

glad to have, seen you and have no questions to ask you.

The Chief Judge then shook hands with General Hancock, and expressed his gratification at having met him. The Court then adjourned until 10 A. M. to-morrow.

The attendance to-day was large have interest in the trial seems to have revived. The attendance of ladies was especially large, and they will doubtless attend in large numbers until the trial closes.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, January 12, 1872.

The increased attendance on yesterday upon Mrs. Wharton's trial shows that popular interest and feeling still centres strongly in her case. Notwithstanding the protraction of the proceedings (unprecedented, doubtless, in the history of criminal prosecutions in Maryland), and the tedium which accompanied a great part of the testimony, both for the State and the defence, it is evident that as the end draws near popular interest is unabated. There is too much of a sensational character surrounding and underlying the charges against Mrs. Wharton, both in the case at bar and the minor charge of the attempted murder of Mr. Eugene Van Vess, to permit popular feeling, even in the event of conclusions as to her guilt or innocence, to be lessened except temporarily, and the latter days of the great trial will, no doubt, be more significant than were the first of the eagerness and anxiety of the public. For the first time in the history of Maryland has a woman of Mrs. Wharton's social rank and antecedents been called to answer the charge of murder, and there naturally gathers around the prisoner a feeling deep in all its currents, and earnest in its every expression. It cannot be forgotten that the life of a woman is at stake, and that in a brief time the momentous question of her guilt or innocence will be solemnly submitted for final decision. There is, too, so much of uncertainty always attending a trial by jury that the idea of a human life depending upon the opinions of twelve men is at once sufficient to awaken fear and excitement.

As far as can be judged, Mrs. Wharton is to-day as calm and resigned in manner and feeling as when the officers of the law first announced to her that she was a prisoner. There has been nothing in her manner during the whole trial to show that she was agitated by anything that occurred and was uttered by the Court or counsel. She is, however, by no means listless, but at times manifests considerable interest and converses quietly with those around her. Her patience, too, is remarkable, and she shows less weariness than those who accompany her. It is known that Mrs. Wharton has shown but little feeling against her accusers and prosecutors, and her conduct in this regard has been unusually free from resentment. Indeed, not the least remarkable phase of the case has been Mrs. Wharton's freedom from those feelings which might be naturally expected to

find expression from a lady who considered herself the victim of a false prosecution. She has contented herself with a calm expression of her entire innocence, and has not seemingly shared in the feelings of some of her friends who deeply sympathize with her.

Mrs. J. Crawford Neilson was first called to-day, and testified:—I reside in Harford county in the summer, and in Baltimore in the winter; I have known Mrs. Wharton eight or nine years intimately; our families have been as intimate as families could possibly be; she has always been spoken of as possessing in the highest degree kindness, amiability and gentleness; I would be glad to say to the jury what I know personally of her; she was intimate with Gen. Ketchum, and very kindly disposed towards him, as he was towards her; he preferred to be in her house in case of sickness or trouble to any other; I came up from Washington last February with General K.; just before leaving he was very uneasy about a bottle of medicine, and felt in his pockets for it; he found it, and said he would not have been willing to have left Washington without it; he said he was not fond of doctors, and preferred to drink his medicine from the bottle; I have been with Mrs. Wharton constantly, and with her associates constantly during the last eight or nine years, and have had abundant opportunities of knowing of her reputation and character. Mrs. Neilson gave her testimony in a very earnest manner, and evidently desired to be allowed to say more for her cherished friend.

Miss Martha Stump next testified—I am the daughter of Mr. Hamilton Stump, and reside in Baltimore county; I have known Mrs. Wharton intimately for six years; I have known her as well as it was possible to know any one; I have visited at her house during the winter and have travelled with her during the summer; I have had every opportunity of judging of her character and knowing her reputation; she possessed the reputation for kindness, amiability and gentleness, to a greater degree than any one I know; she had the reputation of possessing them in a remarkable degree; my father is President of the George's Creek Coal Company of Baltimore.

J. Crawford Neilson next testified—I reside in Harford county, but my time is spent in Baltimore; I have known Mrs. Wharton very well, indeed, for at least eight years, and our families have been extremely intimate; I have had unusual opportunities for judging of her character and knowing her reputation; I have met old acquaintances of Mrs. Wharton who spoke to me of her character for thirty years back; for kind-heartedness, amiability and Christian charity her reputation was such as very few women have ever enjoyed; it was as high as it could be.

Dr. Abram Claude next testified—I reside in Annapolis, and I have been thirty years engaged in the practice of medicine; I am the Professor of Natural Sciences at St. John's College; I had charge of some wards in the United States hospitals here during most of the war; they were large hospitals and I sometimes had 200 patients; I heard the testi-