The Transcript.

SUBSCRIPTION, $1.00 PER ANNUM.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1899.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Will Close To morrow.—The Christmas entertainment of the Chestertown public school will be held in the school room to-morrow—Friday—afternoon, and will begin at two o'clock. All patrons and friends are cordially invited to be present.

Mr. Lambert Appointed.—Mr. William Ford, who will, commencing with the new year, take charge of the almshouse as superintendent, has handed in his resignation as a trustee, and Mr. Jas. W. Lambert, of the firm of Chapman & Lambert, Chestertown, has been appointed to fill the trustee vacancy.

Appeal Taken.—Hope H. Barroll, counsel for Joseph Guest in the suit for damages against the town commissioners of Church Hill, tried at the recent term of the circuit court for Queen Anne county, resulting in a verdict in favor of the defendants, has taken the case to the Court of Appeals. The grounds of the appeal has not been made public.

Stole His Chickens.—Some thief or thieves entered the hen-house of Mr. Alexander Crew several night ago and stole between three and four dozen chickens. Fortunately for Mr. Crew a portion of his poultry roosted in trees and were not taken. There is no positive clue to the thief, but the indignant farmer is prepared for an extremely warm reception for midnight visitors in the future.

Dr. Martin Accepts.—Dr. Henry B. Martin has notified the vestry of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, that he will accept the call to Chester parish. As is well known, Dr. Martin, who now holds a rectorship in Philadelphia, was called to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the lamented Dr. Stephen C. Roberts. Dr. Martin will come to his new charge about the first of February.

Verdicts Affirmed.—Judge Pearce was in Centreville last week and confirmed the verdicts of the jurors of condemnation of rights-of-way in the case of the Queen Anne Railroad. The award of the jury in the condemnation of the McCosh lot, at the southern end of Centreville, the proposed terminus of the road, was also confirmed. The awards were: McCosh estate, $110; C. C. Willson, $1,200, and W. T. Bishops, $850. The confirmation of these awards relieves the railroad of all obstacles to the building of the extension, as far as rights-of-way is concerned, and it is rumored that the work of construction will be commenced early next year.

An Irate Mother-in-Law.—George W. Wilson and Emma Mable, colored, launched upon the matrimonial sea last week under many discouragements. Augusta Mable, the mother of the would-be bride, looked with disfavor upon the suit of her would-be son-in-law, and when the couple set out to be married, Augusta, armed with a pistol, it is claimed, set out to interrupt the ceremony. Failing to find the couple, the marriage took place and Augusta went on the war-path in real earnest. When told that the mother-in-law was after him backed up by the vigorous logic of a five-shooter, the bridegroom called upon the law for assistance and had the mother-in-law arrested.

Frank Harris Pardoned.—Clerk Jas. T. Dixon yesterday received official notice of the pardon by Governor Lowndes of Frank Harris, colored. Harris on the night of November 7th, 1889, shot and killed Alfred Trusty and Edwin Brown, both colored. The jury recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the court, and he was sentenced to 8 years in one and ten years in the other case, a total of eighteen years. Executive clemency was exercised upon the condition that Harris leave the State and that he shall not return before 1905, the year when his sentence would have regularly expired. Under existing circumstances, the pardon of Harris, we are constrained to believe, was a mistake.

Mr. Crew's Home Entered.—Mr. R. S. Crew, a former merchant of Rock Hall, but now located at St. Michaels, had his house entered while he and Mrs. Crew were at church on Sunday evening of last week. When Mr. and Mrs. Crew and little son came home to their surprise they discovered that some one had been in the house during their absence. Doors which they had left closed were open, drawers and every place likely to contain money or edibles had been ransacked. As Mr. Crew has a fireproof safe at his store he kept no money about the house. A few pennies the little boy had in a box were taken, and so far as could be determined, this was the extent of the booty. The intruder had entered through a window, without breaking any fastenings, and had departed unseen and unheard.

Scott's Point Improvements.—Messrs. Crane & Trenchard Brothers continue to make great improvements to their Scott's Point property. They have just had put in, in addition to their already large boiler of forty-five horse-power, a seventy-five horse-power boiler; are having a heating plant put in for all of their working departments, and a complete electric lighting plant. Two large drying sheds, one 150 feet by 24 and one 64 feet by 24, are being finished, and other material changes are being made. Tracks for their lumber cars have been laid out to the end of the wharf giving increased facilities for handling raw material and manufactured products. When the present improvements are completed these gentlemen will have one of the finest plants on the Eastern Shore. They have orders now in hand, and commenced operations on Tuesday to continue through the winter.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Benjamin F. Price, formerly pastor of the M. E. Church of Centreville, and one of the oldest ministers of the Wilmington Conference in point of active service, celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday last week.

A successful rally of the Easton District Group, was held at Sudlersville on Wednesday of last week. The following churches form the group: Sudlersville, Church Hill, Salem, Burrisville, Crumpton, Kenton, Millington, Marydel and Ingleside. Kent was represented by Rev. Clarence Jones, of Worton, who led the afternoon devotional service; Miss Anna G. Lambert, who gave a masterly discussion of the Mercy and Help Work in Country Chapters; Rev. J. M. Arters, of Fairlee, who discussed a Model Cabinet Meeting, and Mr. M. W. Thomas, who conducted the evening devotional service. Rev. E. C. Sunfield, president, presided.

The quarterly conference of Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, has tendered to Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., pastor for the past three years, an unanimous invitation to return another year. Dr. Smith accepted the recall conditionally that it should meet with the favor of the conference.

Asbury M. E. Church at Smyrna, has extended an unanimous request for the return of their pastor, Rev. Charles A. Hill, for the third year.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† To-day is the shortest of the year.

† The annual Farmers' Institute for Kent county will be held at Kennedyville, Friday, January 19th.

† For the office at Pomona, Kent county, W. S. Trew has been selected as postmaster, vice J. C. Davis, resigned.

*†*A farmer from near Tolchester said on Tuesday that wild geese are injuring wheat in the fields along the bayshore.

† Many persons of Kent witnessed the eclipse of the moon on Saturday night. Ninety-nine per cent. of the moon's surface was covered.

† Messrs. Jere and Robert Godwin, and Commissioner John E. George, represented Queen Anne in an inter-county shooting match between Queen Anne and Caroline, at Sudlersville, yesterday.

† Mr. Clarke, a prominent business man of Baltimore, who committed suicide by shooting himself in the street, last week, was a cousin of Prof. Edward J. Clarke, of Washington College.

† Soot in the chimney at the Water street home of Mrs. W. N. E. Wickes, ignited on Saturday afternoon and caused an alarm of fire to be sounded. The house was filled with smoke and a large crowd collected, but no damage was done.

† Mr. M. Wilber Thomas, the local representative of Charles T. Westcott, Esq., moved into his new office on Monday. The office is neat and spacious, and is situated only a few feet from Mr. Westcott's old place of business. Wm M. Slay, Esq., has moved into the office from which Mr. Westcott moved.

THE KENT EARTHQUAKE.

Caused by the Firing of a Great Gun at Fort Carroll.

The supposed earthquake or explosion which was perceptibly felt in every section of Kent county, at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, it is, in view of later developments, fair to suppose, was caused by the firing of a 12-inch gun at Fort Carroll.

The firing was done to test the gun carriage and implacement. The first shot was fired at about 11 A. M. in the direction of North Point. The projectile weighed half a ton and the amount of brown powder used was 485 pounds. So great was the concussion that a small wooden house used by the engineer corps, about 70 feet to the left of the gun, was almost completely wrecked. Capt. Peter Leary, who was present, said that all of the windows were shattered, the lids of a stove in one of the rooms were thrown out of their places and the coal and ashes were swept through an open door several feet away. It is estimated that the first shot went 8,000 or 9,000 yards. Another cannon, similar to the first, was tested about 2.45 P. M.

The first shock was very perciptible throughout Kent county. Prof. E. J. Clarke, who was hearing a recitation in the "Middle Building," Washington College, states that the vibrations were truly startling. Teacher and students were alike frightened. Windows rattled, doors shook, and the roof sounded as though it were being torn off.

Cashier W. B. Copper and Teller E. F. Perkins, Jr., of the Second National Bank, were writing at the same desk, and state that the desk rocked and the electric light fixtures swayed as though they would fall.

The same reports came from every section of the county. The shocks were felt more severely in heavy brick buildings.

Mr. James Brown, of near Church Hill, says that it was plainly felt at his place.

COLLEGE HAS CLOSED.

The Pierias Entertain in Pleasant Style.

On Saturday evening the Pieria Literary Society of Washington College, very pleasantly entertained the faculty of the college and the members of their brother societies, the Mt. Vernon and Philomathean.

The guests were met at the door of the College Chapel, where the exercises were held, by a committee consisting of the president, Miss Beauchamp; the recording secretary, Miss Wright; the corresponding secretary, Miss Peterson, and the treasurer, Miss Irma Eliason, the vice-president, Miss France, being unable to be present on account of sickness. After a very cordial greeting the visitors were ushered to their seats by a committee consisting of Misses Sunfield and R. Eliason.

At 7.30 P. M., the appointed time, the officers marched to their places upon the platform, the roll was called, each member responding with a short verse from Tennyson, and the following programme was rendered in a very interesting manner:

Organ voluntary, Miss Catlin; The Pierian (the Society paper), Miss Barber; Biography of Tennyson, Miss Hines; Declamation, Miss Dutrow; Select Reading, Miss Williams; Essay, Miss Vickers; Solo, Miss Woodcock; Declamation, Miss H. Toulson; Declamation, Miss C. Jones; Essay, Miss I. Eliason; Essay, Miss Munnikhuysen; Select reading, Miss Woodcock; Solo, Miss Wilkins. At this point the exercises took a very novel turn, but one which added pleasure to this already pleasant occasion. A "Tennyson contest" was held. Short extracts were read from the poems of this noted writer, and the person having stated correctly the greatest number of the poems from which these extracts were taken, was declared the winner. The judges, after examining the papers, decided in favor of Mr. McDorman, and he was presented by the Socie y with a very neatly bound volume of Tennyson's works.

While the papers were being examined, the guests were favored with a declamation by Miss Amye Russell, a former member of the Pieria Society, and a graduate of the Normal Department of Washington College. Refreshments were then served, after which the visitors departed, much pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The Pieria Society is to be congratulated upon the success which crowned their efforts on this occasion, and the expressions of those present, showed that their work was not unappreciated.

Literary work has never been wanting at the college, and the young ladies have certainly shown that they can favorably compete with their fellow-students in this respect.

The college formally closed on Tuesday morning for the Christmas holiday. About thirty of the students and Prof. and Mrs. E. J. Clarke, left for their homes via the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The essays delivered by the members of the graduating class at the morning exercises were of a most creditable character and very interesting. The subjects of the papers were:

C. C. Gum, Universal Disarmament; H. Staunton Brown, A Modern Martyr; R. E. Jones, The Progress of America; P. T. White, The Philippine Problem; A. T. McDorman, Our Belated Progress in Art and Letters; J. Wilson Sutton, The Sin of America; Miss M. A. France, Twilight.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

A Sparring Contest.

The first public sparring match ever held in Stam's Hall, will take place to-night. It is distinctly stated that the "bout" will not be a "prize fight, but purely a scientific exhibition of the manly art of self-defence." Mr. McCue has been in town since Monday, and has been practicing for the "go" with Mr. Greenley, the blacksmiun in the shop of Mr. Samuel Hicks. The Kent county champion of the "manly art" is far from slow, and this contest is expected to be the most interesting and spirited of the list arranged for the evening's entertainment. Soft gloves will be used, but a peculiarity of these very soft, cushiony playthings, is that with sufficient motive power behind them, a pretty hard lick may be landed.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Walker, and Miss Nelie Walker, left on Friday for St. Louis, Mo., where they will spend the winter, with their daughter, Mrs. Walter Beck, and their son, Mr. Wm. S. Walker, Jr.

Miss Sophie Beck is the guest of Baltimore friends.

Mr. Harry Anthony, who has been quite sick, is much better at this writing.

Miss Fannie B. Woodall, of Georgetown, took a prominent and successful part in an attractive farce presented at the closing exercises of Western Maryland College last week.

Mrs. George H. Snitcher and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, have been visiting friends in Baltimore. Miss Elizabeth Snitcher is the latest recruit to the Queen Anne Kodak Club, and is an enthusiastic "kodakist."

Christmas day will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church by Mass at 8 A. M. At St. John's, Rock Hall, Mass at 11 A. M.

Mrs. Ringgold, mother of Mrs. C. T. Denroche, now eighty years old, was in Chestertown on Tuesday, and greatly enjoyed looking at the preparation for the Christmas season.

Dr. C. W. Reid and Prof. A. B. Burris left yesterday morning for a gunning trip in North Carolina. Mr. Wilbur Eliason desired to go, but could not. He loaned the gentlemen his fine bird dog.

Mr. W. O. B. Knight, who has been extremely ill, had rallied somewhat yesterday.

Mr. John W. Corey is rather better than last week, but is still in a critical condition.

Miss Clyntonia Gladys Legg, daughter of Col. William Henry Legg, has contributed a charming little poem—Heart Graves—to a Baltimore society paper. One verse is as follows:

We make a grave in our fainting heart
And lay our idol low,
And water the mound with bitter tears,
For our joy is chanted to woe.
At night when we seek our couch to sleep,
The ghosts of our hopes of rise,
They visit us in the lonely hours,
With their weird and deathless eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown will entertain their friends between the house of eight and eleven o'clock this evening, at their home, Radcliffe.

Miss Therese Fell Raymond, of Still Pond, was married to Mr. Omar Howard Carrington, at the Epiphany Chapel, Philadelphia, on December 16th, at 11.30 o'clock A. M. Rev. Gasherie DeWitt Dowling officiated. No cards in the county. Mr. Carrington is a prominent young journalist of Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. H. Hurtt has been spending several days in town.

Miss Florence Green spent last week with friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. J. F. Thompson, spent last week in Baltimore, visiting friends.

Mrs. J. W. Edwards, has been at the bedside of her son, Mr. Wm. B. Edwards, near Hanesville, for the past two weeks. Mr. Edwards' condition is greatly improved at this writing.

Miss May Hurlock, who has been in the South for Armstrong & Cator during the past several months, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fallowfield, daughter and son, of Templeville, spent Sunday as guests of Mrs. M. Fallowfield, High street.

Mr. Harry Barnett has obtained employment as motorman on the electric street railway in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Rose Coulter, of Baltimore, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Rose Frazier, Mill street.

Mr. Philip Miller has obtained employment as conductor on the street cars in Philadelphia.

Mr. Cyrus F. Howard and Miss Rosa McIntrye, were married at the home of the brides parent's, on Kent street, on Wednesday evening, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. D. W. C. McIntyre, of Palmyra, an uncle of the bride, officiated.

Mr. George R. Crew, of Betterton, will, on Wednesday, January the third, marry a young lady of Baltimore city. The marriage will be very quiet. Mr. Crew is one of the popular proprietors of the New Chesapeake House, and is one of the owners of a prosperous mercantile business at Betterton.

Miss Lelia Nelson Ware, of Massey's, a graduate of the Woman's College, class '99 will be one of the attendants at the marriage of Miss Minifred Estelle Cowles, who graduated at the college in, '97. The wedding will take place at Derby, Conn., on December 28th.

FOR OLD KRIS.

His Little Friends Make Known Their Wants for The Christmas Stocking Through the Press Mail Bag.

Genevieve Dixon, Chestertown: Dear Old Kris, please bring me a tricycle, a dolls slate, book, lead pencil, candy and nuts. Please don't forget my little brother.

Marion A. Dixon, Chestertown: Dear Mr. Kris, please bring me a drum, a horn, a soldier cap, a pair of reins, a whip, a slate and pencil, lead pencil, a companion, a book and lots of candy and nuts, apples and oranges, and anything you may please to bring.

Katharine Baird Hopper: Dear Old Santa Claus, don't bring me any stiff doll, but bring Evalina a baby carriage, and sister, down in Florida, some chocolate candy, and bring me a little wooly cow to 1405 John St., Baltimore.

Walter Darrell, Masseys: Dear Santa Claus, It is very near Christmas and I thought I'd write and tell you what I would like to have. Papa and Mama say I want too much, but I don't think I do, so I will tell you what I want. I want a pistol and caps, some apples, candy and nuts and oranges and bananas. I go to school every day. I would like to have a pair mittens. I am out of my first grade and reader and ready to go in my second reader. I would like to have a gum ball. I believe this is all I can think of this time.

Herman Darrell, Masseys: Dear Santa Claus, It is very near Christmas and I thought I'd write and tell you what I would like to have. Papa and mama says I want too much but I don't think I do, so I will tell you what I want. I want a Noah's Ark, pistol and caps and gun, candy, nuts, oranges and bananas, and as I go to school every day I would like to have a pair mittens. I'm out of my first grade and ready to go in my second reader. Don't forget my little brother Willie. I would like to have a gum ball. I believe this is all I can think of at this time.

Little Miss Lillian Taylor, Rock Hall: Dear Santa Claus, please bring me a desk with a blackboard, trunk and a lock bracelet, and some confectionories. Please bring my sister Ethel a fur.

Melvin Hersch, Rock Hall: Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a little pitch fork, a wheelbarrow and a train of cars, and if I am not asking too much, you can bring me a butcher knife to help Uncle Abe to kill cows. Don't forget my candies and nuts.

Marguerite Hersch, Rock Hall: Dear Old Santa Claus, I thought I would write and ask for a few things. I would like to have a writing desk, a little stove, a little bed room suit for my doll, some nuts and candy, an apple and an orange.

Carlton Thompson, Still Pond: Dear Mr. Kris, I hope you will bring me a pair of skates, a velocipede, some nuts and candy, and some bananas, and a rattle for baby.

Bomie Sutton, Still Pond: Dear Old Kris, I want two horses to a wagon and a horn and a drum, and some candy and nuts, and 6 oranges.

Louise Toulson, Still Pond: Dear Old Kris, I am a little girl 9 years old. You know where I live, that is, you have been coming here every year. I would like you to bring me a nice large doll and a little table and chairs with it. I have a little brother. He wants some things, too. You can bring me some candy and nuts and some oranges.

Howard Toulson, Still Pond: Dear Old Kris, I am a little boy 6 years old, and I can hardly wait for Christmas to come. I would like you to bring me a steam engine and little cars with it, and any thing you bring would be fit for me. I want some candy, nuts and oranges

Harry Huikel, Edesville: Dear Old Kris, please bring me a sled, a pair gum boots, an overcoat. From one of your little boys.

Alice Turner, Millington: Dear Old Kris, please bring Thomas a baby and a wagon to ride it in. Percy wants a wagon and a market house. I want a coach and a story book, a little baby bed for my big doll, and I would like to have one of those little swings to swing my doll in, if you do not think it is too much for me. We want some candy and nuts. I want you please to trim our tree.

Ellen Pauline Copper, Kennedyville: Please bring me a stove, set of dishes, baking pans to go with the stove, a gold ring, candy, nuts and oranges, and my little sister an unbreakable doll.

Ruth E. Robinson, Still Pond: Will you please bring me a bottle of cologne, a pair of mittens, a facanator, and that is all.

P. S.—Don't forget Mrs. Ellis.

Ernest H. Robinson, Still Pond: Dear Old Kris, I will now write to you as it is near Christmas. Will you please bring me an overcoat, pair gloves, one pair boots, a train of cars, a money bank with lock and key, a goat wagon, and lots of candies and nuts. From one of your little boys.

P. S.—Don't forget Ma and Pa.

Willie Pratt, Still Pond: Dear Kris, I thought I would like to have a cat rifle and a box of bullets, some nuts and candies and a bunch of bananas, and please don't forget my teacher, Miss Sue Johnston. Don't forget Mama and Papa and the boys and girls.

P. S.—Don't forget the bad boys and girls.

Mabelle Money, Kennedyville: Dear Santa Claus, Please try and bring me a doll baby and a carriage to ride it in, a music box so I can play some music, and a black punch. Some candy, nuts, oranges and bananas. Kris, you will please bring these things to my grandmom's and I will be there. I am a little girl four years old, and can help my mamma work. I try to be good too sometimes. Please bring me all you can.

Frank Catlin Turner, Worton: I want a wheel-barrow, one with sides that come off, a pair of rubber boots and a sled, a scholars companion. I am going to go to school next spring; a spintop and a rooster that you blow, oranges, candies, nuts and any other good thing for one of your little boys. Remember all of the poor little children.

P. S. I have a little brother two years old, his name is A. Sydney Turner, Jr., bring him a pretty ball, a pair shoes, a little iron wagon like the one at papa's store, fill his little stocking full. F. C. T.

Maud Jester and Mable Jester: Dear Old Santa Claus—We are two little sisters, and will be thankful for anything you will give us We would like to have a little bedstead and a little cradle, and some candies and nuts.

Clayton Johnson, Sassafras, Md.: Dear Old Kris, I am a little boy seven years old. Will you please bring me an express wagon, a little horse stable and a set of dishes, candy, nuts, oranges, etc.

Allen Johnson, Sassafras: Dear Old Santa Claus, please bring me a horse and cart, nuts, candy, etc. I am two years old.

Fannie Johnson, Sassafras, Md.: Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl ten years old. I thought I would write you a little letter to let you know what I want you to please bring me. Please bring me a little writing desk, a doll baby bedstead and a couch and candy, nuts and anything else you can spare. I have a little brother named Allen. Please bring him a horse and cart. I am a good little girl. I will close, wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

George L. Starr, Galena, Md.: Dear Old Kris, I am a little boy 7 years old. Will you please bring me a drum, book, candy, apples and some nuts. O, I forgot, I wish a gun.

Susie Frazier, Chestertown: I am a little girl 7 years old. Will you please bring me a set of dishes, a sled, a game and a toilet box, some candy, oranges, apples and some nuts.

Lucy Frazier, Chestertown: I am a little girl 5 years old. Will you please bring me a set of dishes, a stove, some oranges, some candy and nuts.

Raymond Sutton, Chestertown: As all the rest of the little children are beginning to write I thought I would write to. Well Santa Claus, this year I thought I would like an express wagon, a train of cars, a pistol and anything else you want to bring me. I am a little boy four years old.

Leslie Duyer, Chestertown: I am a little boy 6 years old, I have been very good, go to bed early every night. I want an express wagon, box of tools and a drum and lots of candy and fire crackers.

May Duyer, Chestertown: Please bring me a large doll and a large baby coach and a little muff and mittens, and bring my little sister Ada a little doll and a little set of dishes and a book.

Roy Duyer, Chestertown: Please bring me an overcoat, pair of gum boots and mittens and a nice book, and be sure and not forget my little sister Ada, she wants a doll so bad.

Anna B. Smyth, Chestertown: I thought I would write and tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a doll baby and a swing for my baby and a bureau with a looking glass in it, also a gold bracelet for me. Mama thinks I have been a good girl this year and if you will bring me these things I will take care of them and be a better girl next year.

Wilbert, Blanche, Violet, Clifton and Pearl Kendall, five little motherless children: We are sorry to say we wont be home this Christmas. We will be at grandmas, 1718 W. Lombard street, Baltimore. We hope you will find us and bring us some useful articles and some candies.

Annie Shreck, Rock Hall: I thought I would write to you for something Christmas. I want a double slate and a picture book and a pair of mittens and some candy and nuts. I guess that is all I want. Don't forget my little sister and brothers.

Willie Shreck, Rock Hall: I thought I would write to you for something Christmas as I want a double slate and a picture book and a pair of mittens and some candies and nuts. I guess that is all I want and don't forget my little brother Alvin.

Lillian A. Granes, Rock Hall: Will you please bring me an express wagon, a bicycle and some candy and nuts. Please bring my little sister a baby house and a cradle and lots of candy. I have been awful good.

Delilah Granes, Rock Hall: I am a good little girl and would like to have a piano and a doll and a carriage and a little lamb. Bring me all the candy you can spare.

Rever May Smith, Rock Hall: I am a little girl 8 years old and in the 3rd grade. I want you to bring me a baby carriage and many other things. Please bring my little sister Marie some nuts. Please don't forget my school teacher, Miss Marie Camp.

Elmer E. Elburn, Rock Hall: I hope you will not forget me this Christmas. Please bring me a bisk doll with dark hair that will go to sleep, and a box of clothes for it and some candy and nuts. I will try to be a good little girl.

Gollie Wilkins, Rock Hall: I intended to write to you sooner but I have been very sick, but as I am now improving I will try and tell you what I would like you to bring me. A bicycle, pair of gum boots, set of gold studs and cuff buttons, set of tools and chatter box, and please do not forget my little brother Bartus, as I would like for him to have a carriage, set of gold pins for his dresses and a robe for his carriage. I will not ask you for any more this time as you have so many children to give.

Mack, Bezie and Nannie Ryan, Rock Hall: My, how rapidly time does fly! It seems but a few weeks since you left all those pretty dolls, music box and books, by which our hearts were made glad Xmas morn, 1898. We have them yet and prize them ever so much. Now, dear friend, although we know that the great wave of prosperity has blessed you with a large and full store house, we will not intrude upon your generosity so largely as heretofore. When you call at our home kindly leave for us a doll and rocker and two air guns. We also ask you to kindly remember our papa, mama, brothers and sisters. With best wishes for a long continuance of joy and peace. We are your little friends.

Jessie M. Thompson, Chestertown: Now, I take the pleasure in writing to you to let you know I have been a nice girl, and hope, if I am not asking too much of you, you will bring me what I want. I am well and hope you are the same. Please try and think of all the little girls and boys. Now, I will tell you what I want. Please bring me a writing desk, sled, pair of mittens, and if you have them to spare, a nice doll baby and carriage. Also please bring mamma, papa, sisters and brother something nice. Now Santa Claus I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Now I will close my letter to my dear friend Santa Claus.

Emily Frances Howard, Chestertown: I am nearly four years old and have been a very good little girl. Will you please bring me a doll, a very large one in white, a sailor boy in blue, a large picture book and all the good things to eat.

Barbara Elliott, Chestertown: Please try and bring me a boy doll, sled, gum boots, pair of gloves and a ring. I am a little girl, go to school and know my lessons. I think you might bring me what I ask for.

Ruth Lambert, Chestertown: I want you to bring me a doll, and doll carriage, and doll cradle, a picture book and a set of dishes.

Isabelle Lambert, Chestertown: I want you to bring me a pair of skates and some nuts and candy.

Nellie Westcott, Chestertown: I want you to bring me a doll baby, and bicycle, and book bag, and gum gossimer, and some dishes and a little stove, and a blackboard, and some candy and cake.

Louise Brown, Chestertown: I thought I would write to you and tell you what I want this Christmas. I want a orderharp, a pair of ice skates and some candy and nuts.

Rebecca Toulson, Chestertown: Please send Rebecca a white bureau with some doll clothes in it.

Merritt Brown, Chestertown: I want you to bring me a swetter and a pair of gum boots and some nuts and candy. I don't want anything else.

Howard Patten, Chestertown: Please bring Howard Patten a goat and wagon, foot ball, and candy and nuts.

Ida Orem Smith, Chestertown: I want you to bring me that large doll (in papa's store) with the blue dress on trimmed in yellow, also the blue piano, pink chair and table, and Charles wants a horse and carriage, and please Old Kris bring us all you can spare.

P. S. Bring Laurene a doll baby and carriage.

Sydney Groves, Chestertown: I have tried to be a good boy, if you can please bring me a book bag and express wagon and lots of candy and good things.

Harry Groves, Chestertown: Please bring me a box of tools and a horn.

Margaret Groves, Chestertown: If you will bring me a gossamor or desk I will try to be very good, and just as much candy as you can.

Frank Connelly, Chestertown: Please bring me a boat, horse and wagon, musical box, drum, pair of gum boots, and nuts and candy, and a horn, and doll baby for my little sister.

Hewett Patten, Chestertown: Please bring Hewett a wagon mule, horse, some nuts, candy, orange and a little whip.

Mamie Layman, Chestertown: Will you please bring me a fussy cap, an umbrella and veil, and a bell, and a Christmas tree, some candy and nuts. This is all I want this time.

Blanche Kilbourn, Lankford: Please bring me a table and doll and doll baby coach and a little stove, and bring my brother a hobba-horse and candy and orange, and me a pair of mittens.

Herbert W. Elburn, Rock Hall: I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know that I am in the same old place. Hoping you will be here this Christmas. I hope that you will have a larger load than you had last Christmas. I would like to have a cat-rifle and a box of bullets. I want some candy and nuts. That's about all I expect you are able to bring me. I will close my letter now, from a truthful boy.

Harry A. Hill, Kennedyville: Xmas is near at hand and I want to write you a nice letter saying what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a nice little pongum, little horse and wagon, pair leather boots, nice pony, little tin wagon, lot of good candy, nuts, oranges and grapes.

Mary Archibald, Kennedyville: Please bring me a ring, a doll baby, baby carriage, a piano, a table and some dishes, also some candy, nuts and oranges.

Nellie and Mabel Cleaver, Kennedyville: I now take the pleasure to let you know what I wanted. A gold ring and a doll baby. I have a little sister and she wants a doll baby and carriage and some candy and nuts and oranges and a Christmas tree.

Hartley C. Weer, Kennedyville: Please bring me an air rifle, a train of cars, a large drum, some books, some candy and nuts.

P. S. I forgot to ask you to bring me a Jack-in-the-box

Eva M. Burris, Massey: I want to write in time. We have moved and I am afraid you don't know it. We live this year right near Massey. Hope you wont pass the place. I want ½ doz. handkerchiefs, a doll, doll chair, nuts, candy and oranges. I have a little sister, please bring her something. She is very fond of books, you can bring her one if you have it to spare, and some candy and a baby to play with.

Linwood Burris, Massey: You will read sisters letter and know we have moved. Well please bring me a wagon, a rocking horse, a bank, some nuts, candy, oranges and cake.

Marie Johnson, Massey: I am a little girl five years old, will you please bring me a coach, kitchen, house, stove, set of dishes, doll, some nuts, candy, oranges and figs. I am a good little girl sometimes. I will close, wishing a merry Chriftmas and a happy New Year.

Richard G. Warren, Still Pond: I thought I would write to you and see if you will bring me what I want—an express wagon, orderharp and a story book, and anything you will bring me, and some candy, nuts and an orange. Bring our cook a dress.

Frank H. Webb, Locust Grove: I now take the pleasure to write to you and tell you what I want. I want some nice games, a football and a zither, and I want some candy, nuts cakes, lemons, etc.

Susie Hall, Locust Grove: I now take the time and pleasure to let you know what I want. I want a set of dishes and some candy, nuts, oranges and cakes. I think that is all. Will you bring them to me please?

Gertrude I. Emerson: Will you please bring me a girl doll, a table and tin set of dishes, baby coach, some nuts, candy and oranges and that is all.

Rela Burris, Cecilton: Will you please bring me a set of dishes, rocking chair, pair kid gloves, large doll that will open and shut its eyes, doll cradle, doll house, little organ and a doll table. I want my doll dressed. I want two doll chairs. Please bring me a pair skates, two story books and a doll coach also bananas, raisings, oranges, peanuts and figs. Please bring me a large bureau.

Grace Burris, Cecilton: I want you to please bring me a large doll that will open and shut its eyes, already dressed, a story book, a small bureau, a ring and candy, nuts, oranges, etc.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may use it and be benefitted.—Thomas C. Bower, Glencoe, O. For sale by M. A. Toulson.

STILL POND NOTES.

As Xmas approaches our minds revert back to the days of our childhood and with pleasant reminiscences recall old Santa Claus coming down the chimney filling the stocking to overflowing. Now that we are grown up we should not forget those pleasures but try and make glad and happy those we can. For such things as will make glad the hearts of both young and old one has but to go through the large stores of our town, viz: William Medders & Company, F. H. Harper & Son, Isaac Robinson and Miss D. H. Crossley. It is well worth the time to walk through these tremendous "department stores." The Xmas goods, are carefully selected from northern cities and beautifully and artistically arranged by skillful artists in their respective lines. The two stores employ about twenty five saleladies and salesmen for sometime previous to the holidays who are kept busy waiting on the throngs that flock here from all parts of Kent and from Queen Anne and Cecil counties.

The M. E. Sunday school is preparing for a Xmas treat and entertainment one evening during the holidays. The exact date has not been decided upon.

The earthquake shock was very perceptibly felt in our midst last Thursday, three distinct shocks being felt, one in the morning at eleven o'clock and two in the afternoon. Houses shook, windows rattled, and especially was this the case at the school house.

A wholesale poisoning of dogs took place here last week. No cause is given except that some one thought there were probably too many of the canine species in the town, as none of the victims of the poison had evinced signs of the rabies. Waif, the beloved pet dog of Miss Nellie Price and sister, Mrs. Katie Megee, died very suddenly about two weeks ago. This dog gave signs of a higher order of intelligence than that possessed by ordinary members of the canine family He was accorded a regular burial.

Several of our townsmen have recently bagged a number of wild geese.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. B. Schofield and Miss Ida B. Crowding, a popular young couple of our town, in Still Pond M. E. Church, Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th, at 7.30 o'clock.

Col. Raymond, Pres. of Smyrna Bank, was the guest of F. H. Harper, Esq., several days this week.

Miss H. Sue Johnson, first assistant in our school, spent Saturday in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Fennington have recently returned from a pleasant visit to Delaware friends.

Mr. Emmett Taylor, Jr., of near Coleman's, is very sick with the typhoid fever. His physician, Dr. J. W. Urie, reports his symptons more favorable at present.

Miss Blanche Allston, a bright scholar of our school, has been quite sick, but is much improved at this writing.

Mr. Geo. W. Atwell lost a valuable young horse last week under peculiar circumstances. He was out in the field driving up his horses when he rolled a stone along striking the horse on the leg, breaking it, necessitating his being killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gray and daughter, Miss Violet, have been spending a week visiting Delaware friends.

Our journal makes its weekly visit, and we hope like our calendar days, its list of subscribers is at its shortest, and may increase like those days in length—that you may be still a diligent searcher and fearless chronicler of current events that go to make up what is aptly called the world's great day-book—a good reliable newspaper.

Mr. C. G. Carey will set out his lot in Keiffer pears.

OCCASIONAL.

CHESTERVILLE NOTES.

Chesterville's Prize Turnip of 6½ lbs.

Mrs. Kate Downs fell down stairs last Thursday fracturing her wrist and receiving several severe cuts and bruises.

Dr. F. N. Sheppard reduced the fracture, and Mrs. D. is temporarily residing at Mr. Jarrell's. Her many friends will smypmathize with her and hope she may soon recover. The Dr.'s carriage was tied near a low pitched shed and the horse being frightened dashed forward, completely smashing the top, though he still remained fastened. The accident occurred at Mr. Jarrell's.

Mr. John Nowland has been very ill, but we are glad to hear is much better.

Mr. C. H. Jarman, brought to our village a turnip weighing 6½ lbs., thereby excelling the one raised in your town, which, as reported in the *News*, weighed 5½ lbs.

Rev. Mr. Knott, of the Baltimore Christian Advocate, and Dr. W. W. Smith, of Randolph Macon College, have been on a visit to us and greatly amused and instructed the large audiences assembled to hear them. They came in the interest of a Christian work. Their services were procured through our pastor, Rev. J. E. Wilson, who goes at his work in a quiet, easy, but intensely earnest way. "Smooth runs the water when the brook is deep."

There will be many removals from our village the incoming year. Mr. Curlett goes to Millington. His neighbors will find him a first-rate fellow. Mr. E. S. Bratton goes on Mr. Alday Clement's farm, near Crumpton. Mr. B. will faithfully perform whatever task is assigned him. Mr. E. G. King goes on Mr. Stonewall Johnson's farm near Masseys. Enoch has been Mr. Jarrell's right hand man for nine years, and will be missed by Mr. J. We cordially welcome Mrs. S. E. T. Starr and family back to her home here which she left nearly ten years ago. Mr. Glenn Anthony and Charles Spry leave the Armstrong farms. Charley goes with his father-in-law, Mr. Frank Cacy, to Queen Anne; Glenn goes with his father at the mill near Galena. They are both excellent citizens and will be missed by us.

Respectfully yours,

J. F. Thompson,

Opposite Stam's Hall.

MARRIED.

CARRINGTON—RAYMOND.—Married, at the Epiphany Chapel, Philadelphia, Pa., by Rev. Gasherie DeWitt Dowling, on December 16th, 11.30 A. M., Therese Fell Raymond, of Still Pond, Kent County, Md., and Omar Howard Carrington, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania No cards in the county.

DIED.

MAUL.—Mrs Sarah Maul, wife of Mr. Chas. F. Maul, died at her home near Crumpton, in Queen Annes County, last Saturday, after a lingering illness of consumption, aged 47 years. A sorrowing husband and nine small children are left to mourn her loss. Funeral services were held on Monday.

ROYAL Baking Powder

Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking pow