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Mr. Norman Crouch led the Christian Workers Service in Christ M. P. Church last Sunday evening. Prof. Howell, of the college faculty, delivered a splendid address upon the value of christian influence, and Misses Marghuerita Dodd and Anna Smyth sang a pretty duett.

It is with much pleasure that we announce the election of our fellow townsman, Mr. Charles H. Jefferson, as one of the four lay delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which meets in Minneapolis in May. Mr. Jefferson is worthy of the honor conferred upon him by the lay delegates of the Wilmington Conference and we are quite sure he will faithfully represent the interests of his church at the General Conference.

The members of the Chestertown M. E. Church as well as the people of the community generally are much gratified at the return of the pastor, Rev. Dr. L. E. Barrett, and his wife for another year. Dr. Barrett is one of the most popular ministers who ever served that congregation, and with the able assistance of his good wife, they make a "team" that is hard to beat.

On Tuesday next, 26th inst, the Rev N. L. Caley, rector of St. Jude and the Nativity, Philadelphia, will preach in Emmanuel Church at 7.30 P. M. Mr. Caley is a most attractive speaker, and is in constant demand outside of his own parish. On Friday evening, 29th inst. Mr. George C. Thomas, of the Baltimore bar will make an address at 7.45 P. M. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

A large congregation attended the services of the Kennedyville M. P. Church Sunday morning last, when, after the sermon by the pastor a Members' Meeting was held by the Board of Stewards, electing Mr. George R. Rasin delegate and Edgar R. Pennington alternate to the coming Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, to meet in Laurel, Del., on Wednesday, April 10th. The delegate was instructed to ask for the return of the present pastor for the third year.

An adjourned Quarterly Conference of the Kennedyville Charge will be held in the church this morning the 23rd, at 9.30 o'clock. A full attendance of the Official Board is earnestly desired. Regular services on Sunday following.

Rev. Dr. H. B. Martin conducted services in the Middletown Protestant Episcopal Church last Wednesday evening.

Christ M. P. Church, Rev. Dr. F. T. Little pastor. Preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; Sunday school at 2.30 P. M.; Juniors at six o'clock, and Christian Workers' service at 6.45 P. M. To all these services you are cordially invited.

At the session of the Chestertown M. E. Sabbath School last Sunday afternoon a beautiful duet by Mr. and Mrs. J. Hydie Thompson was a feature.

Chestertown M. E. Church, Rev. L. E. Barrett, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday, March 24th, as follows: 10.30 A. M., preaching by the pastor; 2.15 P. M., Sabbath school and Pastor's Bible Class, 7 P. M., Epworth League, song service, followed by short sermon by the pastor. All the members, friends and the public generally invited to be present and greet the new pastor.

Rev. Dr. F. T. Little made a stirring address in North Baltimore M. P. Church on Tuesday night in which he declared that the problem of the church in the United States to-day was the great city. The meeting was held in the interest of the Church Extension Society of the Maryland Conference, of which society, Rev. Dr. John S. Bowers is president. Dr. Bowers also delivered an address and announced that the present debt of the society is $12,025. Provision has been made for cancelling a large part, if not all of this debt. Others who took part were: Revs. T. O. Crouse, E. C. Makosky and C. P. Nowlin and Mr. G. E. Repp.

We are quite sure that the members of Bond and Mowbray Churches are much gratified at the return of their pastor, Rev. W. M. McCann for another year. Mr. McCann is one of the most popular preachers who has ever served the charge. Young, aggressive and intelligent, he has accomplished a most excellent work, and we do not wonder that his people wanted him returned. "He fills the bill exactly" is the verdict of his people.

The Methodist Protestant says:—The fourth quarterly conference was held March 8. Samuel Vannort was elected delegate, Samuel Mann is alternate. The pastor's report is finished and he is ready to respond to the call of the conference, which will place St. James' charge on the honor roll. Well done, St. James. Keep it up.

The meeting of the Mt. Vernon Literary Society last Saturday evening proved to be both interesting and instructive to the many members present. The main feature of the program was the very witty and interesting debate. The subject was: Resolved, that, kisses are unhealthy. This debate proved especially interesting to the younger and inexperienced members of the society. On the affirmative were Messrs. Burris and Pardew. On the negative were Messrs. Allen and Ridgely. One of the speakers on the negative shocked the audience by presenting himself as an example. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

THE GRIM REAPER.

ROBERT E. FRANCE, ESQ.

Robert E. France, Esq., a prominent lawyer of the Baltimore bar, died at the Church Home and Infirmary, Baltimore, on Saturday afternoon, following an operation for appendicitis, which, together with an acute attack of pneumonia, caused his death. He was 54 years of age. The deceased, whose home was at Cedarcroft, where he lived happily with two maiden sisters, was the son of the late Rev. Dr. Joseph France, who for 25 years was one of the most prominent ministers of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church. He was a cousin of Judge Thomas D. France, of this town, whom he frequently visited, and with whom and a number of friends here, he had enjoyed many fishing trips on the river and bay. Mr. France was a man of fine physique, genial manner, and he readily made friends who held him in the highest esteem. Besides his two sisters with whom he made his home, he leaves two brothers, Mr. Joseph C. France, general counsel for the United Railways and Electric Company, and Rev. Harry S. France, of the Baltimore Conference Funeral services were held from his late residence, Cedarcroft, on the York Road, Baltimore, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Judge France and family attended from town.

MRS. MARY SIMPERS.

Mrs. Mary Simpers, beloved wife of Mr. E. W. F. Simpers, formerly of this town, died at her home in Philadelphia on Tuesday, after a lingering illness, aged 48. The deceased was before marriage a Miss Wilkins. She was a lady of the most refined disposition, sweet tempered, and loyal to her relations as sister, mother and wife. She had been a great sufferer for some months, but she bore her trials with christian fortitude, amidst the most devoted and loving ministrations from her immediate family and sisters, who had spent the winter with her. Besides, her husband, she leaves three children, two sons, Wilkins and Robert, and one little daughter, Ella. Her sisters, Misses Sallie and Ella Wilkins reside here. The remains were brought to Chestertown by train yesterday morning and conveyed to Chester cemetery where the burial service was read at the grave by Rev. Dr. L. E. Barrett. The pallbearers were Messrs. Wilbur W. Thomas, J. Raymond Simpers, Walter S. Trew, T. G. Wroth, C. C. Brown and Edw. W. Emory Undertaker Chas. L. Dodd had charge of the funeral arrangements.

MISS ELLEN OLIVIA WILMER.

Miss Ellen Olivia Wilmer, 81 years old, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Mary B. Mann, 20 East Lafayette avenue, Baltimore on Saturday, after a lingering illness. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Miss Wilmer was born in Kent county, Maryland, and had lived in Baltimore 50 years. She had been a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church over 40 years and was always deeply interested in the work of the parish. Miss Wilmer was the last member of her family. She is survived by three nieces, Misses Mann and the Misses Sallie T. and Alice Wilmer and two nephews, Messrs. Philip G. and William B. Wilmer. Funeral services were held from the home of Mrs. Mann, on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Bishop Alfred Harding, of Washington, Rev. Dr. J. S. B. Hndges, rector emeritus, and Rev. Dr. Arthur B. Kinsolving, rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church. Interment was made in St. Paul's cemetery, this county.

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