The Kent News

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NO TIME like *now* to pay taxes.

ANYWHERE WOULD DO.—Rev. Wm. P. Compton, pastor of the M. E. Church, was called out of Christ Church Wednesday night by "Gen" Cadwalder, of Quaker Neck, who said there was a couple outside who wanted to be married. Upon going out he met Mr. Jesse Jerome and Miss Mary Smith, of Quaker Neck, who informed him they were the couple. When asked where they wanted to go the groom remarked "right here will do under this lamp." "Oh, no," replied the preacher, "We'll go over in the Church," and in the presence of a dozen young men Mr. Jerome and Miss Smith were united in wedlock.

BICYCLE NOTES.—The officials of the big bicycle races in Baltimore on Thanksgiving Day announced their decision Thursday and Mr. W. W. Chapman, of the Chestertown Club, was accorded *third* place; time 24 minutes and 26 seconds, just seven seconds behind the second man and eight seconds behind the winner!

The C. C. C. have rented rooms in Stams Hall and they will be furnished in the latest style.

Public Sale Record.

The following sales are advertised to take place on the days named:

Monday, Dec. 10—Stephen Johnson, by Richard D. Hynson, Attorney.
Tuesday, Dec. 11.—Wm. H. Sylvester, Crumpton.
Thursday, Dec. 13—J. Hall Denny.
Saturday, Dec. 15—Stock and Implements at the Market House.
Saturday, Dec. 22—Mrs. Rachel Hill and Tilghman Shafer, adm'rs of H. F. Hill.
Saturday, Dec. 22—Real Estate, Riley's Mill, by C. T. Westcott, Esq.

Kennedyville Notes.

The W. C. T. U. met at the village hall, Friday evening, Nov. 30th. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather, the attendance was fairly good and those present spent an enjoyable and profitable evening. Miss Annie Shafer presided at the organ. The following program was rendered:

Singing.....Choir.
Prayer.....
Rec.....Lizzie Hessner.
Rec.....John Hessner.
Singing.....Choir.
Reading, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them,".....Miss Etta Rose.
Duet.....Misses Lillie Price, Etta Bramble.
Reading.....Miss Mary Pennington.
Reading.....Miss Etta Bramble.
Singing.....Choir.

A few remarks were made by the president, Mrs. Emma Shafer, in which she recognized and give all honor to the Law and Order League, of Chestertown, and wished the accomplishment of much good by this body of representative manhood and good citizenship, and the influence may extend throughout the county. She also referred to the evident violation of the Local Option Law in our midst, and suggested that manhood and good citizenship be shown here, as in Chestertown. The Union decided to send contributions for the dinner, to be given at Headquarters, on New Year's Day. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th, at which time Miss Stewart, State "Y" organizer will be present. An interesting program will be arranged. The public in general is cordially invited to be present.

Mr. C. W. Nickerson, who is under treatment at the Maryland General Hospital, is reported much better at this writing.

Master Geo. Medders did not return to school until Wednesday, being detained on account of a severe cold.

Mrs. Maggie Melvin has returned home after spending several weeks in Felton, Del.

Miss Mamie Dewees has been visiting her brother, Mr. Geo. Dewees at Brenford.

Mr. John N. Bennett has accepted a position in Wilmington, Del.

The Christian Endeavor Society was represented by nearly all its members at the convention held in Chestertown this week. Many others of the community who are not members, also attended. Z.

GALENA NOTES.

Friday, Nov. 30th, being St. Andrews day, Rev. Mr. Chambers held service and delivered an interesting address on the brotherhood of St. Andrew. After service "St. Andrews' Guild" was organized. Miss Mary Wallis was elected President; Miss Carrie Morgan, Vice-President; Miss Jennie Parr, Secretary and Treasurer. About a dozen members were enrolled at once. The elected officers expect to get the whole congregation to join in the near future.

Albert Constable, Esq., paid a flying visit to Galena on Monday last. He called to see his client, Mrs. Canan. Report says she is in a very feeble condition.

There were two bodies moved from Sudlersville cemetery and reinterred in the Galena Cemetary this week. P.

Interesting Entertainment.

Stam's Hall last Monday evening was comfortably filled to enjoy the plays by the Church Hill Dramatic Club. The program was as follows:

Instrumental.....Mr. Wm. H. Brierley
Quartette, "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming".. Messrs. R. G. Duckett, Jr., W. H. Brierley, J. Friel and Dr. J. L. Finley.
Solo, "Dreaming of Love" Obligato.....Miss Nannie Sparks, Mr. E. S. Valliant

The comedy, "Ici on Parle Francais," was finely rendered by the following cast:

Major Regulus Rattan.....Mr. Edwin Valliant
Victor Dubois (Frenchman).....Dr. J. L. Finley
Mr. Spriggins.....Mr. Wm. H Brierley
Mrs. Spriggins.....Mrs. J. L. Finley
Angelina (their daughter).....Miss Julia Sparks
Julia, wife of Major Rattan.....Miss Nannie Sparks
Anna Maria, maid of all work.....Miss Lutie Baute
Solo.....Mr. J. Friel
Solo, "A Winter Lullaby".....Dr. J. L. Finley

Then followed "The Veneered Savage," with this cast:

Lou Dayton, a Chicago belle.....Mrs. J. L. Finley
Madge Dayton, her younger sister..Miss Lutie Baute
Dick Majindie, their cousin.....Mr Edwin Valliant
The Duchess of Diddlesex.....Miss Nannie Sparks
Lady Fannie, her daughter, a silent young person.....Miss Julia Sparks
Lord Algernon Penryhn, a still more silent young man.....Mr. W. H. Brierley
Footman.....Dr. J. L. Finley
Lecture on Apples.....Dr. J. L. Finley

All of the actors performed their parts admirably, as was evidenced by the rapturous applause which greeted the various parts. This company has gained a most enviable reputation, and can always secure good audiences in Chestertown.

The Courts.

County Commissioners.—J. C. Roseberry presented his official bond as constable for second district, which was approved. Upon application Mary J. Moore's pension was continued for $15 and Edwin Johnson, colored, pension was continued for $10. Upon petition of "trustees of the poor" Annie Gertrude Crouch was transferred to Maryland Hospital for insane, at the expense of Kent county, to take effect from Nov. 15th proximo.

Orphans' Court.—Present Judges Harris, Moffett and Burgess. Wm. J. Coleman one of the administrators of Alexander R. Parks, filed first administration and distribution account. I. R. Leaverton, administrator of Arthur J. Leaverton, filed first and final administration account.

Personal Mention.

Phil. H. Tuck, Esq., of Baltimore, was in Chestertown last Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Alfred Pearce will give a reception at their home on Maple avenue next Tuesday evening, from 8 to 10 o'clock, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pearce Crisfield who were married in Savannah, Ga., Thursday. J. A. Pearce and Lewin W. Wickes, Esqs., were present at the beautiful wedding.

Dr. S. G. Fisher, wife and daughter, Miss Ellen, attended the wedding of Dr. S. G. Fisher, Jr., in Baltimore Wednesday.

Mr. W. H. Young, of Baltimore, announced that he will produce the romantic drama entitled "Love and Duty," with a laughable comedy, on Jan. 1st, at Stam's Hall with complete company of comedians in the cast.

Miss Beulah Hartman, daughter of Rev. Stuart A. Hartman, of Baltimore, and Miss Salye V. Cochran, of Middletown, have been spending a delightful visit to Miss Marie Hurlock, daughter of Ex-Treasurer C. S. Hurlock.

Rev. Jos. W. Harper made addresses at Betterton and Still Pond churches Sunday.

Miss Hattie Bacchus left town yesterday for a protracted visit to her brother, Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, in Washington.

The *Journal*, a publication devoted to current topics and professional notes, published at Elmira, N. Y., gives in its November number a fine cut of Dr. B. D. Evans, formerly of Millington, this county, but now medical director of the State Hospital for Insane of New Jersey, together with a sketch of his history. Dr. Evans has now become a shining light among the medical profession, and we are always gratified to see kindly mention made of him in the publications of the country. Dr. Evans has recently had a bout with the Keely cure institution of Massachusetts and came off victorious.

Miss Mary Hurtt is the guest of Miss Seemuller in Baltimore.

Miss Rose Frazier has been visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. E. J. Hennick, of Baltimore, and Dr. E. E. Earhart, of Florida, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Twilley.

A letter yesterday from Mr. Joseph R. Usilton, who is yet with his mother at the City Hospital, Baltimore, states that "Dr. Chambers has just visited mother and assures us that she is doing even better than he could expect." She has been critically ill ever since the operation as stated in last week's NEWS. Dr. Hines has taken much interest in this case—the operation being one of the most delicate and dangerous known to surgery—and is much gratified with its success so far.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, of Pomona, have been visiting their uncle, Mr. B. F. Palmatory in Queen Anne's.

Dr. J. B. Merritt, of Easton, was in town this week.

Mr. Len. Catlin, who has been engaged in Dr. Gilpin's office, has accepted a position in John Wanamaker's establishment.

Dr. T. H. Cooper and Mr. John Shuster returned Saturday from a gunning expedition in Delaware with forty birds. Doctor, did you kill them?

Mr. Horace W. Beck has removed his family into his new home on Front street.

Miss Nelie Walker attended the Fisher-Williams wedding in Balt. Wednesday.

The 12-year-old son of Mr. Charles Cole, of near Chesterville, had his thigh broken near the hip Friday. He accidentally fell from a wagon the wheels of which passed over him.

Miss Rosa Lee Williams, daughter of Dr. James T. Williams, of Woodstock, Md., was married Wednesday to Dr. S. Groome Fisher, of Port Deposit, Md., by Rev. J. H. Eccleston, at Emmanuel Prot. Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. Thos. Ockford, of Port Deposit. The bride was given away by her uncle, S. Thos. Brown. The ushers were Messrs. Duke Bond and Merritt Miller, Baltimore, Edw. Boynton and Joseph A. Emerist, of Port Deposit.

Picked up News from Fairlee.

Signs of ebriety, have been manifested by fast driving, and demoniacal whirls. It occurs to me if such persons were deprived of deglutition for a while, upon recovery they might know what is best for the sustenance of their being, and the welfare and safety of the public.

Our worthy friend and Bro. Griffin, had a little round at batting the other day, we hear. He was walking into the parsonage, and falling, struck an obstacle with his head, which was just a little harder than this member. He gave his derby praise as a fender, and it will doubtless be kept as a memento.

Daily new ones are being added to the list of those who are "taking cold." One sometimes wonders why such an affection prevails as an epidemic at times. "Whatever checks sensible or insensible perspiration, and holds it in check so long that the system has not power to restore it again," is the best definition I can find as to what "taking cold" is.

Bicycles are the rage. Master John Hudson is now the possessor of a "Columbia." We havn't any ladies to enter the arena in our town yet.

The pictures of the children, of Fairlee School, were photographed a few days ago in a group. The photographer is of Crumpton. The group was nicely executed, and quite a number have been sold.

Some changes will be made at the end of the year. As rumor has it, they are about as follows: Mr. J. V. Kilbourn will come from Lankford, where he is now merchandising, and take the store-room under the hall here, now occupied by Mr. Baker, he having rented Mr. Payne's store and dwelling. Mr. Payne to move into his dwelling on his other place. Mr. Spencer Leaverton in to the house on the hill opposite the school house, just vacated by our barber. Mr. E. O. Duyer has already moved from Hanesville, and is occupying the Lamb property. Rev. J. B. Merritt has moved into the dwelling belonging to Mr. J. B. Bordley, which has lately been remodeled and modernized.

Mr. Wm. Diehl had his finger pierced by the fin of a cat fish a few days since which caused a great protuberance and pain.

The gypsies are around. One met Col. Bordley the other day and wanted to tell his fortune, to which he objected; said she, "I will tell you this much anyway, you won't live much longer." He caustily replied, "that is the first truth you have told since you left Philadelphia, or wherever you came from, for I am eighty years old."

The Sunday School entertainment will be held in the hall here next Wedresday evening. The program will be instructive and amusing. WEST END.

BIG HOGS.—The Scott's Point hog raisers butchered Monday. Richard Jones beat them all having three hogs which weighed over 900. M. Bell's weighed 191, 210; H. Mays, 333, 235, 208.

Mr. John H. Crew of Betterton, killed last Saturday, four hogs weighing 401, 400, 417, 475 pounds. Average weight 423¼. Mr. F. C. Anderson on the same day killed one hog weighing 492 pounds.

Y. P. S. C. E.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC ASSEMBLAGE OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS IN CHRIST CHURCH, CHESTERTOWN.

THE YOUNG LADIES SPEAK ELOQUENTLY.

Young Men Forging to the Front in Endeavoring to Win the World for Christ.

Nature smiled benignly on the Convention of Christian workers which met in State Convention in Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, this week. More perfect weather than Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday could not be imagined, and all things conspired to make the occasion one of interest and note.

The convention opened Tuesday evening with singing by the big choir, under the direction of Miss M. Julia Thompson. This choir consisted of the following voices. Sopranos, Mrs. T. S. Dodd, Mrs. Albert Groves, Mrs. Frank Plummer, Misses Lottie and Annie Russell, Mollie Parks, Laura Thomas, Bessie Stuart, Hattie Bacchus, Lillie and Tannie Willis, Katie Smith, Fannie Baker, Belle Boston, Sue Lambert, Minnie Peregoy, Fannie Smith, Blanche Cox, Lizzie Quelett, Maud Thompson, Emma Greenwood; altos, Misses M. J. Thompson, Fannie Stuart, Marion Lusby, Hettie Greenwood,; tenors, Messrs. H. L. Dodd, R. K. Pippin, Joseph Downey, M. W. Thomas, Edw. Lambert, Allie W. Culp, C. S. York, Jr.; bassos, Messrs, W. H. McFeely, Fred. G. Usilton, James Parrott, Stockton Startt, Ralph Barnett; Miss Clara Usilton, organist.

REV. J. W. KIRK,
President of the Maryland State C. E. Society, and Pastor of Lafayette Ave. M. P. Church, Balto.

In the absence of the president of the convention, Rev. J. W. Kirk, Rev. W. M. Strayer presided at the evening meeting. Dr. S. R. Murray, pastor of the church, made the address of welcome on behalf of the church in his usual happy manner, closing with the following greeting:

"Christian Endeavor *makes everything* of this august treasure. The disputes that are raging about its history, its authors and its errancy it happily stops not to consider. Enlightened and illumined by its knowledge, instructed and saved by its scheme of grace, it takes this Book to the heart and lives it in the daily life. The satisfaction of the intellect and the joy of the soul are alike compassed in its pages.

"We welcome you, then, dear friends, on the ground of fellowship in this Volume, and in the hope of its gospel of life. We welcome you as laborers in the Kingdom God has set up in the earth. We welcome you as seeking to regenerate the world by active and holy discipline of mind, and by the helping hand of faith and good works toward your neighbors—who are all mankind.

"To our homes and our hearts, with all that we can command for the cheer of your visit and the pleasures of your reason, we welcome you. A royal welcome, be it said, awaits every guest to a bountiful hospitality. We give freely and lovingly all that we have; but we would take also in return. We have been waiting your coming as the hour of the Church's opportunity. We have imagined you entering every house and hallowing it with prayer and Christly labors for the unsaved. We have painted you in our hopes as working to bring souls to the King. We have seen you speaking in the stores and on the streets of the blessedness of our faith, and leading the unregenerate to the Lord. And out of your visit we have seen in these visions the 'day spring arise from on high,' and the glory of the Redeemer in the rejoicings of His saints.

"May God, who has brought you, direct and control you to the advancement of His cause, and the realization of these and all other kindred hopes."

Mr. Fred. G. Usilton, of the KENT NEWS, followed in an address of welcome on behalf of the press, in which he exalted the character of the society, showed the relation of the press to the spreading of this good work, and closed his address by wishing that the sojourn of the Endeavorers among us might be pleasant, their deliberations thoughtful and their influence be as the sweet incense from Heaven, and everything that is done be to the glory of the Creator.

Rev. Frank H. Lewis, of Baltimore, a prominent young minister of the conference, responded on behalf of the delegates in the following earnest words:

"I am ever glad to speak the sentiments of a united people, and I know I voice the sentiment of every delegate and visitor in this assembly when I say, with profound gratitude, we are glad to be your guests. Loyalty to such a master as ours is ever sweet. Efforts for the extension of His kingdom are ever fraught with blessings to us. But when the occasion is a M. P. C. E. Union, and the place among the hospitable and refined people of Chestertown, loyalty becomes joy and service becomes song. Happy that our beloved church espoused this most stupendous movement of the nineteenth century; happy that we meet in convention to praise its merit and to inspire its growth; thrice happy we meet thus auspiciously in Chestertown.

"I want to place on record our thanks to you, Brother Pastor; president, officers and members of the Y. P. S. C. E.'s, and to you members and officials of Christ M. P. Church. But your warm words of welcome might well have been spared, so far as they were a revelation to us. We knew that we were welcome. It was substantially proven a short time ago. We knew it before we came, for who has not heard of the proverbial hospitality of the Eastern shore? And the world, whatever else she may teach you, can teach you nothing in the way of hospitality. Since all of us know we are welcome.—since we delegates know we are glad to be here—let our prayers arise, one thought inspire, one motive predominate, that God's spirit may descend upon this gathering and own its deliberations in the extension of the interests, profitableness and power of our beloved church, and especially of her foster child, the Christian Endeavor movement."

Then followed the fellowship service, in which responses were given by the pastors and by many of the lay-delegates. Cheering words of the good work being done by the societies came from all sections of the State and from Lynchburg, Va. Below will be found some terse sentences from the members of the convention as to what the C. E. is doing for the church, etc.:

Rev. J. S. Bowers—It has developed many young people, and especially ladies, into leaders.

East Baltimore representative—The society is a comfort to the pastor and a source of strength to the church.

Rev. W. M. Poisal—Christian Endeavor is everything to my church, and is made up of everybody.

Rev. B. A. Dumm—It is a help towards working out the ideal church. It means spirituality all the year.

Rev. S. B. Tredway—It takes the place of the old prayer-meeting, increased the attendance at church and Sabbath-school.

Rev. W. S. Phillips—My Endeavor Society can never be estimated in the good work it is doing. It is developing staunch, noble Christians, and something is always being done.

Dr. J. L. Mills—It has organized and kept up a regular Sabbath night service. Has developed singers, leaders, etc.

Rev. J. H. S. Ewell—Christian Endeavor Society has helped us financially, spiritually, musically and in many other ways.

Rev. S. R. Murray—I can voice what has been said, and I am sure that some of the most active workers in the recent revival at the M. E. Church were members of the Christian Endeavor Society. The juniors are also at work attending to the sick, etc.

Rev. George Q. Bacchus—They are always ready for work and are indispensable in my church labors.

Rev. A. J. Walter—It is a great help to me in my work; would not be without it.

Rev. B. P. Truitt—Doing a good work in bringing the people out to service, etc.

Rev. F. H. Lewis—It is making heroic Christian characters.

Rev. W. M. Strayer—We have the best Christian Endeavor, outside of Chestertown, in the conference. We average 75 members, both in the summer and winter. At a 50-minute service held Sunday night we had 25 short talks, 12 sentence prayers, reading the Scriptures, singing, etc. I am the only *young* man in Buckeyestown that had time to come to this convention.

Then the president asked for reports of societies in general, and quite a number responded in short and pointed sentences, as follows:

Hurlock's—We are young, but growing.

S. F. Smith, Chestertown—I have been forty years trying to be a Christian and two years an Endeavorer. We used to have only a few out at the old class-meeting, whereas now we have a house full and our meetings are full of life.

Oxford—We won't play second fiddle to Buckeystown. We have as good a society as there is to be found anywhere. I am now living for something, whereas before I had no object.

Alnut Memorial, Baltimore—Our society is developing home missionaries. Our young men go out into the city and hunt up the non church-goers, and try to bring them to Christ.

Starr, Baltimore—The society has done a great thing for our church.

Sassafra—We have only a few members, but they are a band of earnest workers.

Hopewell, Susquehanna circuit—We are making progress. We have good, live, industrious people as members.

Starr—We have a dear little junior society, and we would be glad to welcome any of you when you come to the city.

Georgetown, Del.—I have heard more of the society here than ever before. We are working hard to organize a healthy society. May we press on.

Lynchburg, Va.—The Christian Endeavor Society is strong in our city. It started in the church, but now nearly the whole church is in the society.

Brooklyn—It has done a wonderful work with us. Timid persons now testify, and the work is prospering.

The meeting then closed with the doxology and benediction, after which fraternal greetings were exchanged.

Wednesday Morning.

Rev. J. S. Bowers led the sunrise prayer-meeting, at which there were about sixty persons present, and a good feeling prevailed. At 9.30 devotional services were held, under the leadership of Mr. B. F. Ruley, Baltimore. At 11 A. M. the convention sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Poisal, of Oxford. He chose this text: "Forward for Christ and for the Church," and gave a most eloquent, earnest and masterly sermon. He has a very pleasant delivery and his words were practical and of sound reasoning. He remarked, among other things, that the Christian Endeavor Society was a "try, try again society." He spoke of the man who said he belonged to a Christian Achievement Society, and did not care for the C. E. "Well, I have read of a C. A., but it was in Heaven, and that man is not ready for it. No man can achieve except he endeavor first. Who are the robed in white except 'they who have come up out of great tribulation?' We must make haste slowly because of the obstructions thrown in the way. Our work is not judged by what we achieve, but by our *endeavor* to do. Paul was an endeavorer, but never joined an achievement society until he died, and then he said I have finished my work and am ready to go.

"The C. E. pledge does not say I *will* do, but I will STRIVE, endeavor. It is true that some do more than others because of their capabilities, etc., but the less observed, when she does what she could, has done a great work. The endeavorer must be a *Christian* endeavorer, and not *selfish*—a consistent, consecrated effort to do for the church. We have now 2,300,000 members in this grand army, composed of various churches, all pulling together for Christ. A story I heard is a good illustration of this point. A rough Western farmer was heard calling to his oxen, 'Git up, Episcopalian,' 'gee up, Methodist,' etc. Upon being asked by a preacher why he called his animals such names, he replied: 'Well, you see, Presbyterian is a good puller, Baptist drinks lots of water and eats to himself, Episcopalian holds his head high and goes off in a corner of the field to himself, while Methodist snorts and blows and makes a great fuss, but pulls equal to any.' The C. E. is an auxiliary to the church, an agent. It doesn't take the place of the Sabbath-school, prayer-meeting, or any other meeting." The reverend gentleman closed his able discourse with an exhortation for more earnest work.

Afternoon Session.

At 2.30 P. M. the roll-call of the societies were concluded, the following delegates having responded to the call:

G. W. Kindley, Pleasant Grove, Kemptown.
F. H. Lewis, Broadway, Baltimore.
B. T. Truitt, Warwick, Cecil county, Md.
Myra O. Smith, Broadway, Baltimore, Md.
Myra G. Hammond, Broadway, Baltimore, Md.
Hattie Simpson, " " "
E. V. Lynch, " " "
S. B. Treadway, Seaford, Del.
Mrs. G. Q. Bacchus, Washington, D. C.
Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, " "
W. Fred Wright, Hurlock, Md.
F. M. Clift, Warwick, Md.
Martha Cannon, Ruthsburg.
S. O. Rogers, Belair, Md.
T. N. Smith, Susquehanna Charge.
B. F. Ruly, Alnutt Memorial, Baltimore, Md.
Carrie Copenhaver, Mt. Lebanon, Baltimore.
Lillie E. Johnson, " " "
Viola C. Simpson, Starr, Baltimore.
Miss Mollie L. Lang, " "
A. J. Walter, Gethsemina, Del.
A. W. Mather, Trinity, St. Mary's county, Md.
J. M. Dickey, Alnutt Memorial, Baltimore, Md.
B. Alfred Dumm, Susquehanna Charge, Levil, Md.
Warren Richard, Mt. Olive, Sandtown, Del.
Ita Richard, " " "
Emma Clark, " " "
P. Frank Dill, Petersburg, Del.
Henry Conway, " "
Zachariah West, " "
Wm. Cannon, Ruthsburg, Maryland.
J. W. Copper, Lynchs, Md.
John C. Jones, " "
W. M. Strayer, Jefferson, Buckeystown.
R. N. Hoblitzell, Belair, Md.
Ala Jones, Delta, Delta.
Mary Jones, Cambria, Cambria.
Fannie Sweadner, St. John's, Canton, Baltimore.
James T. Nichols, Oxford, Md.
Thos. O. Crouse, Chatsworth Baltimore, Md.
Mary H. McKnet, Kennedyville, Md.
S. Blanche McKnett, " "
Bertha A. Redmile, " "
E. E. Sorden, Starr, Baltimore.
Clara Oppelt, " "
H. M. Culp, " "
Dr. A. W. Totten, Starr, " "
J. B. Namlin, Jr., Lynchburg, Lynchburg, Va.
J. W. Balderston, E. Baltimore, Balto., Md.
George H. Potee, Brooklyn, A. A. co.
Mrs. Woods, " " "
Mrs. Bushman, " "
Mrs. Acton, " "
Mrs. Gray, " "
Wm. B. Willis, St. James, Hanesville, Md.
Sadie Morris, " " "
Annie C. Willis, " " "
Harry E. Taylor, " " "
Samuel Taylor, " " "
Dr. J. L. Mills, " " "
Mrs. J. L. Mills, " " "
Miss Bulah Richards, St. John's I. Ms. Balto.
Grace Green, " " "
F. T. Tagg, Lafayette Avenue, Ballo.
Hugh L. Elderdice, Bethany, Pocomoke City.
B. L. Henderson, Starr, Balto.

In the absence of Rev. T. O. Crouse, the open conference on "Our Pledge" was conducted by Rev. W. Sherman Phillips. This discussion was very spicy and interesting, the following persons participating: Rev. W. M. Poisal, Mr. Clift, Miss Simpson, Dr. Murray, Messrs. Truitt, Tredway, Bowers, Bacchus, Smith and others. It was generally agreed that a society could not live without the pledge. It was the essential factor in the society's usefulness. Miss Mollie Lang, of Starr Church, Baltimore, read the following excellent paper on this subject:

Our Pledge.

Upon what is it based? "Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength." This is, indeed, the foundation of the entire structure, giving to it the power which is to guide and encourage us in all our trials, and unless we thoroughly understand this first clause and are willing to implicitly rely upon His care, it will be impossible to take the next step. "I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do." Is it to do certain things we *plainly* see to be our duty—only that which our taste and ambition lead us to do—or to do only when we feel like it? *No*, the *whatever* answers that: then we must *seek* to *know* "what He would like to have *me* do." This means service and sacrifice, and if sincere in our search and acts the service will be one of freedom, gladness and love; or, as the late Bishop Brooks expresses it: "Full of profoundest gratitude, the soul looks round to see what it can give to the Saviour in token of its feeling of His love, and finds nothing. It has nothing to give, and, hopeless of finding anything, it gives itself. It is its own no-longer. It is given away to Christ. It lives His life and its own."

Thus it is that the sincere Christian, prompted by his love for Christ, and "trusting in His strength," purposing to live the best possible life, pledges himself to faithfully perform certain specified kinds of services. These are found in "that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day." Does not God command us to "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation"? "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Also he tells us to "Search the Scriptures, for they are they which testify of Me." Thus we are being obedient. If our lives were so perfectly adjusted that we never forgot—never were annoyed by cares and the little things of life; did not neglect our duties, we would not need a stimulus; but since we are as we are, whatever keeps before our minds the memory of duty, or serves to strengthen us in its performance, is necessary and right, and this our solemn pledge to our Saviour certainly does. "To support my own church in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and mid-week services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Saviour." Those of us who have stood before the altar and consecrated our lives to Christ's service, and promised to live in accordance with the rules of the government of the church, have taken upon ourselves the most solemn of vows. Did we understand what we were then doing? If so, why do we consider *this* pledge more binding? We ought to feel a pride in making "*our church*" a strong, vigorous branch of the Church of Christ. Now, how can we do that? By helping everything that is outside? By going from our own to help others, for the sake of becoming prominent or pleasing ourselves? By rarely being in our places, either on Sunday or at the mid-week services, thus allowing our liberality to destroy our loyalty? A certain minister was requested to bring an important matter before the members of the C. E. Society at the close of prayer-meeting. He was unable to do so, owing to the presence of so few members, the majority enjoying a "bus" party. Nor could he place it in the hands of the president of the society on Sunday night, as he was at some other church. Will such excuses as "I went to a lecture or concert because I had planned to go before the date was fixed"; or "I was tired, besides I had something else to do"; "and I don't care if it is prayer-meeting night, my conscience does not condemn me. I am so glad I have not one of those terrible sensitive consciences that would not allow me to do as I please." Would you—could you—conscientiously give such excuses to Christ? God knoweth even our secret thoughts, and will judge us accordingly.

"As an active member, I promise to be true to all my duties." Think for a moment what is included in the promise "to be true." If we would but realize how every act and word has its effect for better or for worse on some one, we would not live so indifferently: we would not hear of a C. E. member being at the theatre, or the dance, or the card party. *No*, we would be more consecrated, and remember there is a personal responsibility to Christ which cannot be overlooked. The special promises to our society are to be present at, and take some part, aside from singing, in every C. E. prayer meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master." Do we keep our promises? Are we always hindered by reasons that God would accept? Is it not sometimes a sort of "dont care to go" feeling, and how many times have we kept silent? *I know* it is a difficult thing for some of us to say "just a word for Jesus," yet we do love Him and want to be true to Him, and by pledging ourselves hope to overcome this weakness. Let us rest more upon His help, and by doing the hard things we will gain more courage, and then we will be ready for the monthly consecration meeting; will try to make it possible to be present, and thus gain help from the renewing of our vows. But do not let us, under any circumstances, use the clause, "I will send a verse of Scripture to read in response to my name at roll-call, as an excuse for remaining away, to satisfy our own selfish interests.

Let us look for a moment at the words, "Our Pledge," and see if to us they have any special significance. Do they represent a binding contract, made in a moment of excitement, or for some selfish motive, or are they as a covenant, an allegiance, a vow made in sincerity and truth. There is a tenderness and feeling of delightful companionship in the little word "*Our*" which makes it very dear to those of us who like to share what we enjoy, and linked with the *Pledge*, or the solemn promise to God, symbolizes our loyalty to our Saviour, our church and our society.

Wednesday Evening.

It was impossible to accommodate the large crowd that attended the meeting at night. Every seat in the main auditorium and in the Sunday School room was taken while many persons stood in the aisles. Rev. J. W. Balderston, vice-president of the association, presided. The discussion on committee work was conducted by Rev. J. S. Bowers, but so thoroughly did he cover the subject and so plainly did he speak of the merits of committees that it left but little to be said. However Miss Long Messrs. Smith, Mather McFeely, Treadway and others spoke of what their committees were doing.

In the absence of the president his report was read by Secretary Henderson, in which he urged the societies to greater efforts on missionary lines. Then followed a beautiful duet "Rock of Ages," by Dr. H. L. Dodd and Miss Julia Thompson. The secretary afterward read his interesting report, in which he stated that the district now had one senior society, 111 young people's and juniors composed of 4410 active members, 1085 associate and 275 honorary, in all 5770 members; $2400 was raised by the societies. Followed by a quartette by Misses Mollie Parks, Marion Lusby, Messrs. A. W. Culp and F. G. Usilton. In the absence of Rev. J. F. Cowan, of Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. W. M. Strayer addressed the large audience on "The relation of Christian Endeavor to the Saloon." The able and beloved former pastor was at his best on this occasion—witty, earnest, practical and full of his telling satire. "Put your heel on the snake and bear down on it," he said.

Thursday Morning.

The 6.30 meeting was lead by Mr. J. M. Dickey, of Alinut Memorial, and was attended by over a hundred persons. A glorious meeting was enjoyed.

At 9.30 A. M., after devotional exercises, a most excellent paper on "Christian Endeavor and the Sunday School" was read by Miss Myra Smith, of Baltimore, and will be published in the NEWS next week.

Then followed Rev. Mr. Elderdice, of Pocomoke City, who spoke of the great help the society was to the extension of the denomination; what M. P. stands for, etc. Lack of space forbids the insertion of this able paper.

Thursday Afternoon.

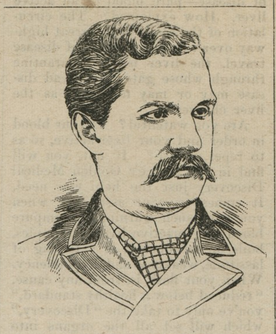
The early part of the afternoon was taken up with discussions on giving, missions, etc. Revs. T. O. Crouse, S. B. Treadway, A. W. Mather, F. T. Tagg and others gave interesting talks. At 4 P. M. one of the most interesting features of the convention occurred. It was the rally of the juniors. They numbered nearly one hundred and as they marched into the church every heart was thrilled and praises to God for the juniors arose to Heaven from many hearts. Mrs. Barnett, the faithful leader of these little folks, made a very touching address as did Miss Mollie Lang, the appointed leader for the occasion. Miss Bessie Wheatley made a report as to the work of the society, Miss Idella Tredway sang a pretty solo and little Marie Mills read very sweetly a selection.

The Closing Service

The interest in the convention seems to have increased day by day until Thursday night the climax was reached, and a wave of Christian love and Heavenly blessing swept over the assembly and carried everything before it.

The resolution committee made the following report, which was adopted, "That we accept the recommendations of President Kirk that all members be required to sign the pledge; that we recommend our church papers to the societies; that we sympathize with those absent brethern detained by sickness; that we extend our sincere thanks to societies and generous citizens who have so hospitably entertained us; that we thank the press for their hearty co-operation; that we thank the steamboat for reduction of fare; that we favor and aid as far as possible an aged home for veteran Methodist Protestants." Mr. B. L. Henderson, of Starr Church then rendered a solo in a most excellent manner. Mr. T. N. Smith on behalf of the nominating committee reported the following officers for 1894-5, which was adopted: President, B. L. Henderson; vice-presidents, Revs. B. A. Dumm, G. Q. Bacchus, B. W. Kindley, L. F. Warner, R. N. Hoblitzell, Misses Bessie Manck, Aladelva Jones, Lucy Murray; secretary, Miss Myra O. Smith; treasurer, W. O. Atwood; executive committee, Revs. J. M. Gill, B. B. James, F. H. Mullineaux; superintendent Junior work, Miss Mollie Lang. This was followed by an effective solo "He Leadeth Me," by Miss M. Julia Thompson.

Then came an address by Dr. F. T. Tagg on the watchword "Forward." It was rich in good thoughts and full of brightness and encouragement for all endeavorers. Dr. S. R. Murray then opened the consecration meeting in a few well-chosen remarks and like a piano fire, when started, the flames spread quickly and the flow of rich experiences followed rapidly. Every society in the county and all represented gave a parting word. It was a bright spot in the convention, which as a whole will be recorded among the noted events of the church's history. The convention adjourned in a most impressive manner. Every person in the house joined hands and sang "Blest de the tie that binds," after which Rev. S. B. Tredway pronounced the benediction.



REV. DR. S. R. MURRAY,
Pastor of Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown.

Notes and Incidents.

The meetings during the day were well attended and at night the crowds were immense.

We understand that there were scores of young men from Chestertown on self appointed "Look-Out committees," but Bro. Loney did not call on them.

The number of delegates and ministers present did not represent more than one-fourth of the societies in the conference, many being kept away by the near approach of Christmas, sickness, etc. But those present were of the sterling kind.

Rev. J. S. Bowers, alias Loney, was one of the most inspiring talkers in the convention. He stated that he would be out to the sunrise meeting provided Grandma called him, and his grandma thereafter came in for considerable thought. He also referred happily to Brother Collins' class when he would shake in his boots at the mention of his name for an experience.

Dr. D. W. Bates was all aglow with the deep religious fervor which showed in his face.

The young men came in for considerable usefulness at this convention notably Revs. J. W. Balderston. J. H. S. Ewell, B. P. Truitt, B. A. Dumm, F. H. Lewis.

Among the *noted* names at the convention were Smith and Jones. Mr. A. T. Smith, of Hopewell, was always ready to speak for Christ and was one of the most earnest endeavorers here. Rev. J. B. Jones' daughter was present and presided at the piano on several occasions.

Revs. W. M. Strayer, W. M. Poisal and G. Q. Bacchus were familiar faces on our streets to many persons and they were warmly greeted on all sides.

And now Rev. J. S. Bowers is heir to a *small fortune*. One of his parishioners died and left him $50.

Mr. Percy T. McFeely, president of the local society, has been untiring in his efforts to make the covention a success. He has been efficiently assisted by Messrs. Harry Cannan, Harry McWhorter, Frank Wood and Ralph Barnett and others.

Mrs. W. J. Vannort says she don't know whether she belongs to the Senior, Young People's or Juniors; that while her hair is gray her heart is young, and that she feels as young as anyone.

The convention has done something that no other event has done, viz., a lady who has not been inside a church for twenty years was present at the service Wednesday evening, together with her husband and five children.

The flag at the public school was thrown to the breeze Tuesday from the old M. P. Church building now used for school purposes, in honor of the convention. Some one remarked, that it was in honor of the Juniors.

"What's in a name?" Well, some one remarked that there was a lady delegate whose name included three States of the Union, so there must be a great deal in her name, Miss Aladelva Jones, daughter of Rev. J. B. Jones.

Mr. S. F. Smith has nobly represented the senior society in the convention while the pastor, Rev. S. R. Murray, has taken active part in the good work. He is one of the readiest debaters on the floor and made a wise suggestion when he proposed that all the speakers take the pulpit.

It was truly inspiring to see the many young men and young ladies and hearing their words of good cheer and praise to God for the Endeavor Society. They have left a sweet influence behind and