# Kent News

SATURDAY, - - MARCH 13, 1897.


**Several** arrests have been made by Capt. Stevens of persons violating the cull law. Capt. E. Rochester was arrested on Wickes's Beach and fined $10 by Justice Beck.

**A subscription paper** has been carried about town this week by Mr. John S. Vandegrift and it was ascertained that 600 lights would be taken at once by our citizens provided the plant was established here and the lights furnished at reasonable figures. Mr. E. E. Mandeville, of Racine, Wisconsin, is in correspondence with a number of gentlemen in Chestertown looking to the establishment of a plant here. Every inducement possible will be offered him to come.

### It is a Swindle!

The letter received by Mr. Henry Parr, of Galena, in reference to a large fortune awaiting him, has been discovered to be a swindle. We learn that Rev. Father Gloyd, of Westminster, received a similar letter several years ago. In one of the Hagerstown papers last week a resident of that town published a letter received by him which is identical to Mr. Parr's. The language is exact and the amount $200,000. Rev. Father Gloyd wrote for the parties to send him one-half and keep the other half for their trouble! He heard nothing further from them. This swindle is a rival to the "Green goods fake."

### Contract Awarded!

Rev. Father J. T. McSweeney, of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, on Thursday awarded the contract for building a new rectory to W. S. & A. M. Culp, of Chestertown. This rectory will be built in the rear of the present parsonage on a line with the church. It will be entirely of brick, two stories high with gable roof and the interior finished in hard natural wood. It will be heated with hot water and have all necessary modern conveniences. The contractors have purchased the old building which will be removed as soon as possible. The structure will cost about $4,000, the money having been donated by a friend of Father McSweeney. Work will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. Baldwin & Pennington, Baltimore, are architects of the building.

### MATRIMONIAL.

The wedding of Mr. HARVEY M. CULP and Miss FANNIE E. DENNIS was solemnized at the South Presbyterian parsonage in Philadelphia Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. Stuart Moore officiating. Mr. Culp is a son of Mr. W. S. Culp, of Washington avenue, and has a responsible position in Cramps shipyard. Miss Nellie Fletcher, of Philadelphia, and Mr. A. M. Culp, of Chestertown, stood up with the bridal couple. The bride was tastily attired in steel-colored broadcloth with passementerie trimmings, and carried a large bouquet of Bride's roses. A reception was held at the bride's mother's home after the wedding. They will reside in Philadelphia.

**New Telephone Line.**—The Queen Anne's Railroad Company is laying the poles for a Telephone line from Easton to Chestertown via Wye Mills, Queenstown, Centreville and Church Hill, which is expected to be completed and open to the public in the next two weeks. This line connects with the Denton line at Queenstown, thus connecting Easton, Wye Mills, Queen Anne, Hillsborough, Ridgely, Denton, Queenstown, Centreville, Church Hill and Chestertown, and the principal towns of Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties, also connecting the principle towns of Maryland and Delaware South of Denton. As this line will prove a great convenience to the business interests of the county, the enterprise should be encouraged by the general public.


**Joseph Guest**, of this town, calls attention to Galvanized and Painted Steel Roofing (5,000 feet just received), Galvanized Smooth and Barbed Fence Wire. Leave your orders now and get low March quotations. Also, remember he sells Black Residuum, good for corn, tomatoes and all kinds of vegetables, keeping away insect and doubling your crop. Leave your order now, so you may have it when you are ready. 1t.


### COLLEGE NOTES.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association J. S. E. Pardee was elected corresponding secretary of the Athletic Association, and G. C. Gum was elected captain of the second team.

Mr. G. C. Graham lectured to the S. C. A. on "Little Things" last Sunday. Messrs. Davis, Pardee, Wheatley and Gullitte sang a beautiful quartette, "The Wayside Cross." Mr. Reed also gave his usual lecture on "Biblical History."

Mr. Anderson, who, on account of sickness, was compelled to leave college, has at last returned.

Mr. McDorman attended the inauguration of President McKinley. He remembered the General to many of the boys.

Miss Ellen Longfellow and brother, George, were compelled to go home last Saturday on account of the illness of their mother.

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## M. E. CONFERENCE.

to the permanent wealth of the world. The lands of equatorial Africa are the most valuable on the globe and its material resources are almost boundless.

He especially showed how that the opening up of this hitherto unknown continent in the last year of this century was a manifest providence of God. This wonderful country was not to be controlled by the decaying powers of Spain and Portugal, but by other great Christian nations. He conclusively demonstrated that the great educational work that is being done by the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South is to be a prominent factor in the evangelization of the dark continent.

The anniversary of the Conference Historical Society was held in the church at 2 P. M. with Rev. R. W. Todd, president, in the chair. Rev. J. H. Webster was elected secretary. The opening religious services were conducted by Rev. B. F. Price and Dr. Phœbus. Mr. Price then read some interesting reminiscences of a few of his sixty years experience in the active ministry in the M. E. Church. At the conclusion of the reading, the paper was unanimously requested for the archives of the society. The president then presented a valuable and deeply interesting paper from the facile pen of Bishop John F. Hurst, LL. D., on the "Transplanted Fruit of Peninsula Methodism," which was read by the secretary and accepted for the society archives with a vote of thanks. Dr. Phœbus then made some interesting remarks.

THURSDAY.

Devotional services lead by Bishop Walden, assisted by H. S. Thompson, were held from 8.30 to 9.

Conference opened with a ten minutes address by the Bishop in which he gave some sharp, practical truths for the consideration of the younger members. The call of districts was taken up and the characters of the presiding elders passed upon, no one having anything against them. The reports in brief follow:

EASTON DISTRICT—ALFRED SMITH, P. E.

The working force on the District during the year has been about the same and while in a few instances the work has been somewhat hindered by the protracted illness of pastors, there has not occurred a single death and the work in the end has all resulted well. But while our working force has been about the same as in former years, the resistance to overcome has been greater than ever before. No year of all these six has presented so many difficulties to the advancement of the temporal and spiritual interests of the church as the one now closing.

Owing to the great scarcity of money but very little has been done in the way of building and improving churches and parsonages. One noted exception is recorded. At Piney Neck, Kent county, Rev. W. G. Chance, pastor, a beautiful and commodious new church has been built at a cost of $1200, nearly all paid for. Six years ago this little society was a part of Rock Hall circuit, promising to pay $150 salary and worshiping in an old dilapidated church. Now they have a new church, support their own pastor, have an Epworth League of 100 and report the largest number of subscribers to the *Herald* of any charge on the District. These magnificent results are due to the courageous and persistent efforts of the pastor assisted by a Spartan band of self sacrificing people. It is a beautiful object lesson to our wealthier and more influential churches. At Easton an old debt of $700 has been entirely wiped out. At Cordova an additional $318 has been paid on the beautiful new parsonage purchased there last year.

In a few instances salaries have been reduced and almost in every instance they have been raised with increasing difficulty and in some instances they have not been raised in full. It is true that there is almost unprecedented financial stringency but if our stewards would adopt some good financial system and faithfully work it, there would be no trouble. Talbot Circuit, Bro. J. F. Anderson, pastor, is an illustration of what can be done. Instead of reducing they have raised the salary and paid it too. If improvement is not made in collecting salaries and the present financial system continues we will simply be driven to return to the old Circuit System of a generation ago.

The Epworth League is everywhere a source of power and helpfulness. The new order of service should be adopted by all the churches but as it is only one-half use it.

Only one-half of the children attend preaching. At large towns with flourishing schools there is a woeful lack of children at public worship. I exhort you to make special efforts along this line.

The time-honored class and prayer meetings are not what they once were. They are thermometers of the spiritual life of the church, and no church can maintain such a means of grace in the absence of the witness of the Spirit.

Revivals have not been as sweeping as heretofore. At Millington, Queenstown, Townsend, Cordova, Oxford, Wye and Starr, Galena and Cecilton there have been large ingatherings. At Middletown a grand revival resulted and the church at Oxford is on a higher plane. The aggregate ingathering is about 1100 as against 1800 one year ago, making a grand total for the six years of 7500.

The benevolences will about come up to last year. The following amounts were reported from Missionary debt paying day: Chestertown $32; Oxford $25; Centreville $20; Smyrna $17; Cecilton $15; Still Pond $12; Galena $10; Sassafras and Massey $6; Pomona $3.40, etc., the aggregate being $225, or the price of 23,000 bushels of corn.

In closing Dr. Smith spoke of his unusual good health for six years, his gratefulness to the brethren and their wives and his lasting obligations to the people, and invoked God's richest blessing upon all.

DOVER DIST.—R. H. ADAMS, P. E.

This district has also suffered from terrible financial depression and the largest deficiency in pastors, salaries yet reported was announced. In benevolences a shortage was regretfully announced but reason was given for a creditable advance next year. Improvements and the payment of church debts have progressed, the crowning achievement being the completion of the church at Georgetown, costing $10,000. The total amount of improvements or debts paid was nearly $20,000, which makes a big showing for this district. About 1400 souls have been converted during the year and many of the churches were quickened.

WILMINGTON DIST.—L. E. BARRETT, P.E.

Rev. Mr. Hubbard reported the demise of Dr. Merritt Hurlbut, one of the ablest members of the conference, during the past year, also the transfer of several members in his district. "In every church the battle against sin has been waged and souls captured for God. We have endeavored for quality rather than quantity. Our Sunday schools are in excellent shape. There are 35 chapters of Epworth League with 1250 members besides 3 Endeavor societies with 300 members. The benevolences were nearly all met, although some did not receive their salaries in full. A substantial advance was made at Elkton, Perryville, Port Deposit, Marshallton, Hopewell and Asbury. A new church has been built at Perryville, cost $7,200 and substantial improvements made to churches in the district costing about $15,500, besides paying debts amounting to $4,757. The reverend gentleman strongly condemned the race tracks of Cecil county and complimented the good people of the county for their plucky fight.

SALISBURY DIST.—W. F. COCKRAN, P. E.

Rev. Mr. Corkran retires from his presiding eldership at this conference having served six years in this capacity. His report was one of the most flattering ones read. He reported the death of Bro. James Connor, of Selbyville, and Rev. Jas. A. Leatherbury, of Onancock, Va., besides several members in the families of his co-laborers. "The salaries of our pastors have been equal and in some cases greater than last year, the advances aggregating $575 or a net gain of $300 over last year. In building and improving church and parsonage property we have marched forward. A new church has been built near Salisbury, cost $800; at Millsboro, cost $,000; Asbury, cost $2,000; at Walson station, a chapel costing $600; on Smith's Isle, two churches, costing $2200 and $2500; a new parsonage has been secured at Laurel, and about $5000 expended on improvements and paying off church debts. The benevolent collections have been greater than ever before amounting to nearly $350. More than 2000 sinners have bowed at our altars and some big revivals have taken place. On other lines this district showed remarkable progress. In a review of six years work he showed that 32 churches had been built of the 112, and 2,000 full members added and a gain of $1760 to missions, and so in other causes great success has attended Rev. Mr. Corkran's term.

At the close of Rev. Mr. Corkran's report, Bishop Walden, on behalf of the ministers of Salisbury district, presented the retiring Elder with a beautiful gold watch. The reverend gentleman accepted the gift in his modest and graceful manner. At the close of the presentation "Blest be the tie that binds," was heartily sung.

Rev. J. D. C. Hanna presented resolutions of thanks for the Bishop's excellent lecture and moved that a collection be lifted which should be donated toward helping the Bishop bear his burden of $18,000, which he assumed in continuing the work of the Missionary Training School in Central Tennessee. The amount raised was $28.

The following were introduced to the conference: J. B. Hamilton, evangelist; J. M. Gill, of Chestertown M. P. Church; N. B. Snowden, of African M. E. Church; Milton L. Hutton, of Scott M. E. Church, transferred from Minnesota Conference; D. W. C. McIntyre, of New Jersey.

The young ministers being examined were notified that these two questions would be asked them: Are you financially embarrassed? Will you abstain from the use of tobacco?

Ten o'clock tomorrow morning was appointed for the vote on constitutional questions.

Drafts on Chartered Fund $22 and on Book Concern for $1,092 were ordered drawn.

T. E. Martindale introduced a resolution petitioning the constitutional convention now in session at Dover to adopt the majority report now pending before that body in reference to the sale of intoxicating liquors in Delaware. It was adopted unanimously.

Rev. Robert Watt was excused to go home to preach a funeral sermon of one of his members.

Session closed with singing, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing," etc.

The anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was held at 2 o'clock, Mrs. C. C. Brown, President. Addresses were made by Mrs. E. L. Weldin, Vaughn S. Collins and others.

Pentecostal services were led by Rev. T. L. Wood.

The Epworth League Anniversary was held at night. Officers elected and an eloquent and interesting address delivered by Dr. J. E. Broadbeck.

Special music was rendered under the leadership of Miss Anna G. Lambert. Miss Mary Hurtt presiding at the organ. Mrs. A. Harris, Miss Mary Beck and Prof. Clarke assisted in the music.

The Missionary Anniversary was held in the M. P. church at night Rev. Robt. Watt presiding. Dr. A. B. Leonard preached an able sermon.

Resolutions lamenting the death of Brother Thomas Mallalieu, president of the society, were passed, new officers elected and the report of the treasurer read, showing a deficiency of over a thousand dollars from the amount raised last year.

FRIDAY.

Conference opened with devotional services lead by Rev. C. S. Baker. The Bishop addressed the conference for ten minutes.

V. S. Collins introduced the following resolution: That the Presiding Elders be instructed to name to this body a committee of nine, to be elected by the conference, who shall proceed at once to secure the requisite charter or articles of incorporation from the Delaware legislature. The following were named: Vaughn S. Collins, C. P. Swain, Adam Stengle, T. E. Martindale, W. L. S. Murray, C. S. Wyatt, E. H. Nelson, P. H. Rawlins, C. W. Prettyman.

Rev. F. B. Shipman, of Virginia conference, and transferred to this conference, was introduced; also Dr. J. A. Roache, of New York; Dr. George E. Reed, of Dickinson College and Dr. A. Leonard, missionary secretary. Dr. Leonard addressed the conference as did Dr. Reed. Dr. Reed reported 400 students at Dickinson College. He is a fine speaker and held his audience spell bound, remarking that the girls were going ahead of the men, and that he was in favor of women entering college with the boys and also of entering this conference.

The effective Elders were then called, their characters passed, and they announced their collections and conversions. Dover district reported $4,613 for missions and for conference claims the assessment was very nearly raised. The number of conversions has amounted to nearly 1000. On Wilmington District $4,613 was raised for missions and 825 accessions; Salisbury District is the banner district having raised $6,612 for missions, $1,280 for conference claims and about 1800 accessions to the church. The missionary collection is now on $1,900,000 line. The report of ministers on Easton District was as follows:

| Pastors | Missions. | Conf. Claims. | Conversions. |
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| R. I. Watkins | 190 | 45 | 48 |
| J. W. Easley | 270 | 60 | 58 |
| J. W. Fogle | 125 | 30 | 13 |
| W. P. Compton | 375 | 95 | 21 |
| G. H. Geoghegan | 75 | 20 | 27 |
| W. O. Hurst | 64 | 20 | 10 |
| E. S. Mace | 73 | 20 | 75 |
| W. W. Chairs | 34 | 10 | 32 |
| C. A. Hill | 350 | 80 | 15 |
| Frank Fletcher | 135 | 35 | 73 |
| J. A. Arters | 103 | 35 | .. |
| F. F. Carpenter | 150 | 30 | 35 |
| J. M. Collins | 15 | 12 | 30 |
| E. H. Hynson | 77 | 20 | 18 |
| J. T. Brouse | 50 | 16 | 40 |
| C. M. Sheppard | 90 | 22 | 75 |
| J. L. Wood | 100 | 460 | 19 |
| T. C. Smoot | 100 | 40 | 88 |
| E. P. Roberts | 125 | 30 | 11 |
| T. B. Cooper | 63 | 25 | 7 |
| Jas. Carroll | 60 | 25 | 26 |
| G. W. Burke | 825 | 50 | 5 |
| Adam Stengle | 500 | 150 | 3 |
| W. R. Mowbray | 108 | 30 | 15 |
| E. H. Nelson | 143 | 70 | 6 |
| J. M. Lindale | 75 | 40 | 2 |
| J. F. Anderson | 56 | 17 | 10 |
| J. H. Wilson | 30 | 3 | 16 |
| Albert Chandler | 105 | 25 | 70 |
| Robert Roe | 62 | 25 | 25 |

Rev. J. T. Prouse, pastor of Kenton, Del., church, remarked that he had been hindered by the politics of Delaware. In the revival services he had taken in twelve of the best patrons of the saloon and would have won the bar keeper had it not been for many of the official men who were mixed up with the low politics of the State. Rev. F.J. Cochran, of Farmington, also complained of the political status of the State.

Rev. J. E. Amoss was transferred to Baltimore Conference.

Rev. Edw. Davis, of Newark charge, asked for a change from effective to superannuate and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards. Others reported were: W. F. Talbot, J. W. Poole, W. M. Warner, W. M. Greene, J. H. Caldwell, W. W. Redman, A. D. Davis, J. B. Merritt, T. H. Haynes, W. L. P. Bowen, N. McQuay, C. J. Hammitt, Wm. B. Walton, A. T. Scott, W. E. Enland, J. W. Hammersley, G. W. Wilcox, J. D. Rigg, F. O. B. Wallin, T. B. Hunter, G. A. Phœbus, Jas. Esgate, H. Sanderson, B. F. Price, J. B. Quigg.

Revs. Adam Stengle and Joseph H. Geoghegan were excused to attend funerals on their respective charges.

At 2 P. M. the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their anninersary. Mrs. E. A. Stephens is president and a speaker of wide reputation. Addresses were made by Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Yak, of Japan. The pentacostal service was conducted by Dr. Tinker.

The Veterans Anniversary was held in the M. E. Church, Rev. John France, presiding. Addresses were made by Dr. J. B. Hamilton and Medford H. Cahoon, Esq. The Church Extension Society held its anniversary in Christ M. P. Church, president Dr. C. S. Baker. Dr. J. A. Kynett spoke.

The alumni associations of Dickinson College, Conference Academy and Drew Seminary held a banquet in Stam's Hall last evening at which the faculty of Washington College were special guests. Toasts were given and a general good time enjoyed. Mr. John Shuster was caterer.

**Held for Larceny.**—Dolly Rochester and William McDowell, both colored, were committed for the action of the Kent county authorities by Justice Schoen, of Baltimore, on Friday, charged with the larceny of a lot of clothing and bedding belonging to Edward Rochester, of Rock Hall. Rochester has recently been released from the House of Correction, where he served a term of 12 months for stabbing a friend last April in a drunken brawl. It seems that his wife, Dolly Rochester, moved to this county during her husband's incarceration and carried away the goods. She claimed that she had only taken two bed quilts, which she had made with her own hands. McDowell denied any knowledge of the theft.

**Soon to Open its Line.**— President Bosley, of the Queen Anne's Railroad, said Wednesday that the line would be opened for travel on April 6th with the trains running as far as Greenwood, Del.

All arrangements have been completed with the Chester River Steamboat Company to run boats to meet the trains at Queenstown. The first boat will leave Balt. at 6 A. M. and after meeting the trains on the other side of the bay return to Baltimore. It will leave again at 4.30 P. M. and return again to the city. Mails as well as passengers and freight are to be carried both ways.

The company has at present three engines and 10 or 12 passenger cars, and the equipment is to be increased as the service demands.

It is expected that the line will be open for traffic through to Ellendale in six or eight weeks.

### Shad in Abundance.

Shad are appearing in the Baltimore market in abundance. Tuesday prices broke sharply on account of the large shipments and the still larger receipts expected today. The wholesale dealers sold shad at 10 to 12 cents apiece for smelt shad and 20 to 25 cents for roe shad.

The local boat of Chester river has been busily engaged in ferrying during the past two or three days and nights up Muddy creek, while Capt. Frank Stevens of the other police boat was sailing to and fro across Chester river trying to find the little local boat which may still be up the lead. Well might they try to make something for the county.—*Queenstown News.*

In another column will be found Mr. Atkinson's card offering the services of his most excellent stallion to the public. Read it carefully.

## CONFERENCE NOTES.

The last time conference met in Chestertown was in March, 1878. Bishop Foster presided and preached one of the most powerful sermons ever heard in the town. A number of persons went to church at 7 o'clock in order to get a seat and remained until the close of services at noon.

Rev. C. I. Stengle, one of the able young ministers of the conference, was a welcome caller at our sanctum. We are sorry to report the death of his estimable wife only a few weeks ago.

Rev. W. P. Compton makes a most excellent manager and is kept on the "move" almost continually. He takes pleasure in supplying the wants of the clergymen and is a Bureau of Information in himself. If any guest fails of a pleasant time or of anything it cannot be laid at Bro. Compton's door.

The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been in session very recently, passed resolutions recommendingthat its church membership fast on Good Friday. This method of observing the closing days of the Lenten season is somewhat of an innovation for this sect of the Christian church.

Rev. I. G. Fosnocht "found his way" into the NEWS office Tuesday. We discovered him looking up at the derrick and wondering how he was to reach the office. We informed him that we had "come down" on a level with the people. The reverend gentleman has faithfully served the people of Camden four years and they are anxious for his return. He and his family are enjoying excellent health. He is a guest of Geo. W. Smith.

Rev. Thos. R. Vandyke is fond of the wheel and is enjoying spinning over our fine roads.

The Conference has a Roache in its midst and as for Pickles it is never at a loss. A Cannan guards the outer Hall while a Smith and Brown is always within call. The body is never without Chaires, has a first-class Carpenter, a faithful Shepherd, an intelligent Gardner, a good Baker and an experienced Miller. England and France are within its fold but there's a Wise, White, Sharp, Valiant Tinker who can Outten them both. Then there's a Chance man, Prettyman, Freeman and a Watt; Koons and a Hunter; Hill and Lindale; Greenfield, Westerfield and a Layfield; a Poole and a Taylor.

Rev. T. B. Hunter, a member of the conference, has recovered from his ill health and looks as young as he did in 1878 when the body met here. He and his wife own one of the largest and best located hotels in Ocean Grove.

Rev. George E. Wood is no stranger in Chestertown and feels very much at home. He had a very successful year at Bethel last year having over one hundred conversions on the circuit.

Rev. B. F. Price has been in the ministry longer than any other member having finished sixty years of active service last year and then placed on the superannuate list. He was stationed in Kent in 1837 and was a warm friend of the NEWS. He is yet an able worker in the cause.

Rev. Ralph T. Coursey is the sweet singer of the conference, his rich tenor voice being a fortune in itself. Revs. McSorely and Terry also have fine voices.

The singing in the M. E. Church is under the direction of Prof. R. K, Pippin who has been wielding the baton since he was 22 years of age. The conference choir includes Mrs. T. S. Dodd, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Mrs. W. Pippin, Mrs. Delma Dyott, Misses Minne Peregoy, Julia Thompson, Mamie Copper, Clara Downey, Messrs. W. W. Chapman, James Parrott, G. B. Twilley, Dr. H. L. Dodd, M. W. Thomas L. A. Davis and W. L. Wheatley; Miss Anna G. Lambert, organist.

In the M. P. Church special music was rendered by the choir under the direction of Mr. A. M. Culp, the members being as follows: Mrs. W. R. Aldridge, Mrs. T. S. Dodd, Misses Mollie Parks, Annie Russell, M. J. Thompson, Hettie Greenwood, Marion Lusby, Messrs. Chas. Hurlock, Jas. Parrott, W. H. McFeely, W. W. Chapman, Dr. Dodd; Miss Clara Usilton, organist.

The choir that sang at conference when it met here in 1878 was also under Prof. Pippin's direction and comprised Misses Bella, Nannie and Delma Bordley, Lula Brown, Mamie Brown, Stella Brice, James Taylor, Thos. and J. W. Bordley, John Cannan and H. Pickles.

Bishop Walden says his associates are good-looking men——right.

Rev. Mr. Ewing says the recent congress of religion was a *mongrel* gathering——right.

The opinion of Bro. F.— and others is that Chestertown has the best looking lady bicyclists in the district — right again. And they might add we have the *best* girls, too.

A popular young widow of Chestertown says "all the best-looking preachers have their wives with them." Among these are Mrs. L. E. Barrett, Mrs. R. H. Adams, Mrs. W. F. Corkran, Mrs. James Carroll, Mrs. W. R. Mowbray, Mrs. R. W. Todd, Mrs. W. Jaggard, Mrs. T. C. Smoot, Mrs. W. G. Koons, Mrs. J. D. Kemp and Miss Maud Kemp, Mrs. W. O. Hurst, Mrs. C. W. Prettyman, Mrs. J. B. Quigg, Mrs. Adam Stengle, Mrs. J. E. Graham and mother.

The officers of the conference are men of marked ability and specially fitted for the positions they so acceptably fill. Secretaries Mowbray and assistants, are kept busy all day with their work.

Rev. E. H. Miller stated in his report that his converts were not "repeaters."

Rev. C. A. Grise is one of the active young men of the conference. He has just finished a $10,000 church at Georgetown, Del.

Large delegations from Centreville and other places attended the Epworth League anniversary Thursday evening.


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### Conference Notes Continued.

For some unknown reason no provision was made for a recess at the Conference Academy during conference, and Dr. Todd and Prof. Gooding was therefore deprived from being present during the whole session.

Rev. F. B. Short is the tallest man in the conference being about six foot.

The newspapers represented at the conference are the *Every Evening*, Wilmington, Mr. Joseph Z. Wilkins; *Morning News*, Wilmington, Mr. C. B. Hallam; *Transcript*, Chestertown, Mr. R. H. Collins; *Sun*, Balto., Mr. Spencer Hurtt; NEWS, Chestertown, *Morning Herald*, and *Evening News*, Baltimore, Mr. Fred. G. Usilton.

Rev. R. I. Watkins is one of the busiest men at conference. He is enjoying excellent health and receives a warm welcome from a host of friends.

Rev. Ezra Zinker is pastor of the Mother church in Wilmington. Col. Vannort says he has more fun and jokes in him to the square inch than any other man has to the square yard.

"Poor pay, poor preach" is the way one of the presiding elders puts it.

### LIBERTY HALL BURNED!

The historic brick dwelling on the Porter farm, near Grey's Inn creek, was destroyed by fire Saturday evening. Mr. Wm. J. Porter and wife had started away from home, but were stopped by Lou Smith, who noticed the fire and was running towards the place. Fortunately they reached the house in time to save everything except a few articles in the kitchen. The blaze was first seen around the chimney, a defective flue having originated the fire. This building was 114 years old, the date having been found on one of the bricks. Ex-Mayor Hodges was born in this house, and during the days of the Rock Hall packet line it was a hotel. There was no insurance on the building. Mr. Porter has moved his family in with his wife's mother, in Green Lane.

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