Woodward & Lothrop

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris.

Easter Cards and Novelties.—Main Floor, G Street.

We Are Splendidly Ready for Easter

And invite attention to our selections and importations, comprising in part Paris and London Millinery, Silks, Dress Goods, Ready-to-wear Garments for women and children, Paris Lingerie and Corsets, Laces, Ribbons, Gloves, Parasols, Handkerchiefs, Neck Fixings, Silk Waists and Petticoats, Separate Skirts, Hosiery, Shoes, Men's Hats, Men's and Boys' Haberdashery, Imported Novelties in Leather and Fancy Goods, Sterling Silver Articles, Dainty China, Rich Cut Glass, Easter Cards and Leaflets, Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymnals, Toys and hundreds of other appropriate novelties in myriad forms emblematic of Eastertide.

Critical discrimination, artistic productions, individual selections mark with distinctive interest the ushering in of the reign of the springtime throughout our great establishment, to whose large hospitality we bid you cordially welcome.

Dress Goods Department.

1,000 Yards of Lace Etamine,

37½c. the Yard, Instead of $1.00.

We shall place on sale tomorrow, Thursday, morning one thousand yards of Lace Etamine, a very beautiful and stylish fabric, shown in two-toned gray mixtures only. This was a ready-seller last season at $1.00, but owing to a fortunate purchase of a maker's surplus stock we are enabled to offer it at the special price,

37½c. the Yard. Regular Price, $1.00.

Dress Goods Dept., 2d floor, G st.

Beautiful Millinery for Easter.

Quite a number of the newest creations appear in the green and oak salon today, and there'll be others tomorrow and following days of the week.

There's a snap and dash about W. & L. Millinery that one has a right to expect from a store, that besides having its own staff of designers has a constant intercourse with a resident Paris buyer.

A charming collection of elegant and becoming hats is presented for your inspection. And the dominant feature of Easter millinery is beauty.

A delightful collection of Trimmed Hats for girls and children as well.

Untrimmed Hats for women and children in all the latest and most beautiful effects.

Flowers, Foliage, Ostrich Plumes and Millinery Novelties in great variety.

Second Floor, Tenth st.

Apropos of Spring Weddings

We Direct Attention to a New Importation of

Exquisite Paris Lingerie

Now on sale, among which are many exclusive models, in sheer nainsook, batiste, crystalline, linon, etc., combined with the most beautiful hand embroideries, Valenciennes, Bruges, Princess and other Laces.

Superb Paris Bridal Trousseaux,

Consisting of fine and dainty hand-made Gowns, Chemises and Drawers to match, more or less elaborately trimmed with laces, beading and ribbons.

$18.00 to $100.00 the Set of 3 Pieces.

Sets made up of any number of pieces desired up to $600 and more.

Tomorrow (Thursday) Special Display of

Dainty White Petticoats

(For Wear With Easter Gowns).

Beautiful creations for evening and for wear with thin white dresses. New effects in fine cambric and lawn, with trimmings of laces, ruffles, flounces, insertions, embroideries, etc. Items of interest for every woman, selected from a complete stock that is so broad as to embrace every desirable style. And the prices, quality considered, are the lowest possible to quote.

Cambric Petticoats, deep umbrella ruffle finished with three rows of Point de Paris lace and ruffle of lace. Each..... $2.75

Lawn Petticoats, ruffle of blind embroidery in neat dotted effect, with dust ruffle of same embroidery. Each..... $3.50

Fine Cambric Petticoats, deep flare ruffle of open embroidery. Each..... $4.50

Fine Cambric Petticoats, deep flounce of open-work English embroidery and tucks. Each..... $6.50

Fine Cambric Petticoats, richly trimmed with two deep ruffles of lace; especially desirable for drop skirts. Each..... $6.50

Fine Lawn Petticoats, very full and fluffy, with deep flounce of lace insertion and tucks, and wide lace ruffle at bottom; dust ruffle finished with lace. Each..... $8.25

Also Displaying New Spring Importations in

French Corsets and House Girdles.

Now offering spring models of our exclusive importation in the Parame, Lily of France and Sapphire Corset, presenting a number of new features corresponding to the Paris fashions, and in materials adapted for spring and summer wear, including Fancy Coutil, Embroidered Batiste, Fancy Broche, Silk, Satin, etc.

Special attention is directed to our latest French model,

The Lily of France "Tricot"

(Unexpanding Knitted Silk Corset).

The one radical improvement that is demanding all attention in Paris and is revolutionizing corset making. Of airy lightness and almost without any stays, this corset clings to the figure, improving each graceful line without any effect of stiffness, in a way that is scarcely imaginable. The rigid inconvenient encasement of former days abandoned, the woman wearing The Lily of France "Tricot" Corset is prepared for the fullest enjoyment of every occasion of dress or of sports.

$19.50 the Pair.

Third floor, Eleventh st.

Women's Easter Neckwear.

Women never had so many different kinds of pretty neck things to choose from as are represented in our collection. From every recognized fashion creator of every fashion center of the world have come ideas in Women's Neckwear, which will be found in our Neckwear Department on the main floor.

We enumerate a few neat and effective Neck Pieces at 25c. and 50c.:

At 25c.
- Chemisettes.
- Lace Stock Collars.
- Embroidered Linen Stock Collars.
- Embroidered Linen Turn-over Collars.

At 50c.
- Lace Stock Collars.
- Embroidered Linen Stock Collars.
- Turn-over Collars, embroidered in colors.
- Embroidered Swiss Muslin Turn-over Collar and Cuff Sets.
- Lace Collar and Cuff Sets, in white and cream.
- Fancy Stock Collars and Bows.
- Neck and Sleeve Rufflings by the yard.
- Also Chemisettes, with cuffs to match, $1.00 up.

Main floor, G st.

The Designer for May Is on Sale

And contains, among others, the following interesting articles: "Costumes for Graduation Dress," "Lingerie Millinery," "Shadow Embroidery," "Lace Borders for Handkerchiefs or Centerpieces," "Japanese Housekeeping," "Rhubarb Delicacies," "Ranch Life for Women," two short stories and the opening chapters of "Miss Ginter of Ginterville."

10c. a copy.
Special price, 80c. a year.

The May Patterns contain the latest and most practical styles for the summer vacation just ahead, both for the grown-ups and the young folks. Also Graduation Day Dresses—the daintiest sort—for economical folks.

10c. and 15c. each.
Fashion Sheets free for the asking.

Main floor, Eleventh st.

Men's Neckwear for Easter.

Men who dress carefully and concede something to the little niceties of fashion will be interested in the spring novelties. Proper ties, gloves and handkerchiefs are the important finishing touches to the Easter wardrobe, and the vast variety of choice in both color and style is a question of individual taste.

Our preparations for this Easter Neckwear business is perhaps more extensive than at any previous season. It embraces a great diversity of colorings and designs, from the quiet tones to the most elaborate. All tastes have been provided for in staple things, new ideas—and novelties.

Prices, 50c. and Upward.

Other Easter Requisites include White and Fancy Vests, single and double-breasted, ranging in price from $1.50 to $5.00.

Easter Gloves for walking, calling and church, in the correct grays and tans. $1.00, $1.50, $2.00 and up.

Main floor, F st.

Men's Hats for Easter.

The showing of Men's Hats for spring and summer embraces all the desirable effects. The popular shapes of previous seasons have been retained, while several new blocks and colors have been presented to meet changing tastes.

Our assortment is very complete, representing the leading makes in both soft and stiff hats. Many of them, being made to our special order, possess an individuality and distinctiveness which are quite their own, though the prices are no higher than you pay for less exclusive styles.

Every size is here in a shade and tint to please every taste.

Soft Hats and Derbys, $2.00, $3.00, $3.50 to $5.00.
Silk Hats, $5.50 and $7.00.

Main floor, F st.

Women's Lisle Hose at Half Price.

We shall place on sale tomorrow (Thursday) morning 50 dozen pairs of Women's Fine Gauze Lisle Thread Hose, in black, tan and lavender extracted effects, with double soles and high-spliced heels; all sizes.

Special price, 25c. a pair.
Regular price, 50c.

Main floor, F st.

Refrigerators and Ice Chests for 1905.

As the Refrigerator season is about at hand, we desire to call special attention to the "Peerless" Refrigerator, which we are again handling for the sixth consecutive year.

We consider this the most easily cleaned, most sanitary, most perfect ice preserver and the most all-round perfect Refrigerator ever put on the market.

The construction of this Refrigerator is of the very best; the outer case being of selected ash, thoroughly dried in hot-air dry kilns; the panels are in one piece, and are grooved into the rails and stiles, which are mortised together in the most substantial manner, making a perfectly tight cabinet. The joining and cabinet work are the best obtainable in a refrigerator; the inner case or body is of kiln-dried, closely matched, odorless wood, lined with metal and fastened together with hardwood cleats, which support the outside case, making a refrigerator which cannot be equaled for strength, durability and beauty. The space between the inner and outer cases is filled with the best non-conducting material known—mineral-wool filling—and this filling is so put in that it cannot settle or shake down. The floors of the provision chamber are covered with metal and are on a level with the bottom of the door, making it easy to keep clean, if anything should be spilled in it; the walls of the provision chamber are lined with metal of the best quality, the joints being carefully soldered to prevent anything spilled from leaking through, which might cause the case to swell; provision chambers are furnished with metal shelves—cleanliest made—and so open as to offer no obstruction to the free circulation of air. The locks and hinges are made of solid bronze. There is not an inch of the entire inner surface of the "Peerless" but that can be cleaned readily of all impurities.

The new sanitary cleanable flue wall used is by far the best improvement now used in refrigerators. It is a flue within a flue, and operates upon the same principle as the forced draft. The improved "Peerless" ice rack is the most perfect of any made and is one of the leading features in the construction and working of the "Peerless" system of refrigeration. It is made of metal and braced and riveted in such a manner as to give the greatest possible strength. The "Peerless" sanitary drain pipe and drip cup, both of which are easily removable, are circular in shape and important features, as they prevent the possibility of cold air escaping from the ice chamber, or of warm air entering from the outside. Our very successful experience during the past five years with this Refrigerator prompts us to recommend it, without the least hesitation, to those wishing a strictly first-class Refrigerator—one that will keep the food pure and sweet, and one that will not use a large amount of ice—at a reasonable figure.

We show the "Peerless" in all sizes, for families, large or small; boarding houses, grocers, butter merchants and others.

No. X, 30 lbs. ice capacity, $10.00.
No. XX, 40 lbs. ice capacity, $12.00.
No. XXX, 65 lbs. ice capacity, $14.50.
No. XXXX, 90 lbs. ice capacity, $16.00.
Others up to $200.00.

We are also showing a lower priced Refrigerator, made especially for us by the manufacturers of the "Peerless." It is of thoroughly seasoned and selected ash, with inside case of matched wood; metal lining and thoroughly insulated with air spaces and heavy paper. The sanitary features are: Removable flue and drain pipe, which can be easily taken out and cleaned; galvanized steel ice rack, and all parts perfectly removable.

No. 1, 30 lbs. ice capacity, $8.95.
No. 2, 45 lbs. ice capacity, $10.95.
No. 3, 75 lbs. ice capacity, $13.50.

Also showing a complete line of Ice Chests from $6.00 to $15.00.

Seventh floor.

Easter Gifts.

Easter presents! marvelously beautiful, rich, rare, unique. Easter presents that will delight the heart and elevate the mind. Such are the myriad collections that have been carefully chosen and gathered from every clime beneath the sun into the splendid art department of this store. It is nothing less than a liberal education to study the contents of this wonderful salon. Viewing these superb things, thoughts are carried from country to country, and often from age to age of the long ago, for they are the handiwork of many peoples.

Aside from the intrinsic value of a clock, there clings around it a sweet sentiment, that makes it an ever welcome gift.

The vast variety now on exhibition will make the selection of one a genuine pleasure. There is hardly a known style that is not represented here. The celebrated French clocks are in all the newest designs; the Cupid scroll, the bow-knot, surmounted by the American eagle, the easel-clock with rhinestone frame, dainty clocks on antique marble base; superb onyx inlaid in most intricate pattern forms the housing of timepieces that have consumed many hours in their fashioning. There are antique iron clocks, suitable for hall, den or boudoir. The bronze clocks are in handsome styles, and the hand-carved mahogany and oak clocks are superb. More elaborate even are the mantel sets, comprising clock and candelabra, in French gilt. There are merry bird clocks—the Cuckoo, and grand, impressive clocks, to mark the happy events of all this changeful life, and the blessed hour when loved ones pass to eternal joys. There is no other gift like a clock.

Every one has pictures, and frames are no small consideration at Easter, when pictures are plentiful. Here are superb imported frames of richly embossed leather, gun-metal, French gilt and sterling silver. Florentine frames with hand-painted miniatures of celebrated characters, on ivory signed by the artists. Frames of French tapestry with gilt, and an endless variety of other choice styles.

Pedestals with or without statues are peculiarly appropriate at Easter. They come in finest marble, showing all its charming colorings, solemn black, with here and there a faint streak of light; pink and blue veined marble; marble in every shade and hue, and lovely always, the pure white Italian marble. On many of these are exquisite statues bearing the sculptor's name.

Electricity now carries into the home a most beautiful adornment—the brilliant electroliers. The colored shades for these are adorned with medallions of rich colorings, and many are fringed around with beads of vari-colors, the whole radiating a most bewitching light. In many flowers are represented so perfectly that it appears as if the light were coming from each spray. They are in all sizes from the very large, imposing electrolier to the tiniest light, peeping from one single flower. They are imported, and their nationality is quite in evidence. Beautiful as they undoubtedly are, they have not displaced the silk shades, which are shown in great profusion and every imaginable color. The delicate tints and fluffy styles still prevail.

Fancy combs are still in demand, and they are always nice gifts. A large case is filled with combs of all kinds, real shell, real amber and decorated in elaborate pattern, though each design is in perfect taste.

Garter buckles have given place to the large bow of ribbon, and this decoration appears in many dainty colors. The present season, perhaps because it is so generally a season for brides, the favorite is yellow. But all colors are beautiful in the elegant affairs shown.

Gifts suited for men or women are the handsome leather desk baskets—some are embossed Vienna, also portfolios, racks for paper and envelopes, desk sets, comprising inkwell, paper holders, candlestick, wax, corner for blotters and every conceivable necessity for a desk. Blotters in glass and green onyx, which are entirely new, are just imported.

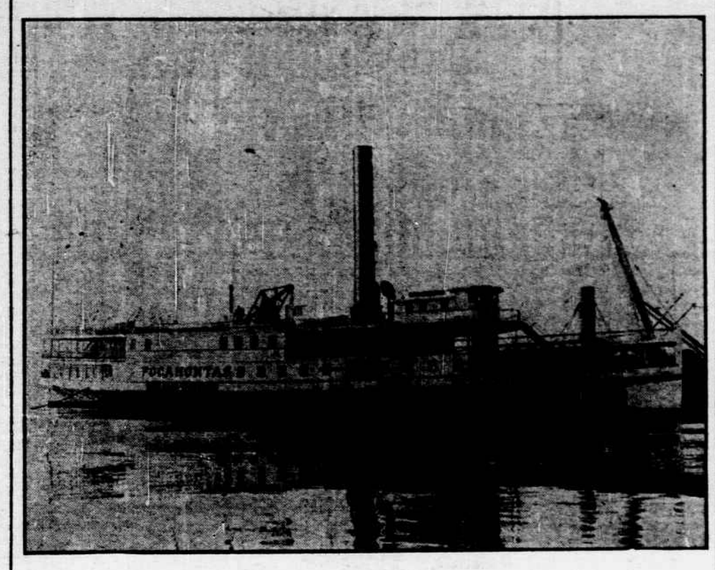
Table accessories that make useful and beautiful gifts are abundant. There are pieces unique and not to be duplicated in that rare goods, Deposit Ware, also in burnished bronze. A most graceful candlestick has a burnished bronze base, from which extends a very tall stemlike shaft, surmounted by a solid silver holder for the candle. Adjustable bookholders are in solid brass and very handsome. A solid silver set of celery salts surround a cut glass celery dish, in a most exquisite case. There are many varieties of small dishes in cut glass, also in decorated china. Salt stands come in numerous styles, and salt being the one necessary foundation of so many of the good things of life, a salt cell of any fashion carries with it a thought of stability and worth.

From the olden days women have loved the opera bags, whether they frequented the opera or stayed away; they never have failed to want one of these charming possessions. Those on exhibit here are particularly beautiful. Some are entirely of beadwork, wrought in interesting designs; some are of soft satin and silk, exquisitely embroidered in delicate colors, with an amount of gold and silver. Some have handsome clasps—some have ribbons and some are closed with cords.

A gift that hints of useful industry, and is pleasing to every woman, even though she never sews, is a work-basket. This year they are remarkably beautiful, in leather, and either fitted or unfitted with all needful articles. They are also in other material, all quite new.

A card case is a dainty gift, as is also a carriage or handbag. They are of alligator also; both card cases and handbags come in silk and satin, black and white and delicate colors. Some are embroidered very richly. Some are in beadwork and are quite elaborate and stunning.

Woodward & Lothrop.



THE POCAHONTAS.

NEW EXCURSION BOAT

RANDALL LINE BUYS STEAMER POCAHONTAS.

Vessel Will Be Run to River View and on Colonial Beach Route.

Capt. E. S. Randall, president and general manager of the Randall Steamboat and Excursion Company of this city, closed a deal yesterday at Richmond for the purchase of the handsome sidewheel steamer Pocahontas and she will be in service on the river during the coming excursion season.

This was the information given The Star reporter at the Randall line offices in this city this morning. The new steamer is to be used in running excursions to River View and Colonial Beach, and will start her service when the excursion season on the river opens in the latter part of next month.

This information will be received with pleasure by the large number of persons who each summer visit Colonial Beach and spend their vacations at the resort. The Pocahontas was built at the works of Harlan & Hollingsworth at Wilmington, Del., in 1893, but about a year ago was partly destroyed by fire at her dock in Richmond and has just been rebuilt, from her keel up. She is practically a new steamer.

The marine register of United States vessels gives her tonnage at 814 gross and 541 net. She is 195 feet long on the keel, 33 feet wide and 11 feet deep. The vessel was built for the Virginia Navigation Company of Richmond for service on the James river and has been employed in that service continuously until she was burned last fall. She can make seventeen miles an hour easily and is expected to materially reduce the time taken for the trip from this city to Colonial Beach.

In appearance on the water she looks very much like the steamer Charles Macalister, now in service on the river, except that she is somewhat larger. On her main deck is a large freight room, with the engineer's room and toilets. Aft, in the social hall on the main deck, is the purser's office and a large women's cabin. Several state rooms are also on this deck. The saloon is large and bright, with big windows on all sides. Private parlors are a feature of the fitting out of the boat, and they are handsomely furnished.

The saloon fittings are handsome, and harmonize with the white, blue and gold decorations. The hurricane deck, to which passengers also have access, is large and is approached by two roomy stairways, one forward and one aft.

Capacity of 1,500 Passengers.

The steamer can easily carry 1,500 passengers to Colonial Beach without crowding, and those who have traveled on her say she can make as good speed with a crowd aboard as she can with only a few hundred. The dining room and kitchen are located below the main deck, in the after part of the boat, but they are lighted by large deadlight windows and are cool and comfortable, even in the hottest weather.

Taking her altogether the Pocahontas is regarded as a fine steamer and is in keeping with the growing excursion business between this city and River View and Colonial Beach.

At the close of the last excursion season Captain Randall announced that he would have a new excursion boat on the river for the coming season, and he early made overtures for the Pocahontas as being the speedy and handsomely appointed craft he wished. The deal hung up for several months on a question of price, but this was finally adjusted and, as stated, the papers transferring the boat to the Randall Excursion Company were signed yesterday.

Under the terms of the transfer the Virginia Navigation Company retains possession of the boat until it can secure another steamer for its Richmond-Norfolk route, but she must be delivered here by May 28. During the early part of the excursion season she will be used to carry excursions to River View, and will make weekly trips to Colonial Beach. Later in the season—after July 4—in conjunction with another steamer, she will be used in the River View and Colonial Beach business.

The purchase of the Pocahontas is one of the most important deals that has taken place in steamboat property here for several years and is in keeping with the rapid growth of the excursion business in the river. The new steamer will be an important addition to the local fleet of pleasure craft.

VERDICT FOR DISTRICT

MRS. SMITH'S CONTENTION IN APPEAL CASE.

Not a Municipal but a Private Congressional Act—No Express Duty Was Imposed.

The Court of Appeals, by an opinion written by Justice Anderson of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, who sat as a member of the appellate tribunal during the hearing of the cause, has affirmed the order of the trial court in directing a verdict in favor of the District of Columbia in the case of Elizabeth R. Smith, administratrix of the estate of her husband, Peter A. Smith, to recover damages for the death of the latter the night of July 1, 1901. Mr. Smith met his death while a passenger on one of the cars of the Georgetown and Tennallytown Railway Company on 32d street. He was seated on the west side of the car, with his elbow resting on the west guard rail, when the car passed another car going in the opposite direction. Mr. Smith's elbow was struck by the south-bound car. He was dragged over the guard rails, between the cars, and killed. The cars came within two and one-half inches of touching when they passed each other opposite Prospect street.

In passing upon an appeal taken by the railway company from a judgment in favor of Mrs. Smith for $9,000 the Court of Appeals last week affirmed the judgment of the trial court.

In Favor of District.

Mrs. Smith contended in the appeal case in which the District of Columbia was a party, that the act of Congress incorporating the railway company provided that the District Commissioners should approve the construction of the road, and that the District had the power, and it was its duty, both under the general law and the special act incorporating the company, to regulate the manner of the construction and maintenance of railway tracks in the streets of the city, and the selection and operation of the cars used, and that because of default in the performance of that duty the municipality was liable for damages for Mr. Smith's death. By direction of the trial judge a verdict in favor of the District was rendered by the jury.

The Court of Appeals points out that the grant to the railway company under which it constructed its road was not a municipal but a private congressional act, in the granting of which the District had no voice and was equally impotent to restrain or terminate it. No express duty was imposed upon the municipality and none can be implied.

It was the duty of the railway company, according to the Court of Appeals, to take precautionary measures to safeguard its passengers, and Mr. Smith's death was caused either by his own negligence or the negligence of the railway company.

INCLUSION OF ST. JOHN RIVER.

Controversy With Canada Connected With the Lake Level Commission.

Among the questions now pending between London and Washington regarding Canada is one that affects the interpretation of the river and harbor bill of 1902, providing for the appointment of an international commission to investigate and report upon the problems of water level, water supply and navigation of the waters adjacent to the Canadian boundary line, including all lakes and rivers whose natural outlet is by the St. Lawrence river. Some question has arisen as to the scope of the commission of six which has already been appointed, the Washington government having taken the tentative position that its jurisdiction did not include the St. John river. It is the wish of the Canadians that that river be included in the investigation, and they hold that such was the intention of the act. It apears that a similar interpretation has been placed upon the law by Mr. Choate, United States ambassador at London, when he presented the invitation for the appointment of the commission. In view of that fact the representations of the English government on the subject will again be taken up at Washington and given careful consideration.

EDWIN MARKHAM HERE

TALKS ENTERTAININGLY OF SOCIAL CONSCIENCE.

Reference to Man With the Hoe—Believes in Woman's Rights and Universal Suffrage.

"That 'Man With the Hoe' is standing at my shoulder all of the time. I never seem able to get rid of him. He's like another Frankenstein," declared Edward Markham, laughingly, to a reporter for The Star this afternoon. "I have written other things, other poems that people have been kind enough to tell me are better than 'The Man With the Hoe,' and it is rather hard sometimes to be continually referred to as the author of that one thing. I really believe some people do not know I ever wrote anything else."

Mr. Markham talks as he writes—easily and smoothly. He seems to have an inexhaustible vocabulary at his command, and he uses it with the care and nicety of the man who has attained a high position in the world through the efforts of his brain. He is large and strongly built, with a well-shaped head, covered with silvery white hair, a heavy fringe of gray beard about his smiling mouth, and eyes which seem soft, and yet glisten. Such is the man Markham. His manner is gracious and kindly at all times, and his ability to maneuver conversation into clear channels seems away above the average.

Mr. Markham is in Washington today in order that he may deliver an address on the "Social Conscience" before the National Council of Women at the Pythian Temple tonight. The "Social Conscience" is one of the things to which Mr. Markham has given much thought and attention.

"The thing I call the social conscience is the power that lies within all whole-souled, warm-blooded people to be social, and it is the thing that has helped make all noble minds, from the time of Jesus Christ to the present day, more beautiful and noble. My idea is to secure a working application of the golden rule to practical life. All religion is founded on the social idea, and what is wanted is the higher and broader development of that scheme. The women have an important mission in this work of fostering and developing the social purity of the world.

Believes in Women's Rights.

"As to the position of women, I believe in woman's rights and equal suffrage and all that sort of thing. I believe the time is coming when women will enjoy equal rights with men. It must necessarily be so. At the time of the organization of society it was necessary that the strong arm of man should take the leadership and pull himself and his kind up from the mud of savagery, but that time has gone. The world has reached that stage of civilization that admits of the development of man and woman side by side. I do not mean that there shall be any difference as to the natural sphere of either man or woman, but that woman shall come into the enjoyment of equal rights in the administration of the fruits of her labor.

"It is nice to get to Washington again. I was here last spring for a short time. I spend five months of the year on a little country place I have in New York and the rest of my time is passed in New York city. I am a working man. I write for a living and am at it all the time. Occasionally I deliver a lecture, like the address I made last night, but it is not often, as I do not care much for the business. I have many calls for such work that I am compelled to decline.

"My only collected works are two volumes of poetry, which were published some time ago, but I have written and am writing a great quantity of prose.

"I expect to leave Washington tonight. I love the country and am anxious to get my things cleared up so that I can go to my home place as soon as possible."

Maj. Benet's Additional Duties.

Major J. Walker Benet, ordnance department, in addition to his duties in command of the Benicia arsenal, has been assigned to duty as ordnance officer of the Department of California, relieving Major Frank E. Hobbs, ordnance department.

INDORSES OVERTURE

THE WASHINGTON PRESBYTERY VOTES FOR RACE SEPARATION.

Speeches in Opposition by Justice Harlan, Dr. Gordon, Rev. F. J. Grimke and Others.

In the debate yesterday at the meeting of the Washington presbytery on the overture in favor of forming separate presbyteries for the colored churches of the denomination there were several earnest speeches against the proposition. In fact, although the measure was carried, the addresses were nearly all against it.

Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, led the discussion by stating that in his opinion such action would be unjust discrimination. This brought out a speech from Rev. Dr. J. F. Grimke, pastor of the only colored Presbyterian Church in this district, the Fifteenth Street Church, who spoke long and feelingly.

"Who are we?" he asked, "that we should say to any race, 'Be ye separate; stand off by yourselves.' It would be a change in our form of government. The success of the work in our church has been because the colored men have not been segregated. It is not the spirit of Christ to humiliate a race and ignore their manhood. The great progress among the colored people in the south has been owing to the aid given by the board for work among the freedmen, while in the north there is no help from any church board. This complexion of presbyteries has nothing whatever to do with the growth of Presbyterianism among either white or black; it depends on the amount of push and energy put into the work.

Alleged Inconsistency.

"The Presbyterian general assembly worked itself up into a frenzy against exhibiting the 'Liberty Bell' on Sabbath, but it was willing to set up 'color line.' Verily, this is tithing mint and anise and cumin and omitting the weightier matters of the law. Our duty is to face the issue squarely, and we must hold up the standard Christ set up or sever our connection with Him. It would be positively wrong to set up separate presbyteries within the same bounds. It is simply a movement to cater to southern sentiment, which holds that the white man disgraces himself by any sort of affiliation with the black man. Up until even the present time, white men and women who go south to work among the colored men are ostracised. An eminent Englishman recently said: 'I have worked hard for thirty years among colored people, and there are not today five white men in the city of Atlanta who would invite me into their houses.'

"It is a base surrender to such sentiment as that for the great Presbyterian Church to adopt such an overture as that proposed."

After speaking for almost an hour he concluded by saying:

"I sometimes wonder how God can sit still and see such things going on in the Presbyterian Church; it must be an abomination unto God. It would be shameful to approve union with the Cumberland Presbyterians, thus diluting Calvinism and sacrificing twenty or thirty thousand faithful old members of the colored race."

Justice Harlan Opposes.

Justice Harlan of the United States Supreme Court, a lay member of the presbytery, spoke against the measure. He objected to the use of the word "northern," saying he belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

"Let us stand in the ways of the fathers, and say to the world that as far as our church is concerned we are race blind and color blind," he said.

Rev. Dr. John Gordon, president of Howard University, was opposed "to the organization of any presbytery" of which he "couldn't become a member."

Some of those who spoke briefly in favor of the overture was Rev. Dr. John Chester, who believed that it would be for the best interests of the colored people. It was this argument that prevailed with practically all who voted for the proposition, according to the best information obtainable.

The requisite number of presbyteries had indorsed this overture from the general assembly before the local body acted. Final action will be taken at the next meeting of the general assembly.

SYSTEMATIC CO-OPERATION.

Theme Discussed at Meeting of Lenten Training Class.

Methods of systematic co-operation between Washington's charities were discussed at the fifth meeting of the Lenten training class of the Associated Charities on Tuesday evening at 811 G street. Mr. Charles F. Weller read a special lecture, in connection with which he distributed a typewritten list of Washington charitable resources available for the assistance of the aged, sick, children, defectives, delinquents, homeless men, needy women and other special classes of persons needing charitable attention. In spite of the rain the meeting rooms were filled by an interested audience. After Mr. Weller's lecture on "Co-operation," the work of the Instructive Visiting Nurse Society was explained by its superintendent, Miss E. W. Jefferson. In the general discussion which closed the meeting, graduate students from the Catholic University took an active part.

Upon adjournment it was announced that next Tuesday, April 18, would mark the close of the "Six Lenten Lecture Conferences," the final lecture being devoted to "City Conditions and Constructive Movements—Including Housing, Tuberculosis, Summer Outings and Play Grounds."

In discussing the importance of co-operation among charitable agencies, Mr. Weller said: "Average individuals, active in promoting one charitable agency, are constantly in danger of ignoring its proper relation to other charities. They are slow to regard their particular philanthropy from the community's point of view."

The city's interests, he said, would naturally demand systematic co-operation between all charitable agencies. If new philanthropies are to be established or old ones developed, it is clearly important that each new element thus added to the situation should be wisely adjusted and proportioned to the resources already existing, and to the needs for which provision has not yet been made.

The lecturer referred to the fact, for example, that the appropriations for charities in the District of Columbia are larger than any other item in the local budget, except the amounts appropriated for the public schools, while a great deal of the city's charitable work is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. He emphasized the value and importance of personal attention to charitable problems by the ablest business men of the community.

He described the Associated Charities as a sort of "commercial agency" in charitable work, and all citizens were urged to consult the association concerning the functions, methods and needs of local charitable agencies, as well as the necessities of needy individual families. It was explained that in several cities business men ask the advice of the Associated Charites concerning appeals which they receive for contributions to various philanthropies.

"Some day," concluded the lecturer, "the leaders of public opinion and the controllers of charitable purse strings will demand systematic, intimate co-operation among all the charitable agencies of each community. The results will include such economies of financial and personal resources, such prevention of pauperism and such promotion of wholesome self-help among the poor that all of us will regret the guilty selfishness which has so long postponed the advent of true charitableness and Christian common sense."

No Enemies?

From the Centralia (Mo.) Courier.

You have no enemies? Then you have never dared to stand up for the right against wrong, you have never protected the weak against a bully, you have never even dared to defend your own rights against oppression. Had you done any of these things you would have made enemies. Even if you had done none of these things, but simply achieved a little more success in your business than did your neighbor, you would have an enemy, for failure always hates success. The man who has no enemies should be ashamed of it.