All are cordially invited.

At a meeting of the Wilmington M. E. Preachers Association on Monday morning a committee composed of Revs. J. W. Easley, A. W. Lightbourne and C. W. Prettyman, was appointed to ask the Delaware Legislature now in session for a new marriage license law, reducing the fee to $1.00 and requiring the applicant for a license to answer all the questions necessary for marriage.

It is believed that there will be ample entertainment for all the members of the Wilmington Conference in March next in that city without the necessity of anyone having to pay for his own entertainment.

The members of Wesley Chapel met at the home of Mr. Samuel Burgess, Edesville, last week and organized a society named the Wesley Chapel Improvement Society, with Mrs. Elmer E. Leary as chairman. They held a supper at their parsonage on Thursday evening at which a large number were present and a good sum was realized. Supper tickets were twenty-five cents. They expect to hold a supper once a month and a sociable every week excepting the one in which they hold their supper. Their sociables will be held at the homes of members, all present paying 5 cents, and all members who are absent will be fined 10 cents. Anyone refusing to take the part assigned them by the committee on entertainment is to be fined 25 cents. The first meeting will be held next Thursday at the home of Mrs. Charles L. Miller. All seem very much in earnest, and it looks as if Wesley Chapel will have its improvements and repairs. Rev. J. W. Parris is the energetic pastor of this popular charge.

At a meeting of the teachers and officers of Christ M. P. Sunday School held on Sunday afternoon at the close of the Sunday School service, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Supt., Wm. B. Usilton; ass't. supt., Wm. A. Wheatley; secretary, J. D. Bacchus; treasurer, Miss Nettie Russell; librarian, Mr. J. D. Lucas; assistants, Messrs. Charles and William Wheatley; pianist, Master James Bacchus; organist, Miss Mamye Thompson.

The revival services have continued in the Methodist churches during the week with fervent interest.

Rev. E. C MacNichol, D. D., will be invited to become pastor of Harrison Street M. E. Church, Wilmington for the next year, to succeed Rev. J. W. Easley, who has asked for a change. Dr. MacNichol has been invited to return to Cambridge for his seventh consecutive year, and has signified his desire to return, but it is understood that he would be willing to accept a change.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor is in receipt of reports from all parts of the world showing that the year 1904 was the most progressive the Endeavor movement has known in the 24 years of its history. In no part of the world has there been greater progress than in Africa. There has been a great gain in Egypt in the mission of the United Presbyterian Churches. In almost all the other missions of Africa the Christian Endeavor is established, and societies have been formed in the East Coast missions, the West Coast Zululand, Liberia and the Congo Free State. Great Britain, next to the United States now has the largest number of societies of any country in the world—more than 10,000. France has formed a national union. There are now more than 45,000 of the 65,000 societies in the United States and Canada, over 5,000 new societies having been formed within two years. The movement has grown notably also in Australia, New Zealand and Cuba. This speaks well for the progress of the Gospel.

The fourth quarterly conferences of the M. E. Church will be held on Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Rev. W. L. White will preach for the Presiding Elder in Bond Church, Pomona, next Sunday evening.

Kennedyville M. P. Church, Rev. R. S. Rowe, pastor. Subjects of sermons for Sunday, 29th--10.30 A. M., "Another Question Propounded to Jesus and His Encouraging Reply Thereto"; 7 P. M., "The Mystery of the Birth Unto Spiritual Life."

Bond M. E. Sabbath school, Pomona, has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Supt. James H. Baker; asst. supts., S. W. Brown and A. C. Loud; secretary, W. T. Brown; ass't. sec., Samuel W. Brown, Jr.; librarians, Geo. M. Haddaway and Edward P. Jester; treasurer, S. W. Brown; organist, Miss Bessie Brown; asst. organist, Miss Anna Simms; chorister, Wolford Wrightson; asst. chorister, S. W. Brown; president of the Missionary Society, W. T. Maslin; vice-pres., Roy Jacquette; sec. of M. S., A. C. Loud; treas. of M. S., Edward P. Jester.

The congregations of Worton and Fairlee and Rock Hall M. E. Churches gave their pastors, Rev. W. E. Habbert and Rev. Warren Burr, splendid donations last week. The pantries, woodyards, etc., of the ministers were stored with an abundance of substantials in appreciation of the services of these valuable pastors.

The Maryland Sunday School Union held its sixteenth annual meeting on Tuesday at 316 North Charles street, Baltimore. State Supt. George H. Nock said in his report that 873 Sunday schools had been organized in Maryland and over 50,000 children had been brought into the Sunday school through the instrumentality of the union. Mr. Preston Fiddis was again elected president.

Christ Meth. Prot. Church.—Rev. D. L. Greenfield, pastor.—9.30 A. M., special Devotional service. 10.30 A. M. Theme, "Better a Maimed Limb Than the Life Lost." 2.30 P. M. Sunday School. 6.45 P. M., Christain Workers' meeting. 7.30 P. M. Theme, "Remember and Repent!"

MRS. DR. LOWE SEVERELY BURNED.

Sustains Serious Injuries in a Fire in Her Home on Eutaw Place, Baltimore.

Mrs. John W. Lowe, wife of Dr. Lowe, of 2239 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, and sister of Mrs. Dr. Charles Richard Twilley, of Chestertown, was severely burned about the hands and face, and, it is believed, inhaled flames that had seized upon a curtain on Saturday afternoon while dressing preparatory to making a call. According to the description of the accident in the Sunday *Sun*, Mrs. Lowe was standing in front of her toilet table and her two young children were playing on the floor of the room, when the gas jet beside the table was deflected by a curling iron put in to be heated. Unnoticed by the mother the lace curtain of the window near by was ignited. Mrs. Lowe's young daughter just then entered the room and seeing the blaze, cried that the curtain was on fire.

Calling to the maid to carry the children from the room, Mrs. Lowe grabbed the curtain and pulled down both it and the pole. In her excitement she threw it behind her. The maid, who responded to her call, saw that the second curtain was blazing and sprang to the assistance of her mistress, while others carried the children from the room just before the flames on the ignited carpet reached them. When both curtains were down Mrs. Lowe turned only to find herself hemmed in between the bed, mantle and a large sofa. Instead of passing over the bed Mrs. Lowe became excited and, raising her arms and calling loudly for help, rushed with open mouth through the fire that reached above her head. Although her dress did not catch fire, the flames passed to her face and hair. Her eyebrows and hair were badly singed.

Dr. Joseph H. Brown was summoned and her husband was notified of the accident by telephone. The physician found the left hand badly burned, as was also Mrs. Lowe's face. Mrs. Lowe stated that she inhaled flames as she passed through the fire, and on Saturday night she complained of severe pain in the throat and chest. This injury is considered the most serious, as lung complications may follow. The blaze was extinguished by the maid, who grabbed a mat, while the servants stood dumfounded and screaming, and beat out the fire. The damage to the furniture amounted to several hundred dollars. Mrs. Lowe is a most estimable lady, and her many friends in Chestertown, where she has frequently visited, regret exceedingly the unfortunate accident. We hope she will soon recover. Dr. Lowe stated that the occurrence was the second of its kind that had happened in his house. Several months ago his wife's clothing caught fire, and she was only saved from serious injury by him grabbing her dress and smothering the blaze. Later reports state that Mrs. Lowe is improved

COLLEGE NOTES.

The biennial election of officers for the literary societies occured on Saturday evening, Jan. 21. The officers elected by the Adelphial Literary Society are: president, H. P. Porter; vice-president, Norman L. Ward; Recording secretary, L. C. McGinnes; corresponding sec., Henry Wilson; treas., John R. Brittingham; sargeant-at-arms, J. H. S. White; chaplain, H. O. Stephens; critic, Alfred S. Garrison.

The Mt. Vernon officers are: president, H. W. Toulson; vice-president, C. R. Truitt; rec. sect'y, C. W. Wheatley; cor. sect'y, Wm. Wheatley; treas., E. G. Breeding; critic, G. C. Sutton; historian, E. A. Coughlin; sargeant-at-arms, Norwood Voss.

The Pierian officers are: pres., P. B. Hale; vice-pres., A. P. Griffin; rec. sec., D. C. Walker; cor. sec., N. P. Kirby; Treas., E. M. Smith.

Don't quarrel with the janitor if the thermometer only registers 32° in the morning when you awaken and the room is too cold to study in. Don't dread "flunking" in examinations. Just roll over and take another "nap."

Mr. F. B. Garrison severely sprained his leg while vaulting over the "horse" in the gymnasium on Monday.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the normals were excused from attending recitations on Wednesday.

Examinations begin today and you can tell by the nervous worried look of the students that some terrible ordeal is impending.

The snow blockaded several of the college walks but all are now open owing to the industry of the janitor.

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OYSTER BEDS WORN OUT.

"The catch of oysters this year will be much larger than that of last year," said Commander T. C. B. Howard of the State Fishery Force recently. "Already we have collected tax on a larger number of bushels than on whole amount taken last year.

"While the catch has been larger this year, prices have not been so good, and at no time have been so high as the average last year. I don't know whether there will be any oysters next season or not.

"The real cause of the scarcity of oysters is that the beds are worn out. By this I mean the foundations—the natural rocks, which have been ground down by constant dredging until they fail to give proper shelter and support for the young spat. You see a natural oyster rock is formed just like coral grows. Oysters first catch on the bottom, then other young oysters catch on their shells, and the moss rises gradually while the oysters underneath die leaving their shells as a legency for their sucessors. Most of these beds, though, have been so ground down and spread by constant dredging that the young oysters can no longer find shelter and protection, and are swept away by currents or smothered in the mud.

"The beds must be given opportunity to recuperate. I am now speaking of the natural beds, which are now included in the leasing proposition. Whether this result must be obtained by closing the bay to dredgers for a period of years, or can be secured in some other way I cannot say. The number of dredgers is constantly increasing, while the supply of oysters is diminishing.

"The great need of the beds is more shells. These have been taken away from the bay for many years, and comparatively few are returned. They are spread on roads, burned for lime and sent North, where the oyster planters appreciate their value and buy them eagerly. I remember when oysters were dredged up and burned for lime without shucking, wasting the edible portion entirely. While economic conditions now prevent such willful destruction of a succulent food, the conditions regarding the shells are growing worse. Formerly dredging was done by large pungies, drawing seven, eight or nine feet of water, and these required ballast, so when they deliver a cargo of oysters they took on a load of shells for the return trip. As they dredged again and filled up their holds with oysters the shells were thrown overboard, thus being returned to their beds where they belonged. These pungies have nearly all passed away, and, whereas there were formerly several thousand of them in the business, I doubt if there are now 20. Their places have been taken by the shallow skipjacks, which not only do not carry the shells back to the beds, but can also dredge close to the shore and quickly exhaust any little rock, as they can turn right around on their heels.

"Some legislation must be enacted to preserve the oysters, but I don't think it is the Haman bill. It seems to me that the Shepard bill, introduced in the Legislature of 1902, was the best adapted for the purpose."—Baltimore Evening News.

Supposed Constable Murderer.

John M. Simpers, Alias Simmons, aged 22 years, now in the Maryland Penitentiary serving a sentence of eight years for horse stealing, is held on suspicion as being the real murderer of the late Albert Constable, of Elkton. Detectives of Baltimore city have been at work upon clues connecting Simpers with the crime ever since the day of the murder, but only recently have they deemed it wise to make public their information. Simpers has been positively indentified as the "strange white man" seen around the place when the murder was committed, by two women, Mrs. Agnes Frunk, and Annie Gould, a colored woman, who say she saw Simpers near the scene the afternoon of the crime and also in the neighborhood the day previous. The detectives have apparently worked up a good case of circumstantial evidence against Simpers, who denies having any connection with the crime, stating that he was in Philadelphia in a boarding house sick on the day of the murder and did not know of the crime until he saw Mr. Constable's picture in a Philadelphia paper. Both of these latter points the detectives have proven to be false. They have learned that Simpers was not at his work in Philadelphia from August 16 to Aug. 20th. The murder was committed on Aug. 18th, and these women saw Simpers in the neighborhood on the afternoon of the crime and the day before. Judging from this evidence it looks like the detectives have at last struck the correct trail. They have located the watch that the murderer took from Mr. Constable in a pawn shop in the city. If they can find the man who pawned the watch, they will come pretty close to getting the right party. Simpers once lived in Elkton, knew Mr. Constable well, and was in Elkton jail awaiting sentence when Holland and Hopps, the two negroes who have recently been acquitted of the murder, were held on suspicion.

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist, Chestertown.

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