MULE BRAYS FOR M. E. MINISTERS

WERE DISCUSSING GREETINGS FOR PRESIDENT WILSON.

EVERYBODY HAD TO LAUGH

Bishop Cranston, Who Is Presiding Over Baltimore Conference Sessions, Was Compelled to Desist From Making an Announcement While the Animal Hee-hawed—Goucher Fund Is Brought Up by Bishop Henderson.

Before the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which convened yesterday in Eutaw Street Church, had been in session more than an hour the ministers proved conclusively that although they are ministers of the gospel and not supposed to meddle with politics, there is within them the ever dominant feeling of patriotism. They unanimously decided to appoint a committee of five, whose duty it will be to visit President Woodrow Wilson at the White House and convey to him the hearty greetings and congratulations of the Conference.

Some little time was taken up with a discussion of this subject, merely for the purpose of determining the plan of procedure. The original motion as made by Rev. U. S. Wright was to have the Conference go over in a body and pay its respects to the President. This, however, was soon defeated, and then Dr. Goucher stated that as the President just at this time is a busy man straightening out the affairs of the nation, he suggested that the Conference formulate a telegram to be sent the President instead of going over in person. It was finally decided to have Bishop Cranston, who is presiding over the session, appoint a committee to convey the greetings.

Within three minutes after this decision had been reached, and while the Bishop was making an announcement of considerable importance, the ministers were thrown into laughter. An old mule hitched to a wagon standing in the alley adjoining the church, and not more than 20 feet from where the Bishop was standing, gave vent to one of its ablest hee-haws.

Bishop Even Laughed.

The Bishop was compelled to desist for the moment. Then he commenced his announcement again, and again the mule checked the proceedings and a smile was seen to steal over the Bishop's countenance. This was quickly observed by the ministers, and when the mule broke loose with a third bray it was too much and everybody had to roar, even the Bishop. He, however, soon gained his composure and merely said, "I hope the ministers present will not get the announcement confounded." Then there was another good laugh.

As was expected, the question of Goucher College soon made its appearance at the opening session. The presence on the floor of Dr. Goucher was sufficient to cause plenty of applause, but there was no mention of the mater made from the chair until Bishop Henderson, of Chattanooga, who is here in the interest of Goucher, was introduced by Bishop Cranston. He made an appeal to the district superintendents to get their various moneys ready for an accounting within the next few days and told them that verbal subscriptions would not do to offset this big debt on Goucher, and that if any of them had such verbal promises they must have them reduced to writing, even if they have to return to their charges again to have this done. There was no plea made for money, but the ministers were cautioned to be sure that what they had promised would be forthcoming in the prescribed time.

Old Silver Cup Used.

The Conference convened promptly at 9 o'clock, with a large portion of the ministers in their places, the heavy downpour of rain having retarded many. The usual devotional exercise was held, after which the roll-call was made by the Conference secretary, Rev. Frank G. Porter. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Bishop Cranston, assisted by the district superintendents and the retired and superannuated ministers of the Conference.

Mention was made of the fact that the silver cup used in connection with this solemn service was first used by Bishop Francis Asbury, the first American bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. W. H. Munhall, owner of the valued relic of Methodism. He brought it here from his home in Philadelphia that it might be used in the same place where the body of the dead Bishop lies buried.

Bishop Cranston was called upon to explain in detail the use and purpose of the question blanks recently sent the pastors calling for itemized entries of their work during the year and intimating that some of the pastors had complained that they were entirely too searching and required too much time to fill out. He stated that it might be too much trouble for the pastor who was not "on the job," and who was not attending to his duties as he should. He also stated that the blanks were merely to put him in closer touch with the doings of the church and were instituted by the Bishops for this specific purpose and nothing else. Several letters favoring the plan were read by the Bishop.

Memorial Services.

Rev. W. M. Ferguson, pastor of Harford Avenue Church, presided at the memorial service, which was held for the following members of the Conference who died during the last Conference year. They are as follows:

Rev. Aaron N. Munday, who entered the ministry in 1860; died July 2, 1912, at Leonardtown, Md., aged 60 years, having been in the ministry for 27 years.

Rev. Daniel M. Browning, entered the ministry in 1869; died September 16, 1912, at Savage, Md., aged 66. He was 44 years in the ministry.

Rev. Martin F. B. Rice, entered the ministry in 1868; died January 17, 1913, in Baltimore, Md., aged 66 years, and in the ministry 45 years.

Rev. George W. Heyde, entered the ministry in 1858; died January 20, 1913, at Parkton, Md., aged 79 years, having been 55 years in the ministry.

Memoirs were also read for Rev. David Henry Carroll, a former minister of the Conference, who was born in this city in 1840 and died November 15, 1912.

The only committees appointed yesterday were of minor importance, the regular standing committees of the Conference of last year being carried over to include this session. The secretary and his assistants were appointed. They are Rev. Frank G. Porter, secretary, and Revs. H. W. Burgan, C. L. Hubbard and J. S. German. The statisticians appointed were Rev. Benjamin W. Meeks, secretary; assistants, Revs. G. E. Ely, J. E. Snyder, C. E. Williams, J. E. K. Horn, Frank Steelman, H. G. Spencer, Merritt Earle, G. A. Luttrell, F. C. Reynolds and W. M. Hoffman.

Rev. Daniel Howell, of the General Deaconess Board of the New York East Conference, was introduced and made a strong appeal for more of the best and most capable women of the church to become deaconesses.

Rev. Clayton Albert Smucker, of Roland Park Church, and Rev. M. H. Lichliter were introduced and given the glad hand of the Conference. Both have recently come into the Conference from other fields of labor.

Dr. Goucher offered a resolution to send a letter of greeting to the Southern Methodist Conference, which is now in session at Staunton, Va. It was adopted unanimously. A communication was received, having reference to the Army and Navy chaplains. It was referred to the proper committee. This paper is the result of some complaint among the various denominations, who claim that in these positions the Episcopalians and Catholics have been favored in the past.

The knowing ones of the Conference stick to it that there will be few changes among the ministers this year, and one ventured the assertion that there would not be a single change in Baltimore. It leaked out, however, that Rev. Samuel K. Griffin, pastor of an Anacostia Church, just across the Potomac from Washington, will resign his pastorate to engage in the social service work in New York.

Rev. Robert S. Barnes, who for the past seven years has been in charge of the West Harford Circuit, has tendered his resignation, and it is surmised that he will succeed Rev. Mr. Griffin at Anacostia. The West Harford Circuit comprises Forest Hill, Friendship and Jarrettsville, Harford county.

There was an evangelistic meeting yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. K. Janness and last night there were services in celebration of the anniversary of the Epworth League. W. W. Jones presided and the address was delivered by Dr. W. F. Sheridan, its general secretary. The musical program was in charge of Rev. H. D. Mitchell.

Dr. Sheridan, who is well known in Baltimore as a former pastor of Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church, but now of Kansas City, gave a most flattering account of the wonderful work being accomplished in the West through the instrumentality of the Epworth League. The church was packed and many stood while he spoke. The following officers of the Baltimore Conference League were elected for the ensuing year: Howard S. Omohundro, of Washington, president; Whitney W. Jones, Thomas J. C. Conway, Wilbur T. Leitsch and W. J. Hicks, vice presidents; W. S. Truman, secretary, and George W. Williams, treasurer.

WAGNER ON TRIAL AGAIN

Election Official's Case Sent Back by Court of Appeals.

John Wagner, one of the judges of election for the Eighth precinct of the Twenty-third ward in the primary of August 29, 1911, was again put on trial yesterday in the Criminal Court before Judge Dobler and a jury after his case had been remanded for a new trial by the Court of Appeals. As the last jury which tried the case found him not guilty of certain counts in the indictment, the state proceeded to trial yesterday upon the ninth and tenth counts, one of which charges negligence in canvassing the ballots and the other charging negligence in counting the ballots.

So far the case has not developed any testimony other than that adduced at the former trial of the case and things ran along smoothly yesterday. Attorneys Harry B. Wolf and Edward L. Ward, for the defendant, asked the court to rule that the state elect the count upon which the case was to be tried. Judge Dobler, however, ruled that this was not necessary. The attorneys for the defense entered a demurrer to each of the counts, which was promptly overruled without argument. Then the task of selecting the jury began. No time was wasted in this. The jury is as follows:

William H. Fraley, clerk, 1830 West Fayette street (foreman).
Wilbert L. Amos, grocer, Kate and Park Heights avenues.
Nathan Bergen, salesman, 1619 Westwood avenue.
Charles Cook, capper, 820 Kenwood avenue.
Wilbert F. Harrison, manager, 413 North Fulton avenue.
Henry T. Williams, carpenter, 939 West Fayette street.
Artis J. Fissell, foreman, 2035 East North avenue.
John F. Schwarzmann, bookkeeper, 218 North Kenwood avenue.
Herbert M. Trappe, salesman, 2921 Clifton avenue.
Howard E. Boone, bookkeeper, 108 South Washington street.
Francis Cooke, clerk, 307 North Carey street.
J. Tyler Gray, bookkeeper, 1213 John street.

The first testimony was of a formal nature and was given by Josiah A. Kinsey, secretary of the Police Board, and James E. Hubbert, clerk in the Board of Supervisors of Election. Then the two clerks of election in that precinct, who acted at the election of August 29, 1911, who were afterward indicted, but whose cases were subsequently stetted, Messrs. Staehlin and North, were called to the witness stand and testified as to how the actual counting of the ballots was done. As told by Mr. North, Shuman took the ballots out of the ballot-box, passed them to Wagner, who is on trial; the latter called off the ballots and Staehlin and North took down the result. Wagner then handed the ballots to Cochran and Cochran handed them to Smith, who folded them.

It was in this precinct that the official returns gave a zero mark to Thomas McNulty, who was one of the Democratic candidates for the shrievalty nomination. As a matter of fact 44 votes were cast for McNulty. It was this discrepancy which resulted in the investigation and subsequent indictment of a large number of election officials in Baltimore. The ballot-box of the precinct was brought into court yesterday afternoon and the jury counted the ballots. The count was finished about 5 o'clock, when the court adjourned until this morning.

ELDERLY FOLKS! CALOMEL, SALTS AND CATHARTICS AREN'T FOR YOU

Harmless, Gentle "Syrup of Figs" Is Best to Cleanse Your Stomach, Liver and 30 Feet of Bowels of Sour Bile, Decaying Food, Gases and Clogged-up Waste.

You old people, Syrup of Figs is particularly for you. You who don't exercise as much as you need to; who like the easy chair. You, whose steps are slow and whose muscles are less elastic. You must realize that your liver and ten yards of bowels have also become less active.

Don't regard Syrup of Figs as physic. It stimulates the liver and bowels just as exercise would do if you took enough of it. It is not harsh like salts or cathartics. The help which Syrup of Figs gives to a torpid liver and weak, sluggish bowels is harmless, natural and gentle.

When eyes grow dim, you help them. Do the same with your liver and bowels when age makes them less active. There is nothing more important. Costive, clogged-up bowels mean that decaying, fermenting food is clogged there and the pores or ducts in these thirty feet of bowels suck this decaying waste and poisons into the blood. You will never get feeling right until this is corrected—but do it gently. Don't have a bowel washday; don't use a bowel irritant. For your sake, please use only gentle, effective Syrup of Figs. Then you are not drugging yourself, for Syrup of Figs is composed of only luscious figs, senna and aromatics which cannot injure.

A teaspoonful tonight will gently, but thoroughly, move on and out of your system by morning all the sour bile, poisonous fermenting food and clogged-up waste matter without gripe, nausea or weakness.

But get the genuine. Ask your druggist for the full name, "Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna." Refuse, with contempt, any other Fig Syrup unless it bears the name—prepared by the California Fig Syrup Company. Read the label.

FIRST LADY OF NEW JERSEY

—Underwood & Underwood.

Mrs. James Fielder, wife of the Governor of New Jersey. Mrs. Fielder succeeds Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, now the "First Lady of the Land" as the "First Lady" of the State of New Jersey.

CHURCH MOVIES ARE CONDEMNED

BISHOP JOHN C. KILGO CAUTIONS PREACHERS.

CONFERENCE AT STAUNTON

Presiding Officer Opposed to Certain Methods of Attracting Crowds—Standing Committees Announced. Bishop Wilson Says He Is More Interested Regarding the Saving of Souls Than in the Building of New Churches.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Staunton, Va., March 26.—The Baltimore Conference of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its one hundred and twenty-ninth annual session in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, here, this morning at 9 o'clock. Bishop John C. Kilgo presided and conducted opening exercises. He said that some preachers, in order to get big crowds, conduct moving-picture shows in the basements of churches. He condemned the method. Rev. E. V. Register, D. D., pastor of Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington, was elected secretary.

The following standing committees were appointed:

Conference Relations—J. D. Pope, C. V. Sutton, G. T. D. Collins, R. M. Wheeler, J. K. Gilbert, J. R. Andrew and H. L. Myerly.

Admissions—W. H. Sanders, W. E. Miller, G. W. Gaither, W. J. Whitesell, C. S. Sydenstricker, A. Knox, J. M. York, J. C. Trasher, S. T. Senter, J. H. Schooley, J. V. Bean, G. D. Kidner, C. W. Stump and H. V. Wheeler.

Publishing Interests—W. H. Ballenger, L. W. Davis, C. L. Woolfe, C. W. Ray, J. H. Haley, T. C. Iden, L. Hammond, A. E. Fultz, D. M. Brown, W. H. Agnor, J. W. Beall, D. F. Huddleston, A. Lee Barrett and J. B. Clary.

Temperance—D. L. Blakemore, James Walker, J. T. Williams, H. K. Field, G. Tyler, N. R. Roberts, C. L. Potter, R. L. Stratton, H. Febrey, H. H. Dickey, W. F. Lawrence, Olin Coffman, Wilford Lawson and R. N. Stewart.

Sabbath Observance—J. A. Rood, J. O. Maynard, W. T. Grover, P. V. D. Conway, L. R. Markwood, J. W. Santimers, G. H. Echols, E. M. Gilch, J. L. Henderson, S. R. Pritchett, W. M. Compton, C. L. Lemon, A. A. P. Niel and Fuller Bernard.

District Conference Records—J. H. White, W. L. Smith, C. W. Mark, W. D. Eye, William Stevens, G. C. Berry and G. K. Veydrick.

Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, senior member of the College of Bishops, entered the conference-room and was escorted to the rostrum, where he was welcomed by Bishop Kilgo. Later in the session Bishop Wilson spoke. He said he was more interested in reports regarding saving of souls than in building of new churches. "It is too often taken for granted," he said, "that sinners will be saved. It is too important a subject to be taken for granted. It should have the most careful attention of every preacher."

Reports were filed regarding the material and spiritual growth of churches. Dr. F. J. Prettyman, presiding elder, Washington district, called attention to the fact that every church in his district lacks pews to accommodate large congregations. The report of the presiding elder showed not less than 500 accessions to the church during the past year. Answering minute question.

Frederick W. Allison, a local preacher, from Moorefield district, was readmitted into traveling connection with Conference. On motion of W. H. Woolfe, of Roanoke district, the name of W. J. Proutt was discontinued.

F. J. Prettyman, chairman, submitted a communication in reference to the Randolph-Macon College matter. The report was turned over to the committee on education without discussion. A communication from S. C. Hatcher, vice president of Randolph-Macon College, was read, announcing that Rev. D. H. Kern and Rev. H. H. Sherman had been elected to the board of trustees of the college. This was referred to the Conference board of education.

R. H. Ellis and W. L. Benoit were elected local deacons.

At 8 o'clock tonight Bishop Wilson, of Baltimore, preached the sermon.

BUSY SESSION AT CRISFIELD

RECORD-BREAKING DAY FOR WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

OFFICERS QUICKLY CHOSEN

Delaware Legislature Commended for Passing Bill Prohibiting Shipment of Liquor Into Dry Territory—Fund for Maintenance of Disabled Ministers—New Church to Be Erected at Rehoboth—Deaconess Home.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Crisfield, Md., March 26.—The first day's session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was marked by much activity, and proved a record-breaker for the amount of business transacted. The conference began its forty-fifth session in Immanuel Church at 8:30 this morning, with Bishop Joseph E. Berry, of Philadelphia, presiding. The session opened with devotional services and the Bishop announced that he would conduct devotional worship every morning during the conference at 8:30. The roll was called and 148 members answered to their names. It was decided to adopt the rules governing the last session of the conference and the hours of opening and closing were set at 8:30 A. M. and 12 noon.

The district superintendent nominated the ministerial members of the board of stewards as follows: Dover district, W. G. Koons; Eastern district, G. W. Townsend; Salisbury district, W. L. S. Murray; Wilmington district, S. M. Morgan. Their election was declared unanimous. The relations of H. S. Thompson and D. H. Willis were changed from effective to retired, and the relations of Raymond Lewis changed from effective to supernumerary.

Conference Officers.

Rev. W. F. Wise was elected conference secretary, this being the ninth consecutive year he has served in this capacity. He named his assistants, who are Revs. W. R. Mowbray, W. E. Greenfield and Luther E. Poole. Rev. H. A. G. Webster was re-elected statistical secretary for the tenth year, and chose the following assistants: J. H. Geoghegan, J. L. Johnson, J. A. Brewington, W. M. McCann, G. R. Ellis, G. S. Thomas, W. E. Gunby, J. R. Bicking, W. H. Briggs, H. C. Hipley, I. S. Whittaker, L. B. Morgan, A. W. Goodhand and H. B. Kelso.

Rev. H. G. Budd was re-elected treasurer for the eleventh consecutive year, and his assistants were named as follows: Revs. J. W. Prettyman, George C. Williams, T. R. Vandyke, V. E. Hills, J. T. Richardson, E. S. Taylor, C. T. Jones, B. L. McFarland and O. E. Jones. Rev. J. Harry Wilson was elected conference postmaster.

Rev. E. L. Hoffecker presented the resolution commending the Delaware legislature for its action in passing a bill prohibiting the shipping of liquor into dry territory.

The resolution authorized the secretary of the conference to send Governor Miller, of Delaware, a telegram urging him to sign the bill.

The next business was the nominating of the standing committees by Rev. George P. Jones. Those nominated were unanimously elected.

To Support Aged Ministers.

The secretary then read a proposition from Melville Gambrill, of Wilmington, who offered to subscribe $1,000 for every $4,000 raised by the Conference, to the extent of $5,000, thus proposing to create a fund of $25,000, the income from which is to be used for the maintenance of ministers compelled to retire because of age or mishap. The proposition was presented through Dr. George E. Reed, pastor of Grace Street Church, Wilmington, of which Mr. Gambrill is a member. The Conference adopted a resolution accepting Mr. Gambrill's offer. The resolution called upon the presiding bishop to name a committee of ministers and lay members to devise ways and means for raising the portion of the fund to which the Conference obligated itself and the following committee was named: Revs. George E. Reed, W. G. Koons, V. S. Collins and C. W. Prettyman, and these lay members: W. O. Hoffecker, T. N. Rawlins, Dr. W. F. Hall and W. J. Downing.

Dr. Reed presented a letter from Mrs. Jennie Riddle Field, of Wilmington, announcing her intention of giving to the Conference the property at 307 West street, Wilmington, for the accommodation of the deaconess' work of the Conference. The property is already occupied by the deaconesses of Wilmington, and is to be known as the Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home. The Conference passed a resolution thanking Mrs. Field for her generous gift and accepting it.

Rev. C. A. Hill offered a resolution declaring the Conference to be open territory for all forms of deaconess administration. The resolution was discussed and finally adopted.

The Episcopal Fund.

The secretary read a communication relative to the episcopal fund, giving the apportionment for $3,139 to this Conference for the ensuing year. The communication was referred to the district superintendents for apportionment.

Rev. H. B. Kelso presented a paper pertaining to the purchase of another church building at Rehoboth, Del., to take the place of the church destroyed in the recent fire. The Conference adopted the resolution embodied in the paper.

An executive session was held this afternoon. Bishop Berry closed today's session with prayer and benediction.

REV. L. J. SOTHORON RESIGNS

Has Been a Rector in Harford County Many Years.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Belair, Md., March 26.—Rev. Levin J. Sothoron, rector of Rock Spring parish, Protestant Episcopal Church, Harford county, for the past 20 years, has resigned. In explaining his action, Mr. Sothoron says that on account of his somewhat impaired health, due to his advanced age of 70 years, he felt he is not physically able to give the two churches composing the parish, Christ Church at Rock Spring and Holy Cross Church at the Rocks, the active ministerial and pastoral service they should have.

Mr. Sorothon is the son of the late John Richard Sothoron and was born in St. Marys county. He graduated from the Theological Seminary, near Alexandria, Va.; was ordained in 1872 and began his first pastorate at Cumberland parish, Lunenburg county, Va., in the same year and remained there 10 years. He then accepted a call to Trinity parish, Charles county, Md., where he served 10 years. In 1893 Mr. Sothoron came to the Harford county parish and last month celebrated his twentieth anniversary as rector. In 1905 Mr. Sothoron took great interest in preparing elaborate exercises in connection with the centennial anniversary of Rock Spring Church, which is next to the oldest Episcopal edifice in Harford county.

PISTOLS IN CHURCH

Constable Searches Male Members and Gets Seven Guns.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Frederick, Md., March 26.—Determined to put a stop to pistol-toting by persons attending the United Brethren Church at Pleasant Valley, near Wolfsville, Rev. Jay Yohe, the pastor, had a constable come into the church, lock the door and search every male member of the congregation. Seven pistols were taken from young men in the church.

For some weeks the pastor has been compelled to run a gauntlet of fire from revolver when on his way home. It is said that while the handlers of the weapons were careful not to shoot the pastor, yet they sometimes let the bullets go too close for comfort, and the minister was in fear of his life. Recently during a revival service conditions became almost unbearable. The search by the constable has put an end to the practice, the pistols being confiscated. The young men were not placed under arrest.

Ellicott City Marriage Licenses.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Ellicott City, Md., March 26.—Marriage licenses were issued here today to the following:

Frederick W. Hippler, 30; Blanche C. Disney, 28, both of Baltimore city.

William D. Carruthers, 33, Cape Charles, Va.; Elsie R. Neal, 22, Chester, Pa.

George E. Stump, 22; Esther Jones, 19, both of Baltimore city.

Vincent V. Wehland, 27, Scaggsville, Howard county; Elizabeth C. Wessel, 26, Fulton, Howard county.

August E. Wendler, 21, Baltimore city. Bessie W. Coates, 21, Elkridge, Howard county.

Zadock P. Henry, 25, Berlin, Md.; Margaret E. Hoff, 22, Baltimore county.

Ernest Cauly, 25; Clara J. Coomes, 21, both of Clarksville, Howard county.

Clarence S. Parker, 33; Alice G. Boyles, 32, both of Baltimore city.

Frank Chlad, 24; Madeline Reubach, 18, both of Baltimore city.

Miles R. King, 22; Ida Gulder, 18, both of Baltimore city.

Joseph R. Dyson, 42; Helen Barnes, 35, both of Glenelg, Howard county.

Gerry Fields, 21; Rose Tasker, 21, both of Baltimore county.

Julian Vaughan, 25; Mary Butler, 24, both of York, Pa.

Naval Post-graduate Course.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Annapolis, Md., March 26.—A course, believed to be entirely unique in naval post-graduate education, will be carried out at the Naval Academy Post-graduate School during April and May, the subjects being literature, history and political economy. The entire body of naval officers who are pursuing the several branches of advanced technical work in the recently established post-graduate school will take the course of lectures in these subjects. The lecturers, members of the faculty of Johns Hopkins University, are: Dr. George E. Barnett, political economy; Dr. R. V. D. Magoffin, history; Dr. John C. French, literature.

To Give Miss Fearless for Church.

Miss Fearless and Company, a three-act comedy, will be presented on the evenings of April 7 and 8 by the Young Ladies' Dramatic and Literary Society of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church at St. Elizabeth's Hall, Baltimore street and Lakewood avenue. The proceeds will help pay for the recently built church.

VALUE OF RIGHT BREATHING

Health Comes From Knowing How and What to Breathe.

Hardly a day passes without confirmation of the old adage, "Man's life is but a breath of air."

Dust laden with disease breeding germs is inhaled by all who use the streets, but disease is not developed unless the germs find conditions suitable for their lodgment and growth.

With people having catarrh there is an ideal culture medium for these germs, as the irritated membrane and weakened tissues is a hot-bed where germs must thrive and multiply until they are numerous and active.

If you have catarrh, you should use the easiest, simplest and quickest remedy, the direct method of HYOMEI. This wonderful medication is taken in with the air you breathe, directly following and destroying all germs that have been inhaled, repairing any damage they may have worked and so healing and vitalizing the tissues as to render catarrh and germ infection no longer possible.

The unusual way in which druggists sell HYOMEI should dispel all doubt as to its curative properties. We authorize their offers to refund the price to anyone whom it fails to benefit. You do not risk a cent in testing the healing virtues of this breath of life. Complete outfit $1.00. Extra bottles of HYOMEI liquid, if later needed, 50 cents at dealers everywhere. Booth's Hyomei Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

WHITMAN'S NEW STRAINER SYSTEM

DEVISED BY HIM FOR THE FILTRATION PLANT.

IT WILL SAVE CITY $25,000

New Idea Perfected by Water Engineer at Small Plant at Gay Street Pumping Station—Screen Discarded Between Gravel and Sand. Device Passes Muster of George W. Fuller, the Distinguished Expert Engineer.

Through the energy and ability of the city's water engineer, Ezra B. Whitman, Baltimore's new filtration plant will have a new-style and thoroughly up-to-date strainer system. It also means that the taxpayers of Baltimore will be enabled to save at least $25,000 by its establishment. It had been estimated by the Water Board that the strainer system to be established at the filtration plant would cost close to $100,000. Mr. Whitman informed Mayor Preston and other city officials yesterday that the system, as he had designed it, would only cost $65,000, and in addition possess superior advantages over the old-style system.

It became known yesterday at the City Hall that Mr. Whitman had been at work perfecting a new style of strainer system for several months. He had constructed a small plant 25 feet square at the Gay street pumping station. He made a thorough study of the mechanisms of the various filtration plants of this country and abroad and finally decided to make some personal experiments.

Mr. Whitman found that instead of having a screen put between the sand and the gravel to prevent them from getting mixed, he could deepen the layer of gravel without the use of the screen. Starting on that assumption, he made several additional changes and after satisfying himself that he was on the road to success invited George W. Fuller, the distinguished New York engineer, to witness its demonstration.

Mr. Fuller, who is also consulting engineer to the Water Board, witnessed the operation of Mr. Whitman's small strainer system at the Gay street station yesterday morning. He promptly voted it a pronounced success. He praised Mr. Whitman for his ingenuity and skill and offered his help in order that the system might be made nigh perfect.

The principal feature of the old-style strainer system, which has been adopted by New Orleans, Grand Rapids, Mich., and New York city, is the brass screen which separates the sand and gravel. The water comes in grooves, passed up through the brass plate which covers the gravel, then forces the sand away and washes it clear of all impurities. The strainer system to be established in connection with the filtration plant will embrace 25,000 square feet. Mr. Whitman hopes to make it a model plant. With the help of Mr. Fuller, he is confident that it will become the pattern for all progressive cities.

It is believed at the City Hall that Mayor Preston will publicly commend Mr. Whitman for his fine work on behalf of the taxpayers at the next weekly meeting of department heads. The Mayor is evincing a deep interest in the work of the Water Board and has repeatedly praised the work of its young president, Mr. Whitman.

Official announcement was made by the Water Board last night that the specifications for the filtration plant will be completed on Saturday. They will be submitted to City Solicitor Field and on next Wednesday will be presented to the Board of Awards for its approval. The bids will be advertised for immediately after the specifications have been approved and sealed proposals will be opened on April 30.

Gift for Rev. Dr. Hogue.

At the election of the vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, which was held Monday evening in the parish house, the rector, Rev. Richard W. Hogue, was presented a beautiful gold watch, engraved with his initials, and a fob, the pendant of which is a silver cross, from the vestrymen and the members of the church.

A handsome white surplice, which was made by women of the congregation, was also given Dr. Hogue.

TO CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY

Prominent Specialist Will Give Away Treatment

FREE

A man who is celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary of successful work is naturally in a very happy and generous frame of mind.

This is just the condition of Catarrh Specialist Sproule of Boston, whose picture you see here. For twenty-five years he has been curing Catarrh all over the country.

He has given up everything for what he felt was his life work—a post as surgeon in the British Royal Mail Naval Service—days and nights to study and research. He has traveled extensively, observing the effects of climate on Catarrh. Little wonder when you know all this that he is today known as The Catarrh Specialist of America.

His method of treatment is new, different from others, and has brought untold joy to hundreds and hundreds of Catarrh Sufferers.

But, you say, I would like to see this treatment. Here is your opportunity. **To celebrate his 25th anniversary, Catarrh Specialist Sproule offers his famous Catarrh Treatment Free to all who write before April 15th.**

Think what this offer means to you! You secure a treatment, which is famous all over America—you see for yourself a method of treatment which has really cured Catarrh, and you get this treatment for nothing.

SEND TO-DAY

Remember this is a most expensive celebration for the Specialist and he can't afford to do it for long. You must not miss the chance. Just get paper and pencil and jot down your name and address, with just three words, "Catarrh Treatment Free." If you have a post-card handy, use that. The point is, to send at once for this treatment, so that you can get it free and try it for yourself.

You know how loathsome and disgusting a disease Catarrh is. You know that it leads to dreadful incurable troubles. Perhaps you have always thought that Catarrh was incurable. You had not realized that there was a man who has devoted a quarter of a century to its study, who has such a vast experience that he must have cured scores of cases **just like yours.**

Don't delay, but write right now for the Free Anniversary Treatment.

Address Catarrh Specialist Sproule, 252 Trade Building, Boston, Mass.

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20c Egg Muffins 15c Doz. Egg Muffins; delicious, well raised, spongy and hot every hour; our 20c. kind; today, 15c. dozen; some will be cut for you to taste and you are invited to taste them. If you can't come, telephone, and we will send them to you.

LADIES' NECKWEAR Just received by express from New York; 100 dozen of Ladies' Ratine Lace Collars; white and ecru; just the thing for spring and summer wear; also a lot of Lawn Jabots; white or colored edges; worth up to 25c. Your choice.. 5c

FLOWER & VEGETABLE SEED All fresh seed; of the past season's growth. They are Northern grown, which makes them hardier, earlier and more productive; endless varieties; per package 1c

DORMANT ROSE BUSHES California field grown; on their own roots; guaranteed monthly bloomers; you can't get better for $1; choice of over 20 varieties; each 15c

In Our Restaurant. Ham and Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes, Bread and Butter, Tea, Coffee or Milk, all for 15c.

Furniture for Cash

which means furniture which has been sold and used and taken from those who could not pay. A little varnish and polish will cover a multitude of sins. Buy for cash from a cash house, then alone you are sure that you are getting new furniture, besides saving about one-half on your purchases. We sell for cash only. Today's Furniture Specials are:

$1 Porch Rockers	69c	$30 Parlor Suites	$14.98
$2.50 Arm Porch Rockers	$1.49	$20 Oak Dressers	$12.98
$3 Parlor Rockers	$1.98	$30 Bedroom Suites	$19.98
$2.50 Dining Chairs	$1.29	$15 Kitchen Cabinets	$6.98
$15 Oak Dining Tables	$6.98	$6 Brass Trimmed Beds	$2.98
$25 Oak Buffets	$14.98	$20 Brass Beds	$9.98
$10 Felt Mattresses	$4.98	$3 Iron Bed Springs	$1.69

The Midway

IF BOUGHT ON THE MIDWAY YOU CAN'T BEAT THE PRICE

On goods advertised on the Midway no Mail or Phone Orders filled and none sent C. O. D.

ON THE MIDWAY—Men's and Boys' Silk Bow Ties; 500 to sell; positively worth 25c.; while they last, each... 3½c

ON THE MIDWAY—Framed Pictures; also Mirrors and 1 and 2 Opening Photo Frames; worth 19c; choice, ea 9½c

ON THE MIDWAY—¼ peck of Dry Onions for 4c

ON THE MIDWAY—Men's Mixed Cotton Socks; positively worth 10c.; special, per pair 4c

ON THE MIDWAY—Our regular 12c. Buttercrust Pies; heavily filled; each 9½c

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Great Sale of Awnings & Slip Covers

AWNINGS---READY TO HANG Up to 36 inches wide; made of Blue and White Heavy Duck; scalloped edge bound with fast colored red binding; complete with everything—all you need do is to put it up; please bring measurements, as we do not hang or measure them at this price; special, $1.19

5-PIECE SLIP COVER SETS Made of good quality striped linen; guaranteed to fit; bound or felled seams; if you cannot call a postal card or phone call will send our representative to your home; we only allow 20 yards of linen for set; special, $3.95

SALE OF INFANTS' DRESSES

Neatly and carefully made of guaranteed gingham or percales, in pink or blue checks; daintily trimmed; high or Dutch neck; sizes to 6 years; at 38c

Dresses made of Linene, Checked Gingham or Crinkly Seersucker; in all the prettiest and most wanted colors; high or Dutch neck; trimmed with folds or contrasting effects; full pleated skirts; sizes to 6 years; sale price 49c

50c and 65c Dress Goods Woolen Dress Goods; serges, nun's veiling, diagonals, checks, stripes and fancies; all shades. Per yard 29c

$1.25 Dress Goods 45-inch All-Wool Diagonals and Whipcords; new spring coloring; medium weight; positively worth $1.25. Per yard 79c

10c and 12½c Muslins Yard-Wide Bleached Muslins and Cambrics; best brands; in long remnant lengths; worth up to 12½c. Special, per yard 5c

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Ladies' 25c Belts Ladies' Silk Elastic Belts; white or black; gilt, oxidized or black enamel buckles; positively worth 25c. Choice 10c

35c Floor Oilcloth Potter's Extra Heavy Floor Oilcloth; any width; all you want; positively worth 35c. Special for this sale, per yard 18⅞c

Girls' $1.50 White Buck Pumps Girls' or Children's White Nu-Buck Button Low Shoes; all sizes; positively worth $1.50. Special, per pair 79c

Girls' $2 Low Shoes Girls' or Children's up to $2 Low Shoes and Roman Sandals; all kinds to select from. For this sale, per pair 79c

Boys' $2 Spring Suits Boys' Spring Suits; of neat gray cassimeres; double-breasted coat and knicker pants; sizes from 3 to 16; worth $2. For $1.19

Boys' 39c Pants Boys' Pants; of blue cheviot, striped worsteds, cassimeres, etc.; sizes from 4 to 15; positively worth 39c. Per pair 23c

Men's $1.50 Shirts Men's "Manchester" Brand Shirts; with turnover cuffs; all sizes; positively worth $1.15 and $1.50. Special, each 79c

Ladies' 25c Pants Ladies' Lace-Bottom Pants; umbrella style; all sizes; positively worth 25c. Special for this sale, per pair 15c