The Kent News

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THE DIOCESE OF EASTON.

Annual Convention in Chestertown.

DR. LINDSAY ELECTED BISHOP AND DECLINES — DR. ADAMS, OF MISSISSIPPI, ELECTED.

Interesting Proceedings.

The nineteenth annual convention of the Diocese of Easton, Protestant Episcopal Church, assembled at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, on Wednesday, June 1. The nine Eastern Shore counties composing the diocese are divided into parishes as follows: Caroline, 2; Cecil, 4; Dorchester, 4; Kent, 5; Queen Anne's, 3; Somerset, 3; Talbot, 5; Wicomico, 5; Worcester, 3. There is besides one parish, Wye, territorially in Talbot and Queen Anne's, and one, Pocomoke, in both Somerset and Worcester. St. James' Church, Port Deposit; Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford; Trinity Cathedral, Easton, and St. Paul's-by-the-Sea, Ocean City, are also incorporated congregations. Statistics of the last convention show that there were in the diocese 2,727 communicants. Since the last convention one clergyman, the Rev. Lewis Walke, has died.

Morning prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Schouler, Adkins and Hilliard, Rev. Mr. Walker had the ante-communion service, Rev. Dr. Stearns reading the epistle and Rev. Mr. Buck the gospel. Right-Rev. A. A. Watson, bishop of East Carolina, preached the sermon from "Glorify God in your body and in your spirit."—1 Cor. vi. The holy communion was celebrated by Bishop Watson and the rector, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Barber, Mitchell, Murphy and John Martin. The Rev. T. P. Barber, D.D., president of the standing committee, called the convention to order at the conclusion of divine service. Rev. J. A. Mitchell, secretary of the last convention, called the roll of clergy and lay delegates, when it appeared that 25 clergymen answered to their names and seven were absent. Of the lay delegates 34 were present. The Rev. Dr. Barber announced that the convention was organized and ready for business, first in order being the election of a president. Rev. Dr. Barber was unanimously elected. Rev. James A. Mitchell was elected secretary, and Mr. W. S. Walker assistant secretary. Dr. Barber offered a resolution thanking Bishop Watson for his presence on this occasion and his able sermon, and offering him a seat in the convention, which passed unanimously.

Mr. W. S. Walker presented the report of the trustees of the episcopal fund, which, on motion of Dr. Adkins, was made the order of the day immediately after the election of a bishop.

On motion of Mr. Schouler, clergymen of this diocese not entitled to seats, visiting clergymen and candidates for holy orders, the officers of the diocese and the vestry of Chester parish were invited to seats as honorary members of the convention.

The president appointed the following committees: On rights of clergymen to seats, Rev. Dr. Barton, Rev. Messrs. Batte and Buck; on election, Messrs. Woolford, Coudon and Goldsborough; parochial assessments, Rev. Mr. Batte, Messrs. Purnell, Bateman and Williams; admission of new parishes, Rev. Messrs. Roberts and Ware and Mr. Lloyd; episcopal fund, Rev. W. Y. Beaven, Hon. J. A. Pearce; state of the church, Rev. Messrs. Hilliard and Schouler, Dr. Adkins and Col. McKenney. The convention then adjourned to 4.30 P. M.

At the afternoon session, Rev. Mr. Buck presented the report of Col. Thomas Hughlett, treasurer of the convention. Referred to the committee on accounts, as follows: Messrs. Robson, Hepbron and Willis. Rev. O. H. Murphy offered a resolution of thanks to Bishop Whittaker for services in the Southern Convocation. Adopted. On motion of Mr. Shouler, resolutions of the vestry of Augustine parish in reference to changing the parish church were referred to the committee on canons. Col. P. W. Downes presented a petition for a division of St. John's parish, Caroline. Referred to committee on new parishes. Rev. Mr. Batte presented a report of the committee on rights of clergymen to seats, showing 29 clergymen entitled. Rev. Mr. Buck presented the report of the Bishop Lay monument fund, showing that a monument costing $370 had been made and paid for, and that $93.67 remained in hand, which is to be invested, the interest to be used in keeping the monument in order, with other sums that may come in. Rev. Mr. Buck registrar of the diocese, presented his report, closing with a resolution asking for an appropriation of $10 a year, to be used for binding convention journals, which was passed. The secretary read the report of the standing committee of the diocese. Following is a summary from this report: Clergymen removed from the diocese, 2; received into the diocese, 5; died, 1; candidates for holy orders, 1; postulants, 1; lay readers, 3. On motion of Rev. Mr. Roberts, thanks were given Bishop Watson for services in the diocese. The secretary read a dispatch from the convention of Delaware, now in session at Newark, sending greetings. Mr. Coudon, from the committee on elections, reported 31 lay delegates entitled to seats. Among the lay delegates are such prominent men as Dr. R. C. Mackall, Col. Philip W. Downes, Dr. I. L. Adkins, G. R. Goldsborough, D. M. Henry, Jr., Col. Wm. McKenney, E. S. Johnson, E. S. Valliant, Wm. S. Walker, Col. Levin Woolford, H. B. Massey, E. C. Legg, Samuel M. Travers. On motion of Rev. Mr. Roberts, it was resoved that the first Sunday after Easter shall be known in this diocese as Hospital Sunday, and the offertory that day to be given to the Church Home in Baltimore.

BALLOTING FOR BISHOP.

At 6.15 P. M. the convention proceeded to the election of a bishop. Rev. Messrs. Buck and H. B. Martin were appointed clerical tellers and Messrs. Woolford and Legg lay tellers. Rev. James A. Mitchell nominated Rev. John S. Lindsay, D. D., rector of St. John's Church, Georgetown, D. C.; seconded by Rev. Wm. Schouler and Dr. Mackall. Rev. S. C. Roberts nominated the Rev. I. Nevett Steele, rector of Zion's Church, Wappinger Falls, N. Y.; seconded by James A. Pearce. Rev. F. W. Hilliard nominated Rev. James A. Mitchell, of the diocese of Easton. Col. T. W. Downes nominated Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D., of Grand Rapids, Mich; seconded by Rev. Mr. Ware.

REV. DR. LINDSAY ELECTED.

On the second ballot, which was taken at 9½ P. M., the vote was: Lindsay, 14 clerical, 17 lay; Steele, 7 clerical, 10 lay; Fair, 1 clerical, 1 lay; Martin, 1 clerical, 3 lay. Necessary to a choice, clerical 12, lay 16. The president announced that Rev. John S. Lindsay, D. D., was elected. On motion of Rev. F. B. Adkins, the election was made unanimous by a standing vote. Dr. Lindsay is an eminent clergyman, and stands high in the diocese of Maryland. He is about 45 years old, has served several years in Georgetown and was once chaplain of the United States House of Representatives. He was notified by telegram of his election.

Thursday Morning Session.

Before the session of the convention closed last evening a response to the greeting of the convention of the diocese of Delaware in session at Newark was sent by telegraph by the secretary.

After the religious services at 10 o'clock the convention was called to order by the president. The secretary read the following telegram from the Rev. Dr. Lindsay, elected bishop last evening:

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1. 1887.

To the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, Secretary of the Convention Diocese of Easton:

Deeply sensible of the honor done me by the convention, but am unable to accept the bishopric.

JOHN S. LINDSAY.

No comment was made, and the convention settled itself down at once to a day's hard work at important business. The order of the day, the report of the board of diocesan missions, was called for. It was read by the Rev. Dr. Barber, and the treasurer's report was read by Dr. I. L. Adkins, the treasurer. Dr. Adkins read the report of the trustees of the Episcopal fund, which showed that the diocesan investments for the support of the bishop had been wisely managed. Secretary Mitchell read the report of the clergy relief fund, of which Gen. E. L. F. Hardcastle is treasurer. There is to the credit of this fund $4,742.04, an increase during convention year of $447.13.

The following diocesan officers were elected:

Standing Committee—Rev. T. P. Barber, D. D., Revs. F. W. Hilliard, James A. Mitchell, S. C. Roberts and A. R. Walker.

Treasurer of the Convention—Col. Thos. Hughlett.

Lay members of the Board of Diocesan Missions — Dr. I. L. Adkins, Dr. J. E. M. Chamberlaine.

Trustees of Episcopal Fund—Dr. I. L. Adkins, George L. Goldsborough, William S. Walker, Gen. E. L. F. Hardcastle, H. H. Dashiell and Col. Edw. Lloyd.

Trustees Clergy Relief Fund — Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, Rev. F. B. Adkins, Gen. E. L. F. Hardcastle and Dr. John C. Earle.

Managers of Diocesan Trust Fund— Rev. W. Y. Beaver, Col. Thomas Hughlett, J. F. Bateman and Dr. I. L. Adkins.

Reports from the committee on canons gave rise to extended discussion. At the last convention a proposition to put laymen on the standing committee was referred to the committee on canons, and it brought forth two reports at this convention. The majority report, prepared by Mr. Jas. A. Pearce and signed by him and Rev. W. Y. Beaven, was first read. It discussed at length the whole question in the history of the church and closed by offering a resolution discharging the committee from further consideration of the subject and providing that there shall be no change in the present canon, which provides that the standing committee shall consist of five clergymen. The minority report prepared, signed and read by Rev. E. J. Stearns, D. D., went likewise into an exhaustive consideration of the whole subject, historically and argumentatively, and proposed a resolution to amend the canon so that the standing committee shall hereafter consist of five clerical and two lay members. Probably two stronger, abler and more scholarly papers than these were never presented to a convention of the diocese of Easton. The motion to amend the canon so as to provide for lay representation on the standing committee was discussed at length and lost on a *viva voce* vote.

The committee on canons also proposed canon 27—a new canon providing that lay delegates to the diocesan convention should bear as credentials a certificate of their election by the vestry signed by the registrar or a warden of the parish, with an affirmation signed by the delegate, of his belief in the christian religion, of his attachment to the Protestant Episcopal Chuach and of a profession of membership therein, and that a lay delegate, who presented himself without such credentials, should not be admitted to a seat or a vote in the convention. The passage of the canon was advocated by the committee on canons, by Rev. Mr. Mitchell and Rev. Dr. DuHamel, and opposed by D. M. Henry, Jr., Wm. S. Walker, Rev. Dr. Bryan and Rev. Mr. Buck. The opponents put their arguments on the ground that a canon was unnecessary as the present system worked well, and that the convention was the judge of the qualification of its own members. The proposed canon was defeated. The convention at 2 o'clock adjourned until 4.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After divine services at 4 o'clock, the president announced that the standing committee had confirmed the election of the Rev. William Schouler as dean of the Northern Convocation in place of the Rev. Lewis Walke, deceased.

Mr. James A. Pearce offered the following resolution, which was unanimously passed, Rev. Mr. Roberts being in the chair:

WHEREAS, Since the death of our beloved bishop the administration of the diocese has largely devolved upon the president of the standing committee, and this convention desires to recognize his faithful service in that behalf; therefore,

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Rev. Theo. P. Barber, D. D., president of the Standing Committee, out of the interest of the Episcopal fund, the sum of $150 for each of the years '86 and '87.

On motion by Rev. Mr. Schouler the consent of the convention was given to changing the parish church in Augustine parish, Cecil county, to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Chesapeake City.

The order of the day, the election of a bishop, was announced by the president of the convention. After silent prayer, and the reading of collects, Rev. T. P. Barber, D. D., nominated Rt. Rev. Wm. F. Adams, D. D., late missionary bishop of New Mexico, resigned, now rector of a parish at Vicksburg, Miss. Seconded by Rev. Jas. L. Bryan and others. The highest recommendations of Bishop Adams were read by Dr. Barber from Bishop Dudley, of Kentucky, Thompson, of Mississippi, Gallaher, of Louisiana, and many others.

Rev. H. B. Martin nominated Rev. Jas. Nevett Steele, of New York.

Rev. Mr. Walker, from the committee on the report of the trustees of the Episcopal fund, presented the report of that committee. They say upon a careful examination of the trustees' report and the lists of investments furnished by the treasurer, several noteworthy facts are apparent. The prudence and success of the trustees in the care of this most important fund are manifest by the statement that the investments have a market value of some $2,000 above par. The fund has reached a point at which the bishop's salary of $2,500 per annum is reasonably secured. The resolutions, that for at least one year the assessment on the parishes of $360 for the Episcopal fund be confirmed; that no delinquents be reported this year, with the understanding that all parishes remit their assessments for the year ending with the convention of 1888; that the list of assessments be published in the next journal; and thanks to the trustees, were adopted.

The tellers reported the returns of the election of a bishop as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, clerical 22; lay 28; necessary to a choice, clerical 12, lay 15. Dr. Adams received 15 clerical and 17 lay votes; Mr. Steele 5 clerical and 7 lay; Dr. Martin 2 clerical and 3 lay. The president announced the election of Dr. Adams as Bishop of Easton, and the election was at once made unanimous, and the president and secretary were directed to notify him of his election.

The Right-Rev. William Forbes Adams, D. D., was born in Ireland, 1833. He came to the United States in 1841, was ordered deacon in 1859, ordained priest July 29th, 1860, consecrated first missionary bishop of New Mexico and Arizona in St. Paul's, New Orleans, January 17th, 1875; resigned his jurisdiction in 1876, which resignation was accepted in October, 1877. He is now the rector of Holy Trinity Parish, Vicksburg, Miss. Upon his election as missionary bishop, Dr. Adams started for his diocese. When at or in vicinity of Shreveport he found a large number of persons leaving Louisiana and Texas and suffering from yellow fever. He stopped with them ministered unto them and nursed them until he himself was stricken with the fever, which so broke down his general health that when he reached his immense missionary parish and entered on his duties, he found his physical condition such that he could not do the work, and was obliged to resign as the only chance for restoration. It is known now that his health is completely restored. Dr. Adams is a learned man, an eloquent speaker, a conservative churchman, and a hard worker. His election is eminently satisfactory and it is believed and devoutly hoped that he will accept.

Mr. T. K. Robson presented the report of the committee on accounts; the secretary the report of the Home for Friendless Children, and Rev. A. Battee the report of the committee on parochial assessments. Rev. W. Y. Beaven and Rev. Charles E. Buck were elected clerical members of the advisory board of the Home of Friendless Children. The present board of managers and officers of that institution were continued. The report of Mr. J. E. M. Chamberlain, treasurer of the Home, shows receipts for the year of $4,098.70; expenditures $2,091.47; and investments of $1,990.00.

It was directed that a memorial page to the Rev. Lewis Walke, deceased, be put in the journal.

On motion of Dr. T. H. Williams it was resolved that the next annual convention be held in Cambridge on the first Wednesday in June, 1888.

On motion by Rev. Dr. Stearns it was ordered that when the convention adjourns it adjourn subject to the order of the president. Adjourned to 8 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

At the evening session after evening service Bishop A. A. Watson preached from the text, "I am not mad most noble festus, I speak the words of truth and soberness." The convention was then called to order and Rev. F. W. Hilliard read the report of the committee on the state of the church. There were reported, adult baptisms, 81; infant, 411; confirmations, 128; communicants added, 199; Sunday-school teachers, 220; scholars, 1580; general offerings, $[illegible] 15; parochial, $27,098.47. The report says "The church in this diocese is alive and at work. In proportion to her means for diocesan and parochial objects are not stinted."

Rev. Mr. Roberts, from committee on admission of new parishes, reported favorably on the application for the division of St. John's parish, Caroline, the new parish to be known as Holy Trinity, Greensborough. Rev. W. Y. Beaven opposed the division, and Mr. Ernst, lay delegate from St. John's, favored it. On motion of Rev. Dr. Bryan further consideration of the report was laid over for one year.

At 10 o'clock P. M. the convention adjourned *sine die*.

Since the demise of Bishop Lay and previous to the meeting of the present convention, five bishops have been elected and declined.

The first bishop of Easton, Bishop Henry Champlin Lay, died September 17, 1885, and since his death, at special, adjourned and regular conventions, there have been five elections of a bishop, resulting each time in a failure to get a diocesan.

The first special convention met at Easton November 18, 1885. For bishop the Rev. Drs. Lindsay, Smith, Nicholson, Barber, Fair and Colt, and Rev. Messrs. Hilliard, Gilfillan and Hubbard were voted for. The Rev. George Williamson Smith, D. D., of Hartford, Conn., was elected on the third ballot, the vote being: Smith, 19 clerical and 18 lay; Lindsay, 7 clerical and 13 lay, and three clerical and one lay scattering.

Dr. Smith declined and an adjourned session of the convention was held at Cambridge December 16, 1885. On the seventh ballot the Rev. Chauncey C. Williams, of Augusta, Ga., was elected, having received 16 clerical and 11 lay votes; Dr. Lindsay, 6 clerical and 20 lay, and four clerical and one lay scattering.

Mr. Williams declined, and at the regular session held at Elkton June 2, 1886, the Rev. Kinloch Nelson, D. D., was elected bishop on the second ballot, the vote being: Dr. Nelson, 19 clerical and 22 lay; Rev. A. B. Baker, 5 clerical and 10 lay, and two clerical and one lay scattering.

Dr. Nelson declined, and an adjourned session was held at Salisbury August 26, 1886. On the third ballot the Rev. Alexander T. Drysdale, of New Orleans, was elected bishop, having received 13 clerical and 15 lay votes, to 10 clerical and 14 lay for Rev. Campbell Fair, D. D. Mr. Drysdale died before he received knowledge of his election. Subsequently, at another special convention, held at Centreville, the Rev. J. H. D. Wingfield, missionary bishop of Northern California, was elected, and also declined.

Edesville and Vicinity.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The village has put on a new garb. Dwellings that have heretofore been renovated with a coat of lime have, seemingly, received extra touches and present an appearance becoming and tasteful. Front yards have been replenished with flowers and shrubbery exceeding by far former seasons. Mr. Purnell Jump has repainted the store and dwelling occupied by him, thus greatly improving the corner. Miss Helen Burgess is putting the finishing touches on her handsome dwelling on Locust avenue, and as the avenue has been widened and straightened recently, she with the rest of us present thanks to the commissioners and supervisor. The new minister of the A. M. E. Church has ordered lumber with which to finish the church and says the work must go on. Bishop Wayman backs him strongly. Mr. T. H. Stavely has also taken the spirit of improvement on South street and has in process the painting of his dwelling, and is doing the work himself. This will very much improve the immediate neighborhood, also offer something new for his and Tom's children to talk over.

Miss Annie Trew, our school teacher, is very busy preparing her scholars for an entertainment prior to closing the school for vacation. It is rather an encouraging feature to see the children so generally bending over their studies.

Last Monday afternoon a young lady and gentleman got left at Tolchester, but succeeded in getting a ride to the village, spent the night and otherwise enjoyed the hospitality of one of our neighbors.

Our blacksmith and wheelwright shops are full of work as usual and Messrs. Wagner and Casey are happy.

Mr. Wm. K. Judefind in the vicinity has recently purchased from the herd of the late Samuel L. Shoemaker a very valuable Jersey cow and calf, registered stock. He has had them in possession several days and is quite pleased with his bargain. The price paid we learn was $150. The difference in quantity and quality as a milker, compared with his ordinary cows, is very great.

On Tuesday last Mr. Wm. Y. Baker lost a valuable two-year-old colt from being torn and lacerated by becoming entangled in a wire fence. And so it goes. Let's tear down all kinds of fencing so long as post and rails are no longer to be had.

The old arch at Hyland's run is in a very dilapidated and precarious condition. Arrangements have been made for a general overhauling of it, and Captain H. C. Hadaway has received orders to go to Havre de Grace for stone with which a sure foundation may be laid.

The young ladies and gentlemen of Wesley Chapel are anticipating a grand time at the festival which is to be held on the church ground on the 8th and 9th of this month. They will endeavor to make it as successful as on any former occasion. If any should stay away thinking ample provision will not be made for a large assemblage, they surely do not know the managers.

The relatives and friends of Miss Eva Gresham and Miss Belle Coleman are anxiously awaiting their return home next Monday for vacation from the Normal School. Their examination at the close of the scholastic year did them great credit indeed, so that relatives and friends need feel proud. Miis Lillie D. Shaw returned home last week having finished the usual course, graduating with high honors.

The doctors don't seem to have any business here, except to pass through, back and forth, and we are truly glad there is general good health with us, reckon our turn *will* come for they too must live.

OBSERVER.

Items from Betterton.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Our fishermen are about done shad fishing for this season. They have had a pretty fair season, shad plentiful and prices good. We are glad to see our fishermen make a good spring's fishing, as they are at heavy expense.

Our friend, Chas. M. Bryan, left us last Monday on his sailing yacht, "The Dude," for Tolchester Beach, where he may be found at almost all times with a smiling countenance and a kind word for those looking for pleasure on the water. "The Dude" is a very neat, roomy little yacht, nicely painted and fitted up for the summer sport at Tolchester. In fact, she looked so pretty when she left that we suggest to our friend that she be called "A Daisy" instead of "The Dude."

Miss Alice Crew has been visiting friends in Baltimore for some days. Mrs. John Young, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brice, Mrs. Laura Crew and daughter Katie, Messrs. William Owens, Jos. Owens, Thomas E. Brice, Charles P. Norris, George Crew and John Holson spent a few days with friends in Baltimore last week.

Mrs. Annie Young took a trip to Philadelphia some time ago, but was back again in time for our festival. Miss Emma Crew is visiting friends in Philadelphia this week.

The Betterton M. E. Sunday-school was very successful with their festival, which was held some time since at this place. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Sunday-school library.

Mr. John Owens, of this place, met with a painful little accident some time ago while riding a bicycle. He acknowledges that he is not an expert with the *animal*, and was riding along very nicely when it ran over the side of a little ditch and *kicked up*, throwing the young man headforemost to the ground. As he was falling he threw out both arms to catch himself, but sprained both of them in doing so—one very badly.

Horace Brice is having a nice porch built to his dwelling, which will be quite an improvement. TREBOR.

Items from Still Pond Creek.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Mr. C. H. Hurd has the best field of corn in our neighborhood. There is a fine prospect for a good crop of peaches.

Mr. E. P. Janvier is improving the farm tenanted by Mr. A. Hickman with a new barn; the work is being done by Messrs. Dorrity and Kernan. Mr. J. has put up three new barns since the spring of 1885.

The dam known as Parsons' mill dam is being widened to the full width of the public road. It is one of the greatest improvements that has been done in the third district.

Wheat is looking well; the farmers expect to harvest about June 20. EDGE.

Still Pond Agricultural Club.

CLUB ROOM, May 28, 1887.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Club called to order by the president. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Committee on baskets report progress—first-class stave, board-bottom baskets now offered at five cents, with prospect of being lower. A gift berry crate is offered that will hold 32 quarts for 32 cents, filled with quart boxes; a shaving off of this price indicating that we are on the road to gift packages of all kinds in the near future.

Under the head of questions H. Krusen asked for the proper time to cut clover.

G. W. Price, W. D. and E. B. Pennington all advised cutting when one-third of the heads were dead and discouraged cutting second crop except for cows, as it would give horses the water-brash. G. W. Price pronounced water-brash salivation, having the same effect as salivation from an overdose of calomel, which decision rather terrorized our farmers, who will in the future eschew this provender. How fortunate to have a scientific individual as a member.

We discussed the bureau of information and distribution scheme a week ago and most of our members allied themselves with it then. It came up to-day for a share of comment.

G. W. Price was disposed to pick holes in it. Now, Messrs. Editors, I defy your ablest lawyers in Chestertown to produce an instrument of writing that our club cannot demolish in a few minutes when Bro. Price is present. Such men are necessary in every organization; it sets us to thinking; gets up profitable discussion; probes to the very bottom any measure; corrects errors; prevents entanglements in the future; causes headlong, over-zealous members to pause and reflect ere they leap and in many cases prevents trouble. So, all honor to Brother Price, we need a regulator and have got one, and we believe he likes the business — this is commendable, for who does not admire him who loves his honorable calling? There is enough of this instrument yet to make a respectable paper and I am sure that the executive committee of the bureau will act on his suggestions and modify or alter some of its provisions so as to meet the views of all good peach growers, and that there will be but few who will not join us in the movement. And by the way there is a fair prospect of this scheme becoming national in its character—the Chicago Exchange and Distributive Club invites cooperation; the San Francisco organization reaches out her hands and asks all similar bodies to fraternize, and still they come. It remains yet for Worton to come in — glad to receive her and will welcome her with open arms. Let us combine the whole fruit growing fraternity and make one grand national organization that will ramify every available nook and corner of our country; that all its members may avail themselves daily of telegrams, giving reports of all shipping points however distant. The advantages of such a scheme or method would put millions into the pockets of the growers in this country. The Chicago organization saved to its members last year 27 cents per package on all produce it handled. A national organization would increase the efficiency of this plan; competition in the different markets could be modified if not altogether prevented. The sooner we achieve this desired end the better. No time like the present to begin. We need not expect perfection at first; some rough places will have to be levelled; the wheels will run smoothly only after repeated trial and amendment.

EUSEBIUS.

Letter from Millington.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The local preachers and exhorters of the Wilmington conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held its session here May 27, 28 and 29. There was from fifteen to twenty present. Rev. W. W. Morgan, of Concord, Del., is the president; Rev. Mr. Dill, of Templeville, secretary. The session opened on Friday, 21th ult., with a sermon by Rev. Geo. W. Bounds, of Dover, Del. The entire day Saturday was given to discussion of live questions provided by curators. Five services were held on Sunday. The love-feast at 9 o'clock lasted until 11 and was one of unusual power. At 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. N. Roe, of Smyrna, Del., preached a fine sermon from the text "Beloved now are the sons of God." The children's meeting was addressed by a number of the ministers. At 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. Daniel Graham, of Newport, Del., preached to a crowded house. The visit of these gentlemen made it very pleasant for our people, who will welcome them whenever they come. Before adjourning a set of resolutions was offered and passed, thanking the resident pastor, Rev. R. K. Stephenson, for his courtesy and kindness in providing them with comfortable homes and also thanking the people.

The Young People's League, of the M. E. Church of this town, gave a public entertainment on Tuesday evening, May 31. The program was very entertaining and instructive—prepared by the library committee, Mrs. J. E. Jackson, Misses Ollie Price and Lelia Talbot. Some fine selections of music were rendered, interspersed with reading. The unusual features in such entertainments were the concert reading of a scripture lesson and a blackboard sermon. The membership of the society is over fifty and nightly receiving accessions. This society is holding the young people and training them for usefullness in the church and community. Mr. Stephenson's labors are apparently producing good fruit.

Dr. Stone, wife and daughter, direct from New Mexico, are visiting Dr. Fower.

Ex-Gov. Cochran, of Delaware, paid our town a visit one day last week for the purpose of buying a horse, which he did. We were glad to see him looking the picture of health, standing as erect as a young benedict, with a quick, elastic step that would kill a lazy young man, and, only think, he is in his 78th year. Gov. Cochran is a large real estate owner in New Castle county. In 1867 his real estate was valued at $25,800. The valuation was made by the U. S. Assessor, to pay the war debt assessed in 1862. His real estate in this county consists of farms of 263 acres, 174 acres, 252 acres, in all 689 acres; all well-improved. He has abandoned peach-growing as a business.

Wm. M. Johnson, justice of the peace and acting coroner, discharged the jury of inquest in the Deborah Bradshaw case. In discharging them he thanked them very kindly for the assistance they had given him and for the promptness with which they assembled when requested to do so.

Strawberries have put in their appearance, but are not so good as last year.

My dear sirs, our town is free of politics. Should there be a scarcity of candidates—should the slate be broken—rebroken and broken again, Millington has two or three gentlemen that can fill the bill for either house. They know all about fish and fishing.

We were told when we were a small boy, "Your bait is not good; nor you don't know how to bait your hook." We think the party had better procure good bait and good fishermen or that other fellow may go home with the catch. M. R.

General News Items.

Cardinal Gibbons sailed from Queenstown for New York in the steamship Umbria last Sunday.

Cambridge merchants have agreed to close their stores at 8 o'clock P. M., from June 1 to September 1.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has affirmed the decision of the lower courts that the tax on mortgages cannot be collected.

Editor William Dorsheimer, of the New York *Star*, proposes to raise by popular subscriptions $124,000 to complete the monument to General Grant.

A Carlisle correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* states that the "Bohemian oat" sharpers, at a low estimate, have swindled the farmers of Cumberland, Adams and Franklin counties, Pa., out of $500,000.

The New York *Sun* put the present population of New York city, with comforting exactness, at 1,688,323. This would probably raise the American metropolis to the rank of third among the great cities of the world, surpassed only by London and Paris.

The Eastern Shore Telephone, running from Stevensville, Kent Island, through Quennstown, Centreville, Church Hill, Price's Station, Ingleside, Merrickton and Templeville, is advertised to be sold at sheriff's sale in Centreville to-day.

General Buckner's candidacy for governor of Kentucky has developed the fact that when General Grant was in financial trouble he offered him his check for $20,000 for personal use. The offer was declined, but Gen. Grant often referred to the incident as one which pleased him highly.

Counterfeit silver dollars are in circulation. They are said to be a good imitation, but are much lighter than the genuine. The penalty for knowingly passing counterfeit money is a long term in the penitentiary, and we would advise everyone of the danger of trying the experiment.

The Baltimore *Sun*, speaking of Decoration Day, says that in some instances ex-Confederates united with the ex-Union veterans at the invitation of the latter, and it is gratifying to note a steady increase in the fraternal spirit which should alone prevail in honoring the memory of those on both sides who fought for what they believed to be right.

The inspection, parade and review of the police force of Baltimore city on Tuesday afternoon, says the *Sun*, was a complete success. The appearance and movements of the men reflected credit upon them and upon the efficiency of their drill-masters. Not a single break occurred from the moment the companies were drawn up for inspection until dismissal after the review.

Senator Ingalls is reported in the Boston *Herald* as having remarked recently: "I have no hesitation in saying that granting the right of suffrage to the colored people has proven an absolute and unqualified failure." This confession from so thorough a radical republican as Senator Ingalls is significant of his disgust at the changes in the colored vote that the later Southern elections have shown.

Protectionists are sometimes ungrateful. Notwithstanding the fact that ex-Speaker Keifer, of Ohio, "put three Pennsylvanians on the committee of ways and means that Pennsylvania might have anything she wanted on the tariff," yet recently, when his house was robbed and thieves "took away lots of silverware," a Philadelphia republican paper bluntly expressed regret "that they did not carry off Keifer himself."

The New York *World* of Wednesday prints an elaborate account of a visit made by a correspondent to Mr. Blaine at his house in Augusta, Me., and afterwards at his cottage at Bar Harbor, in the course of which Mr. Blaine gave fully his plans for his forthcoming trip, discussed the false reports of his failing health, and referred at length to the work he has bestowed upon the books just finished. He says his visit abroad will extend over more than a year, and doubtless beyond the time of the meeting of the next national convention.

Benjamin Biscoe, on trial in Charles county for the murder of Captain Dixon, of the sloop Mary J., has been convicted of murder in the first degree. This is the second conviction, the Court of Appeals having granted him a new trial after the first conviction, and the case was removed from St. Mary's to Charles county. Biscoe confessed after the first trial that he committed the murder and threw the body into the Potomac river.

William H. Carroll, proprietor of a notorious resort near the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Station, known as the "Casino," was shot through the head Monday morning by Robert Frankford, bar tender in the adjoining National Hotel. The wound will prove fatal. Carroll was the aggressor, and went into the National Hotel to take vengeance on Frankford, against whom he had a grudge. Frankford has been arrested.

The national drill at Washington closed on Monday. Whilst all localities furnished fine examples of soldierly proficiency, the record made by the South is especially creditable. The Lone Star State carried off the prize in the individual competitive drill. The other winners in this contest were Charles T. Conrad, company B, Washington Light Infantry, and Sergt. J. R. Wagner, company A, Louisville Legion, all Southern men. The first prize for long range rifle shooting was won by Lieutenant Pollard, of the Washington Light Infantry; Captain Chisholm, of Garrett county, Md., winning the second. The Belknap Rifles, of San Antonio, Texas, and the Lomax Rifles, of Mobile, Ala., were universally applauded for their fine appearance and excellent performance.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—The Baltimore papers of yesterday quote as follows:

WHEAT—Fultz, 95c.@96c. for fair to good; Longberry, 96c@97c. CORN—White, prime, 51c.@51c.; yellow, 49c.@49c. OATS—35c.

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I HAVE an IMPROVED CONCAVE FORGING SHOE and a STEEL SHOE, VERY LIGHT, to which I wish to call public attention. All intelligent owners of horses can appreciate the importance of doing in the right way this matter of SHOEING, and they ought to be equally well-informed of the importance of using the BEST KIND OF SHOE. The Concave Shoe above mentioned, we think, is THE BEST ever invented to PREVENT animals from FORGING and the STEEL SHOE is used for the hind feet in connection with the Concave. ☞Call and see them.☜ I give personal attention to every horse and Guarantee satisfaction both in price and workmanship.

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May 14, 1887. Sole Agent for Kent Co.

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OF THE

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BUSINESS OF 1886.

REVENUE ACCOUNT:

Premium Receipts	$15,507,906.04
Interest Receipts	3,722,502.24
TOTAL INCOME	$19,230,408.28
Paid Death Claims	$2,757,035.97
" Endowments	559,075.01
" Annuities,