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LOCAL MATTERS.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE.

Wm. S. Walker, Jr., and Wm. W. Beck, administrators—Valuable Personal Property—Thursday, March 29th.

Mrs. Mary R. Walker, and William W. Beck, Attorney—Valuable Household Goods and Furniture—Thursday, March 29th.

Hope H. Barroll, trustee—Two valuable farms—Tuesday, April 17th.

Cold Weather Records.—A citizen of Chestertown, in referring to Monday's cold, stated that in the fifties he walked across Chester river at Chestertown on the ice, on March 25. Mr. J. R. Clements states that navigation closed some years ago on March 17 nd remained closed for three days.

Huntsmen Aroused.—A variously signed petition has been sent to the Legislature, asking that a law be enacted to the effect that any one who shoots a fox in front of a pack of hounds be punished by a fine or imprisonment in the county jail. No penalty is asked for killing a fox when not being run by the hounds.

The Ten Pin Girls.—A number of gentlemen of Chestertown, on Tuesday received a dozen gold-plated (?) baby pins with a request that they remit 30 cents in return. The pins, it was claimed, were sent by a company of ten Chicago girls who are intent upon "making a living." Many of the gentlemen kept the pins and remitted the 30 cents.

Rock Hall Harbor.—Mr. Hope H. Barroll, accompanied a large delegation to Washington last week, and made a strong speech in behalf of the desired improvements to Rock Hall harbor. It is proposed to obtain a channel through Swan Point bar 150 feet wide and 12 feet deep, a channel of the same depth inside the bar and 190 feet wide and 12 feet deep over the bar.

Lost their Vegetables.—The freeze of about three weeks ago was the most destructive of the past winter, so far as the damage done to vegetables is concerned. Florist Wm. Kirby lost about $75 worth early cabbages and other plants. Mr. Elburn, the extensive vegetable grower at Whaland's mill, states that his loss was about $100 in winter cabbages. Similar reports come from other sections.

A Rough Experience.—Undertaker J. N. Dodd, had a rough experience while superintending the funeral of Mr. L. C. Justis, on Sunday last. He drove forty-five miles before he could stop to feed his horses; was caught on the road in a blinding snow storm and was compelled to put in for the night at Middletown, Del., twenty-eight miles from home. The fine pair of black horses driven by Mr. Dodd were given a severe test but brought him through alright.

Base-Ball Games Scheduled.—The Washington College base-ball team has already scheduled four games with strong clubs. May 19, with the Druid Athletic Club; May 5, with Druid Outing Club; June 2, with St. Johns College, and June 16, University of Maryland. Prof. A. B. Burris has been elected captain of the team and the players have commenced strong practice work. Manager Staunton Brown is busy booking games for the season, and is to be congratulated upon his excellent work so far.

Farm Rented.—Mr. Frank H. Greenwood this week rented the farm, until recently occupied by the late William S. Walker. Possession will be given immediately after the sale of the personal property, which will be on March 29th. Mr. Greenwood will engage in the growing of truck, small fruits and poultry on a large scale, for which the land and surroundings are admirably adapted. The new tenant of this old homestead is one of the most widely-known and successful truckers in the county.

The Act of Brutes.—One of the most brutish outrages reported in the history of local crime, occurred at Winchester, in Queen Anne county, on Saturday. Four young men secured a supply of whiskey, caught the 11-year-old son of a Mr. Renshaw and poured whiskey down his throat. After making the unfortunate boy drunk he was placed in a canoe, and the boat, under a stiff breeze, was headed across Chester river, toward the Kent county shore. The boat capsized and the boy was about to drown when seen and rescued by an oysterman. About the time his clothes were dry the four young brutes who had made him drunk again seized him, beat, kicked him all over the body and broke his leg. The men then escaped.

A Member of Patriotic Orders.—Miss Caroline M. Anthony, whose interesting articles in the TRANSCRIPT descriptive of life in Cuba during the Spanish—American war, will be well-remembered, has since become a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the United States Daughters of the War of 1812. Miss Anthony had many thrilling experiences as a nurse in the army camp, and rendered splendid services to hundreds of suffering soldiers. Immediately after her return she came to Kent and recuperated at the home of her brother, near Chesterville. Miss Anthony's latest experience has been as nurse of that unfortunate young Philadelphia heiress, Miss Josephine Wright. This young lady was taken to a Boston institution for treatment, and while there an effort was made to secure the appointment of a guardian for her, and from this one of the most celebrated cases of the kind in the country arose. Miss Anthony is Miss Wright's nurse, endeavoring to win her back to health and strength.

Real Estate Transfers.— Clerk Dixon has issued the following deeds for the transfer of real estate since the last list printed in the Transcript: Madison Brown, trustee to John C. Johnson, lot or parcel of land in Crumpton; consideration, $425. J. R. Clements and Susan A. Clements to Mary Anna Brown and others, house and lot of land on Queen street, in Chestertown; consideration, $1,000. Mary A. Murray to Arianna H. Startt, lot of land at Worton; consideration, $211.50. George Wright to Alphonzo Rasin, lot of land on road leading from Millington to Buck Neck; consideration, $20. John S. Constable and Estella I. Constable to Alice A. Constable, interest in farm near Galena, on Sassafras river; consideration, $500. Joseph E. Harbison and wife to Florence E. Jester, tract or parcel of land and building in Betterton; consideration, $25, etc. Thomas S. Clements to Teresa E. Clements, the "Pierce Farm" or "Medders Farm," consideration $1,500. Minnie E. Hodges and Richard Hodges to Lemuel H. Downey, parcel of land in what is known as Dembeigh; consideration, $25. Peter G. Miller and wife to Perry H. Landen, et al., trustees, lot of land on Princess street, Chestertown, consideration, $320.

Silk-Skirt Craze.—What is termed the silk-skirt craze has taken possession of the rank and file of Kent county ladies. Hundreds of them, ambitious to wear an eight dollar silk skirt at a cost of twenty-five cents, are in the field campaigning for the sale of coupons. A big Philadelphia house some time ago started this endless chain of silk skirt purchases, and it now sweeps on like a mighty river, and within a few months when returns from the coupon sales come in, such a rustling of gorgeous silk underwear as was never before dreamed of will be heard from one end of Kent to the other. The crusade has invaded every school district and many households. The clever scheme of the Philadelphia house is, to send out, upon receipt of a coupon and $1.25, five coupons to the sender of the money and the coupon. When these five coupons have all been sold at twenty-five cents and are received at the Philadelphia headquarters, each one accompanied by $1.25, then the original sender receives the silk skirt, and so on to the end of the chapter. Some of these bewitching silk creations have already reached Chestertown, to the unutterable delight of their recipients and the unutterably envy of those who have not. The Smyrna *Call* says: "A number of the ladies of Chestertown have been victimized by the endless chain system of a silk dress for ten cents." The *Call* is altogether wrong. The ladies are not victimized at all,—they consider that they are getting the any on the Philadelphia people.

SHELDON'S PAPER.

Showing the World How Christ Would Edit a Newspaper.

Commencing with Tuesday morning, Rev. Charles M. Sheldon assumed full control of the Topeka *Capitol*, to show to the world how Christ would edit a newspaper were He now on earth. It is estimated that one hundred persons in Kent subscribed to the paper, but up to yesterday not a single copy had been received. This is due, probably, to the enormous subscription list. With a normal circulation of 15,000, up to Wednesday the subscription list had growen to 360,000, with new names coming in at the rate of 25,000 each day.

The first item of Tuesday's issue was a prayer by Bishop Vincent, of the M. E. Church. All editorials and important items are signed by the writer. Advertisements of ladies' corsets were excluded, all notices of fraternal orders are cut out and no advertisements of merchants outside of Topeka are taken. All sporting news of a questionable nature are refused, though a Y. M. C. A. bowling contest passed muster and got in. Advertising space is charged for at the rate of $26 per inch for the one week. All of his editorial and reportorial staff have sworn off from the use of tobacco in any form. The suicide of Senator Pfeffer's son was admitted.

THE LADIES AT WORK.

Town Improvement Again Taken up by the Ladies' Association.

The members of the Chestertown Ladies' Improvement Association, met at the home of Mrs. Hope H. Barroll on Friday, and organized for a further prosecution of the work commenced more than a year ago. Kent square, symmetrical in its outlines and already green and beautiful in its spring carpet of green; together with the handsome fountain in its centre, attest the success of last year's work.

At Friday's meeting committees were appointed to collect dues from subscribers, to outline ways and means for securing funds for further improvements, and for other detail work.

The ladies have an offer of a handsome drinking fountain for persons and horses, the only expense attached being the furnishing of water, grading the square and other necessary incidentals. This fountain will be placed at the end of the square in front of Stam's Hall and so placed as to be accessible to all. This feature should appeal with great force to the citizens of the country who visit the town and they will be asked to contribute to the water fund.

The sprinkler was one of the prominent subjects for discussion at Friday's meeting, and it is proposed, if possible, to secure this long-needed want during the trying and heated summer months. Mrs. Avis Vannort, Mrs. T. R. Hubbard, Mrs. Joel R. Clements, Miss Clare Vannort and Miss Beulah Hayes all enthusiastic advocates of the sprinkler, were appointed on this committee. The money raised last year for the sprinkler remains in bank and will not be used for any other purpose than that for which it was specifically contributed. A supper and some other entertainment will be arranged shortly after Easter, having in view the raising of money to defray current expenses. The citizens can well afford to be generous in their contributions to the improvement and beautifying of the town.

The members of the Ladies' Town Improvement Association are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. B. F. Fleming, Water street, at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon. Business of importance.

In the Courts.

The county commissioners were in session on Tuesday, pursuant to adjoinment, with full board present. The following business was transacted and bills passed:

Mrs. W. T. Matthews, taxes in error	$7 13
Mrs. Sarah E. Senart, taxes in error	8 41
J. H. Sides, repair clock	1 00
H. Theo. Jewell, salary	7 25
Wm. A. Whitaker, mdse	1 50
Eliza F. Lockerman, road work	20 85
C. W. England, road work	16 52
Wm. C. Townsend, road work	1 50
National Building Supply Co	16 18
Charles Miller, road work	2 60
J. R. Ferguson, undertaker	3 50
Robt. R. Hill, road work	67 87
Wm. Pinder, road work	21 81
James Sheats, road work	1 00
J. L. Crew, road work	53 81
Joshua Bryan, clerical work	100 00
George Stevens, road work	5 30
Wm. Stauffer, road work	22 00
Robert H. Latham, road work	8 87
Philip L. Hurd, road work	14 67
Wm. P. Garey, road work	11 62
Ivanhoe Willis, road work	13 37
W. J. Porter, constable	1 35
Mrs. Eliza Legg, pension	15 00

ORPHANS' COURT.

Court met with full board present. W. B. Usilton, administrator of James E. Blackiston, deceased, returned report of sales and assets of the personal estate of said deceased, which was filed, approved and ordered to be recorded.

Order passed on petition authorizing Francis X. Kraft, administrator of Henry A. Kraft, deceased, to take the personal property of said deceased at the appraised value as returned in the inventory. Ordered that Charles H. Davis, administrator of Charles H. Davis, deceased, be authorised to expend the sum of $25 for necessary comforts for children of said deceased. After examining and passing sundry claims and without further business, court adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 20th.

WITH OUR ADVERTISERS

ROBERT W. LUSBY.

Mr. Robert W. Lusby, an extensive breeder of fine poultry, has purchased nine fine cockerals from Kulp and Bradley Bros., two of the most noted breeders of fancy poultry strains in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Two of these birds are prize winners, and all of them are fine. Mr. Lusby will have some of the finest stock birds and eggs in the country to offer to his patrons.

The Stam Drug Co.'s advertisement of garden seed will be found in another column in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT. This firm has for years had, and still has exclusive control for Chestertown of the celebrated Landreth's garden seed. None better or more reliable.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† Annie E. Bateman, of Chestertown, has been granted a pension of $8 per month.

† There were more persons in town on Tuesday than on any day since Christmas.

† The E. A. Ford is being repainted and overhauled preparatory to spring business.

† Mr. R. R. Hatcherson commenced plowing on Tuesday and is the "early bird" so far heard from.

† Mr. Edward Jones, of Chestertown, has invented a new device or handle for carrying peach baskets.

† Mr. John H. Clendaniel has ordered a fine short-horn bull and several heifers, from the blue grass regions of Kentucky.

† The old steamer Josephine Thompson, which broke into at Travillas wharf several years ago, has been sold for the junk heap.

† Monday, March the twelfth, was the anniversary of the great blizzard of 1888. It was as a result of this storm that Roscoe Conklin lost his life.

† Mr. B. H. Coburn, of Rock Hall, has raised a 9 months and a half old turkey which weighs 33 pounds. Rather a toothsome bird, and one difficult to beat.

† Capt. Daniels, light-house keeper at Love Point, was taken ill last week; the steamer Endeavor was signaled, and he was taken to the Hopkins hospital for treatment.

† Conductor W. F. Blyman was painfully injured about the head on Tuesday by striking a post as the result of a miscalculation as to distance while on his train.

† The sale of the real estate of Mr. Simon Grollman, advertised in the TRANSCRIPT to take place on Tuesday, did not come off, different arrangements having been made.

† Mr. A. J. Hynson will not give possession of his Queen Anne farm, recently sold to Mr. Anthony, until January 1, 1901. All crops of this year were reserved.

† Sunday night's cold wave and snow storm came as one of the weather surprises of the season. The thermometer registered as low as 8° above zero on Monday morning.

† The first fish-hawk of the season arrived at Chestertown on Tuesday, March 13. This is several days ahead of time, as doubtless the hawk also thought on Thursday morning.

† Mr. R. C. Morgan, of Rees Corner, laughs at Mr. Silcox's fourteen chicken record. Mrs. Morgan has nearly a hundred young chickens, among them a number of broilers and fryers.

† A large band of Gypsies passed through Chestertown on Saturday. Many favor the passage of a law prohibiting the camping of these people in the county. Certainly no good comes of their visits.

† The B. S. Ford will commence her new schedule on Monday, leaving Chestertown at 7 o'clock A. M. instead of at 8 o'clock as formerly. Her lower river wharves will be reached one hour earlier than under the old schedule.

† Mr. Frank Sappington, of Rock Hall, has purchased a Baltimore pacer which can turn off a mile with ease in 2.25. Mr. Sappington will be glad to meet some of his friends on Coburn's tract during the balmy hours of Easter Monday.

† Tom Chambers, the colored man who drove the team on the night of the great storm in which Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Culp had such thrilling experiences some weeks ago, has been a complete physical wreck as a result of the exposure. He is a victim of rheumatism and can scarcely walk. Mr. and Mrs. Culp suffered no ill effects.

CHURCH NOTES.

Homes for ministerial and lay representatives from Kent to the M. E. Conference have been arranged as follows, for the session in Wilmington, March 21-30: T. J. Shallcross with T. W. Shallcross, Rev. W. B. Guthrie with H. T. Sergeant, Rev. E. P. Roberts with Melville Gambrill, Rev. E. C. Sunfield with E. B. Riley, Rev. D. F. Waddell with H. S. Goldey, Rev. J. M. Arters with I. T. Parker, William B. Copper with Rev. C. A. Grise, W. B. Coleman with H. T. Sergeant, J. C. Davis, Asbury Church; J. W. Harper with E. H. Spencer.

The Church Visitor, the neat little publication issued by the Chesterville church, is a dainty and highly interesting church paper, and gives all of the news with many encouraging hints and suggestions.

An effort is being made by some of the Methodist churches to reduce the salaries of ministers and presiding elders 15 per cent. Several quarterly conferences have notified their pastors that they need not expect to return from the Wilmington Conference next week with their present salaries. The presiding elders of the lower conference districts receive about $1800 a year, and an effort will be made to reduce this pay. The Seaford Quarterly Conference has directed its representative to insist upon a reduction from $1800 to $1500.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

A Pleasant Programme at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The McKendree Missionary Society of the Chestertown M. E. Church, held its anniversary exercises on Sunday evening. The chancel was a bower of tropical beauty, while the pleasant program delighted the large audience present. The musical feature, in charge of Miss Anna G. Lambert, was as usual, a striking and pleasant success. Miss Lambert opened the programme by an organ voluntary, which was followed by an inspiring chorus by the school of nearly two hundred and fifty teachers and scholars. Prof. L. J. Smyth led in prayer, after which, the primary department, one of the most interesting features of the school work, gave a chorus of unexce lsed sweetness. These busy little workers are in charge of Miss Idel Baker, and most gratifying results have followed the work among the 'intensely busy bees. Mr. H. Staunton Brown, president of the society, then made an address full of encouragement and interest. After a chorus by the school, Mr. A. W. Davis, a successful Sunday school worker, of Wilmington, made an address, giving convincing statistics relative to the great work of missions. Miss Bertie Burchinal rendered a charming solo which was followed by an interesting address by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Sunfield. Collections were then taken up, after which Mr. D. H. Baynard, whose class won the banner by a collection of $10, in a neat speech, presented the trophy to the winners.

The orchestra selections were a most pleasing feature of the occasion. The orchestra was composed as follows: Messrs. E. W. Ringgold, flute; L. B. Russell, violin; D. P. Jones and Arlington Sparks, trombones; J. F. Thompson and R. H. K. Gill, cornets.

The solo, "Won't some one tell them," which was beautifully rendered by Miss Bertie Burchinal, was composed by Mr. W. C. Poole, formerly of Washington College, and set to music by Miss Anna G. Lambert. The class contributions for the evening amounted to $50, and for the year $150. The officers of the society are: President, Mr. Staunton Brown; secretary, Miss Barbara Anthony; treasurer, Miss Mabel Toulson.

FROM BLACK'S.

A pleasant social event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bramble, the occasion being the debut of Miss Fannie, their youngest daughter. Enjoyable music was furnished by Mr. Marcus Ascher, on the autoharp and organ, and Mr. Edward Bramble, on the violin. Several of Mr. Ascher's most amusing songs delighted those present. Dancing and other social pleasures were enjoyed until about 12 o'clock, when refreshments were served. Ice cream, cake, fruits and other dainties having been partaken of, the dance was continued until the wee sma' hours of the morning, when the guests left wishing for the fair debutante many returns of the happy occasion. Among others present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Sutton, Mr and Mrs. Thomas Bramble, Misses Mary Ruth, Fannie Bramble, Daisy Moffett, Linda Redding, Anna Foxwell, Anna and Bessie Hayes, Dora Todd, Mary Pennington, Susie Schofield, Lura Price, Ethel Stevens, Hettie Hill, L. Boyd, Fannie McIntyre; Messrs. L. Hayes, Jr., Robert and W. Dempsy, R. and E. Bonwill, Harry Boyer, Ervin and Bayard Vansant, Mr. Turner, Edward, Thomas and Robert Bramble, C. Price, E. C. McDernis.

Miss Eva Foxwell returned home on Saturday, suffering with a severe cold.

Mr. John M. Comegys is the lamb champion in this section. He has 16 ewes and 24 fine lambs. PROSPERITY.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. Sam'l W. Thomas, will be a candidate before the Philadelphia Conference, for the delegateship to the quadrennial conference, to be held in Chicago. Ex-Governor Pattison will be a lay candidate.

It has been positively decided that Mrs. Wm. S. Walker and her daughter, Miss Nelie, will make their future home in St. Louis. The personal property will be disposed of and the pleasant home near town will be rented.

Miss Helen Kent Shaw has returned to her beautiful home, Kentmere, after spending the winter in Philadelphia, and has as her guest Mrs. Butler, or Germantown, Pa.

Mr. W. H. Stewart, of Baltimore, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. W. H. Stewart, at White Hall, several days this week.

Mrs. C. H. Schuyler, the talented artist and writer, better known in the world of art as Rosalie Mitchell, will have her studio at Betterton during the present year, and will have classes in painting and French. She also proposes to have a class in drawing and painting in Chestertown. Mrs. Mitchell is an alumnus of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, and studied high art for three years in Paris. She is a native of Kent county, and would inspire her native countians with some of her love and enthusiasm for art.

Miss Slay, of Delaware, is visiting her brother, W. M. Slay, Esq., Queen street.

Judge Joseph A. Wickes and family returned on Saturday from Baltimore, where they have spent the winter.

Disappointed in love, a Chestertown swain will not marry this spring. Possibly he will some other spring.

Mr. Cornelius Tolson, a prominent young farmer, of Kent Island, was in Chestertown on business, on Monday. Mr. Toulson is an aggressive and up-to-date agriculturist, and it is stated he has for eight years made his farm pay him eight per cent. on a ten thousand dollar investment.

Messrs. Garrett Foxwell and J. M. Comegys, visited Mr. D. J. Noland, in Delaware.

Miss Sellers, of Bridgeton, N. J., is the guest of Miss Phoebe Maul, High street.

The condition of conductor Welch, who was so painfully injured about a mouth ago, continues to improve slowly but none the less surely.

Mr. James S. Harris, accompanied by Mrs. Harris, was in Chestertown on Wednesday, the first time for some months. Mr. Harris has been a great sufferer from rheumatism, but is much improved.

Arthur Bradley, after his protected and serious illness, was on the street for the first time on Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas Hill, of Baltimore, has spent the week in the county.

Miss Cora Rogers, of Baltimore county, and Miss Adell Roberts, of Ohio, are guests of Miss Katie Trew, in Quaker Neck.

The St. James Sewing Circle met at the home of Mr. John Gale last night. The storm prevented the regular meeting on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Beck elegantly entertained Mr. and Mrs. William W. Beck at supper on Thursday evening. About twenty persons were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gruber, after a pleasant bridal trip, returned to Chestertown on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Gruber received a hearty welcome from many friends. The TRANSCRIPT extends congratulations.

Miss Bessie Ball, of Princess Anne, is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Twilley, on High street.

Mr. William Willis, of St. Michaels, a brother of Mr. Thomas J. Willis, of Kent, has undergone a trying operation for cellulitis, but is reported much better.

Miss Bessie Graham, of Westminster, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Dodd.

Joseph Rasin, Jr., of Wye Island, won the booby prize at an entertainment given by the Queenstown Whist and Euchre Club.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Lowe, of Baltimore, were guests over Sunday of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Richard Twilley.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING

An Enjoyable Program Rendered at Fairlee.

The Fourth Epworth League Sub-District Convention was held in Salem M. E. Church, Fairlee, on Wednesday, March 14th, when the following program was rendered:

10.00 A. M.—Mr. B. F. Rash conducted a delightful devotional service, after which the pastor and president of the local chapter, Rev. John M. Arters, extended a hearty welcome to the convention, making all feel entirely at home for the day.

At 10 30 the Holy Communion was administered by Rev. J. A. Arters, of Cecilton, and the District president to a goodly number of Christian Epworthians.

"Spiritual Aims and Evangelical Possibilities of the Epworth League," was the subject of a very interesting and profitable address by Rev. J. A. Arters

At this point the president asked for a count of all the representatives, and the secretary reported sixty-five present.

The paper read by Miss Anna G. Lambert on the "Three I Wills of the Pledge," was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Susan Hague made the 2 o'clock song and prayer service one of deep spiritual interest.

"How to Be a Soul-Winner," was the subject of a most helpful and carefully-prepared paper read by Miss Mary C. Burchinal. The Conference on Dying Leagues—Causes and Remidies, brought forth many practical and helpful suggestions. "Why I like the Epworth League," was the topic of a splendidly prepared paper rendered by Miss Florence Jewell. Rev. J. M. Arters conducted a half hour service with the Junior League, of which too much could not be said. It was unique, beautiful, instructive, religious.

Mr. Samuel Brown delighted the convention with his earnest address on "Dwarfs and Giants of the Epworth League." There was much to be remembered in the clear and thoughtful paper given by Miss Laura Greenwood, "The Quiet Hour," conducted by Rev. W. B. Coleman, proved helpful to Epworthians in their devotional life.

The evening service was one of great blessing to the people. The song service was truly inspiring. Rev. E. C. Sunfield preached the sermon. The consecration and testimony meeting that followed was participated in by at least one hundred persons. Thus ended a day of profitable services to earnest Epworthians. The church was beautifully decorated. The new organ, recently purchased, is a gem, and the ladies cannot be excelled in providing an abundance of good things to eat. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Arters, is a hustler, and has a hustling church with him. A number of Chestertown Epworthians attended the exercises.

DROWNED HIMSELF.

Suicide of Mr. W. K. Davis, of Galena.

Mr. W. K. Davis, of Galena, committed suicide on Saturday afternoon by drowning. He had been suffering very much lately from bladder trouble, and was heard to make the remark that if there was a river close he would drown himself. On Saturday morning he was suffering greatly and arose about 3 o'clock and went to W. A. Hyland's machine shop and stayed there until breakfast. He left Galena in the morning after telling Mrs. Ruth, with whom he boarded, not to wait dinner for him if he was not back in time. He was seen walking around the river shore at Rasin's wharf early in the afternoon. This was the last seen of him alive. Not returning home by night, a general alarm was given, and searching parties scoured the river shore and woods bordering on it. About ten o'clock an object was noticed about twenty feet from the shore on the Constable farm, occupied by H. C. Gray, distant three miles from Galena, which at first was supposed to be a log, but which proved to be the body of Mr. Davis. Attached to the corpse was a stone from a rope around his waist. The stone weighed 41 pounds. Further search revealed his hat, covered with leaves, in a hollow stump, and his cane near by.

It is supposed he had been all day trying to drown himself, but so many people were around that he could not do so without being seen. He was tracked all around the river and creek shore into the woods, where there was a pile of stone, from which he selected one. From there his tracks led directly to where his body was found.

Mr. Davis was about 65 years of age and was foreman of Hyland's machine shops for thirty years. He leaves a brother in Philadelphia, and a niece in Pottstown, Pa. A coroner's inquest was held on Sunday morning, which rendered a verdict of suicide by drowning. He left a note in his bureau to Mr. F. H. Ruth, asking him to settle his estate and give what was left to his neice and brother. No mention was made of his intention to kill himself. The note was dated March 8.

FARMERS ORGANIZE.

Tomato Contracts are now Being Signed.

Isaac Robinson has contracted at Chestertown for 125 acres of peas, at 2½ cents per pound; beans, 15 cents per peach basket, and tomatoes at $6 per ton, the grower to furnish baskets.

The Pearson Packing Company, of Baltimore, has contracted for tomatoes at ten cents per basket, settlements to be made weekly,—in other words, the contract of last year, which was so highly satisfactory to Kent county growers for this firm, has again been entered into with a number of Kent county growers.

A representative of George N. Numsen was over on Saturday and contracted with a number of the growers at Buck Neck at $6 per ton, the grower to furnish two-thirds and the packer one-third of the baskets.

No contracts were made for Gale's wharf. A representative of Mr. Numsen is expected over to-day, when it is expected that contracts for that point will be made.

It is thought that the Rock Hall cannery will be operated this season, but nothing definite will be known until March 20th, when Mr. Arthur will meet the growers relative to contracts.

The cannery at Black's has contracted for corn at $8 per ton.

Delaware farmers are taking a practical view of the much-talked of idea that farmers should go into aggressive organization for mutual protection. Here is the elaborate plan adopted by the tomato growers of Hartley:

"They declared they would not grow tomatoes under any other contract than the one given below. A pledge was also formulated and largely signed:

"This agreement entered into this 3rd day of March, 1900, between Mr. Farmer of the first part, and Mr. Canner of the second part, shall be in full force and effect until the crop of tomatoes for the year 1900, shall have been grown, delivered and accounts settled.

"1st. That the said Mr. Farmer, of the first part, shall grow and deliver to the cannery situated near Hartley, Del., for the said Mr. Canner, of the second part, all tomatoes grown on two acres of ground, more or less, in quality as good or better as follows: tomatoes to be not less than 1⅞ inch in diameter, ⅔ red, yellow or purple ripe and may include tomatoes having one half or more meat fit for human food or canning value.

"2nd. That the said Mr. Canner, of the second part, will receive and accept all tomatoes at his cannery situated near Hartley, Del., in quality already described, every day from 7 o'clock A. M. until 6 o'clock P. M., except Sunday, and Saturday after 12 o'clock noon, and will pay to the said Mr. Farmer, of the first part, the sum of ten cents, lawful money, per ⅝ bushel payable in two payments as follows: for all tomatoes delivered previous to September 15 or 20, and for the balance of crop November 20, 1900.

"3rd. That the said Mr. Farmer, of the first part shall set out ½ (1 acre) of his ground on or before May 20, the other ½ (1 acre) on or before June 20. No plants to be set after June 20, but the said Mr. Farmer, of the first part, shall not be held responsible for tomato plants destroyed by the elements or acts of God.

"4th. Any violation of this contract or agreement will impose a forfeiture of $50 lawful money.

"5 h That the said Mr. Canner, of the second part, will designate a number and will mark all baskets with this number coming to his cannery full of tomatoes from the said Mr. Farmer, of the first part, and will empty all baskets within 24 hours and keep the same separate from any other baskets.

"6th. That the said Mr. Canner, of the second part, will pay one dollar, lawful money, to the said Mr. Farmer, of the first part, it to be a part of the consideration to be paid for tomatoes to be delivered."

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Washington College to be Ably Represented.

At a meeting of representatives from St. John's, Maryland Agricultural, Western Maryland and Washington Colleges, held at the University Club in Baltimore on Saturday, March, 10th, the following gentlemen were named as a committee on composition to examine the orations of the contestants in the oratorical contest to be held in Annapolis, on the last Friday in April. These gentlemen are to decide upon the relative merit of the orations so far as subject matter is concerned:

Principals.—T. J. Williams, of the Baltimore *Sun*; Bernard C. Steiner, Enoch Pratt Library; Rev. C. Ernest Smith, D. D., rector of St. Michaels and All Angels P. E. Church, Baltimore.

Alternates.—1st choice, Judge J. A. Pearce; 2nd. Prof. A. Soper, Baltimore City College; 3rd. Dr. C. Birnie, M. D., Taneytown.

Judge Pearce was not put on as a principal on account of his close relationship to W. C.

The following were chosen as a committee on delivery, said committee to act on night of contest:

Principals.—Geo. R. Gaither, Esq., Baltimore; J. V. L. Findley, Esq., Baltimore; L. Irving Handy, Wilmington, Del.

Alternates.—J. Holdsworth Gordon, Washington, D. C.; Wm. Lewin, Baltimore; John P. Poe, Baltimore; Bernard Carter, Baltimore.

The orations have to be type written and submitted to the regular committee on composition by Thursday, April 5, 1900. A sealed envelope containing the name and subject of each oration is sent to the secretary of the association. Each oration is marked by each member of the composition committee and a sealed report forwarded to the secretary. These reports are to be opened in the presence of the representatives of the colleges on the night of the contest, and the marks combined with the marks of the committee on delivery furnish the averages by which the victor is selected. As before published in the TRANSCRIPT, Messrs. McDorman, as principal, and Sutton, as alternate, will represent Washington College in the contest.

Dr. Reid, of Washington College, has been invited by Examiner Duer, of Somerset county, to address the county teachers' institute which meets in Crisfield next Tuesday. Dr. Reid has accepted and will leave Chestertown on Monday to fill his engagement.

LYNCH'S ITEMS.

The farmers of this vicinity are contracting with Isaac Robinson for tomatoes for the coming season.

Miss Mattie Perkins, who has been confined to her bed all winter, has been somewhat improved, but at this writing is reported worse.

Mrs. Philena Clements, of Still Pond, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Crossley, our worthy postmistress.

Miss Linda Lusby, a popular young lady of this place, is ill in Baltimore with the diphtheria.

Miss Rebecca Kennard, is visiting Mrs. Lurty, in Queen Anne.

Mr. Frank Usilton and family have recently moved from Wilmington to our village.

The ladies of the Christian Endeavor Society, of Lynch's M. P. Chapel, held a birthday party at the residence of Mr. Samuel Mann, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th. Each person was requested to bring as many pennies as he was years old and from this a nice little sum was realized. Misses Clara, Elsie and Susie Mann, as usual, entertained their guests in a delightful manner by the rendition of vocal and instrumental music. Toward the latter part of the evening the couples repaired to the spacious dining room and partook of a grand repast. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Rash, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. Benton, Mrs. Atwell, Mr. and Mrs. John Copper, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mann; Misses Lizzie Hepbron, Florence Jewell, Delma Carter, Blanche Duyer, Bessie Ivens, Bertha Biddle, Nan Matthews, Elsie, Clara and Susie Mann, Jennie Coleman, Lottie Copper; Messrs. Harry Cacy, James, Stanley and Herbert Matthews, Benj. Rash, Frisby Newcomb, Frank Rouse, Harry and George Williams, Sam'l McKnett, Sam'l Mann, Frank and Wilmer Benton, Isaac Duyer, Eugene Gooding, James Shinn, Willie and David Biddle, Hiley Crew, Carl Perkins, Harry Jewell, Charlie Ivens, Elmer Jones, Robert Rash, Harry Clark, George Sutton, Louis Atwell, Wiley Hodgson, Marion Rash, Leonard, Walter and Frank Mann. ONE.

A. R. De Fluent, editor of the *Journal*, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by M. A. Toulson.

MILLINGTON NEWS.

The town election for the purpose of selecting three commissioners to serve for the fiscal year beginning April 1st, was held last Saturday, March 10th. But very little interest was manifested by the citizens of the town and there were only 28 ballots cast, as against about 100 ballots cast last year. The newly elected board were B. W. Duling, of the present board; J. T. Power and P. L. Smith.

Rev. Vaughn S. Collins, principal of the Conference Academy, Dover, preached in the M. E. Church last Sunday morning and evening. He also preached at Holden's in the afternoon.

Mr. Alan C. Duling, of our town, and Miss Ida Slaughter, of Queen Anne county, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Slaughter, near Crumpton, last Thursday evening.

Supt. E. E Gambrill, of the Unicorn Mills, is building four new houses for the employees of the mill. Mr. G. B. Taylor has the work in charge. Mr. Gambrill has also had a hack built, which he has run between the mill and town on Sundays for the accommodation of any of his employees who wish to attend the M. E. Church South.

Our fishermen are making great preparations for catching herring, and white and yellow perch, but very few herring have been caught owing to the recent cold snap.

Mrs. R. W. Comegys and Miss Millie Comegys, were guests of Mrs. Albert Ware, Massey, on Saturday.

Miss Eva Comegys spent several days of last week with her cousin, Mrs. Bruce Massey, Sudlersville.

Miss Evelyn Cochran has returned from visiting friends in New Castle, Del.

Mr. Burke Faithful, of Church Hill, spent last week the guest of Mr. Bradford Dudley, near town.

Miss Helen Power spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Gillespie, at Sudlerville.

Mr. J. McWhorter, of Philadelphia, spent Wednesday in town.

Miss Delia Jeter, of Roanoke, Va., and Master Allan Jeter, of Sassafras, are visiting Mrs. Martha McWhorter.

Mr. J. Clifton Mallalieu, of New York, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Mallalieu, at the Brick Hotel.

Dr. H. N. Hammond, of Baltimore, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Jones, for several days.

Mr. F. A. Smith, of Greensboro, spent Sunday the guest of Dr. F. A. Walls.

Mr. Harry Bamberger, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bamberger, near town. Mr. Bamberger bought the Michael Burns property, located about three miles from Millington, which was sold at Centreville, on Tuesday, the 13th.

Mr. Isaac Roser, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. George Smith, Philadelphia.

Mr. D. James Hall, spent several days this week in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Constable J. F. Lockerman was confined to his home a few days last week with a sprained ankle.

Mr. John A. Bottomly is repairing the Biscoe property, purchased by him last fall.

Mrs. J. W. Willis has returned to Cambridge, from visiting her mother, Mrs. George Hurlock.

Mr. M. S. Haas, of Milton, Pa., has been in town several days. Mr. Haas represents the Johnston Harvester Co., of which Mr. W.C. Rolph is also an agent.

FROM ROCK HALL.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Casey, of Edesville, were pleasantly surprised on Friday evening by a party of Rock Hall friends invading their home. The visitors had made careful preparation that the evening should be a success and did not allow the rain to dampen their spirits, but stowed themselves with refreshments of ice cream, cake, fruit, &c., in carriages provided by Messrs. Jack Joiner, James Casey, Chas. Jones, and John Casey, and found the drive of a mile or two a not unpleasant part of the program. A hospitable welcome was accorded them and some hours of social intercourse were passed