SPECIAL NOTICES.

TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES NOS. H 1728 and H 1729 for $1,000 each of the 4½% coupon corporate stock of the city of New York "For the Construction of Rapid Transit Railroads," payable to bearer, due June 1, 1965, having been lost or stolen, all persons are warned against negotiating same.

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OWING TO THE DEATH OF DR. FRANK Sewall, pastor of the Washington Society of the New Jerusalem, the bazaar and dinner which would have been held on Thursday evening, December 9, is postponed to Tuesday evening, December 21, 1915.

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Association of Oldest Inhabitants Assembles This Evening at Semi-Centennial Banquet.

Organization Preserves for Future Generations Historical Evidence of National Capital's Development.

Fifty years of service to the District in preserving for future generations historical evidences of the development of the National Capital will be observed by members of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants at the organization's semi-centennial banquet to be held at the New Ebbitt Hotel tonight.

The association was organized December 7, 1865. During the fifty years of its existence it not only has gathered much historical data of Washington's growth since the civil war, but has set in motion machinery for making its work in this direction perpetual. The records include written memoirs, photographic displays and souvenirs which are kept at the association's headquarters in the old Union engine house, 19th and H streets northwest.

Not a Charter Member Living.

Of the thirty-odd persons who composed its charter membership none is alive to observe its fiftieth anniversary, though several members who will attend tonight's banquet attended some of the early meetings of the association. John B. McCarthy, corresponding secretary, attended the very first meeting, though his age made him ineligible for membership at that time.

Despite the fact that the association has probably the highest mortality rate of any organization in the District, its affairs have been directed by only seven presidents. The first president was Benjamin Ogle Tayloe. Others in order were Dr. John B. Blake, John Marbury, jr.; Thomas S. Brown, Allison Nailor, jr.; J. Edward Libby and the incumbent, Theodore W. Noyes.

It now has a membership of 323, but during the present year its gain in numerical strength has been slight as the number of new members exceeds the number of those who have died by only one. To be eligible for membership one must be fifty years of age and have resided in Washington for thirty-five years.

Had Home in Corcoran Building.

Shortly following its organization the association was presented with perpetual quarters in the Corcoran building, at 15th street and Pennsylvania avenue, but, in 1908, moved into the quarters it now occupies on the second floor of the Union engine house, this having been made possible through an act of Congress. It spent $3,000 in furnishing the quarters.

Here the association's monthly meetings are held. The attendance invariably is good and it is no uncommon thing for members in their ninetieth year to attend these sessions. Generally, the most interesting feature of the programs is the relating of reminiscences. It is an exceptional meeting when a photograph or other historical memento is not presented to the association to become a part of its permanent records.

Except when visits are made in company with members the association's headquarters are not open to the public, but effort is to be made in the near future to provide a caretaker in order that the historical exhibit may be inspected at any time. The display has now developed to such proportions as to be of educational value and undoubtedly will soon be made available for general inspection.

DR. DAVIDSON TELLS OF EVANS DISMISSAL

Former Superintendent of Schools Testifies in Suit of Former Principal for Reinstatement.

Dr. William M. Davidson, former superintendent of public schools, testified yesterday afternoon at the hearing before Justice Stafford of the District Supreme Court of the mandamus proceeding brought by W. Bruce Evans against the board of education, to secure his reinstatement as principal of the Armstrong Manual Training School. Dr. Davidson came from Pittsburgh, where he is in charge of the school system. He told the court that Mr. Evans was dismissed because he was lacking in pedagogic and didactic equipment. He said it was his belief, and that other educational officials agreed with him, that Mr. Evans was inefficient. He based his opinion on an investigation, he said, of the Armstrong school and on an observation of its operation.

The hearing was not ended at a late hour, so Justice Stafford adjourned until Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Evans testified in his own behalf. He told the court that no charges had been preferred against him, and that he had no idea his services were unsatisfactory until November 6, 1912, when his resignation was requested by Dr. Davidson. He told of his long career in the schools and of his advancement to the position of supervising principal.

Several colored teachers from Armstrong and other schools also testified. They said they had been called before a committee of the board of education and asked certain questions relating to Mr. Evans.

Attorneys A. A. Birney and L. M. King appeared for the former principal, while Assistant Corporation Counsel Stephens represented the board of education.

Musical for the Blind.

A musical for the blind is to be given at the Library of Congress this evening at 8:15 o'clock, in pavilion 7. The program is to be rendered by Mrs. Caroline de Haas, soprano, assisted by Louis de Haas, accompanist.

Abe Martin Says:

Tell Binkley says he'd rather put on a tire than a dress suit.

Ther's no hereafter fer a feller that's dead politically.

IN FAVOR OF ADDITIONS TO ART EXHIBITS HERE

Charles L. Freer Would Like to See Washington Possess Privately Acquired Collection.

That he would like to see the National Capital become the possessor of additional privately acquired art collections of high quality is made plain by Charles L. Freer of Detroit, who has not only given his own wonderful collection of art treasures to be placed here for the benefit of the country at large, but also has donated the sum of $1,000,000 to house the works.

In response to an inquiry sent to him as well as other owners of notable art collections, asking for opinions on a plan by which collectors would donate their treasures to a national gallery in some large city, where separate exhibits could be housed in various wings of one large building, Mr. Freer recently wrote as follows:

"Answering your inquiry I have already given my art collection to the National Gallery of Art, and intend soon to erect in Washington a suitable building in which to exhibit its permanently.

Expresses His Preference.

"I would like to see additional privately acquired art collections of high quality presented to the national gallery and exhibited permanently in one large building, or in smaller buildings, as circumstances might require. The buildings should include ample study rooms for the exclusive use of serious students.

"Every progressive art student would approve of an independent building for the superb Widener treasures, wherever they may be exhibited."

Joseph E. Widener, son of the late P. A. B. Widener, financier and art collector, and executor of his estate, has not made public his intentions regarding that collection, much of which he personally aided in assembling, and the bringing of which to Washington is ardently advocated by art patrons, both official and otherwise, and he may not take any steps for at least one year, according to Ellis Ames Ballard, attorney for the father.

Think Philadelphia's Chances Good.

According to friends close to Joseph E. Widener, Philadelphia's chances for retaining the treasures are, however, bright.

During Mr. Widener senior's later years, they point out, he was greatly interested in the proposed Philadelphia museum and many of his own ideas were incorporated in its first plans. This is thought to be significant in that it is regarded as improbable that he would display such concern over both details and site unless he contemplated housing at least a portion of his collection within its walls.

Saks & Co. to Give Away 100 Coats.

Following a custom of more than thirty years, the firm of Saks & Co. will this year give away 100 overcoats to poor boys of Washington. As usual, the distribution will occur Christmas morning, and boys recommended by the Associated Charities will be made the recipients of gift overcoats.

Recital for Indiana Society.

The Indiana Society of Washington last night added to its reputation for varied meetings, when the Rebew Orchestra gave a recital in the ballroom of the Raleigh Hotel. The hall was crowded with music-loving Hoosiers.

The program given by the orchestra, under the leadership of H. W. Weber, himself a Hoosier, was varied and pleasing. Justice Stanton J. Peelle presided, with Mrs. J. P. Hornaday in the secretary's chair.

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JUSTICE STAFFORD POEM TO AID WORK OF CHARITY

"Invocation," Bearing His Signature, Placed on Sale by the Peirce Guild.

Proceeds for Benefit of Home for Foundlings—Tea and Christmas Sale Scheduled.

Beautifully illuminated copies of Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford's poem, "Invocation," bearing his signature in facsimile, are to be sold at the tea and Christmas sale of the Peirce Guild, to be held tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at the Washington Club. The work of illumination was done by Frederick E. Happel of this city. The tea and sale is for the benefit of the Washington Home for Foundlings.

The poem is as follows:

O Thou whose equal purpose runs
In drops of rain or streams of sun,
And with a soft compulsion rolls
The green earth on her snowy poles;
O Thou who keepest in Thy ken
The times of flowers, the dooms of men,
Stretch out a mighty wing above—
Be tender to the land we love!

If all the huddlers from the storm
Have found her hearthstone wide and warm;
If she has made men free and glad,
Sharing, with all, the good she had;
If she has blown the very dust
From her bright balance to be just,
Oh, spread a mighty wing above—
Be tender to the land we love!

When in the dark eternal tower
The star-clock strikes her trial hour,
And for her help no more avail
Her sea-blue shield, her mountain mail,
But sweeping wide, from gulf to lakes,
The battle on her forehead breaks,
Throw Thou a thunderous wing above—
Be lightning for the land we love!

Justice Stafford's Analysis.

In response to a request from members of the Peirce Guild for an analysis of the poem, Justice Stafford has the following to say:

"You have asked me to write you a brief analysis of the 'Invocation.' It might be objected that a real poem must carry its own explanation with it. Yet I think I understand your reason and am glad to respond.

"The first stanza contains the apostrophe to the Deity in language that may fairly be claimed to be that of our own time, rather than that of past ages—the language that springs naturally to the lips of men who have learned to think of God as science has revealed Him to us, infinitely greater than He appeared to men of old, but still heedful alike of greatest and of least. It strives to suggest the boundless heavens where suns go forth in rivers, the beautiful green earth, our home amidst the heavens, the unwearied watchfulness over all events, from the birth of flowers to the fates of men, and invokes this brooding care, perfect alike in tenderness and strength, for this beloved land.

Reasons for Right to Expect Care.

"The second stanza is intended to call up very searchingly the reasons, if they exist, why we have a right to expect this care and protection. It begins with 'if,' not 'because'; for it may, perhaps, be doubted whether we have quite filled up the measure of charity and justice implied in these lines. Yet America has surely been a refuge for the oppressed; she has surely done more than any other nation ever did toward sharing the blessings of earth with an equal hand, and on the whole has she not been measurably true to the divine instinct of justice in dealing with her own and with others?

"I hardly need add that both stanzas are intended to lead up to the third—to the apprehension of that dark hour, which we can scarcely hope to escape, when we shall find the strongest bulwark men can build only a weak and trembling wall, and must fall back upon spiritual power, upon the everlasting arm, to save us, which it surely will, if we have shown ourselves worthy of its help by having been true to its purposes."

The entire proceeds from the sale of the copies of the poem, which are on a cream board in sepia, will go to the Washington Home for Foundlings.

Committees in Charge.

The committees of the Peirce Guild having charge of the various activities of the tea and sale, are as follows:

Reception—Mrs. W. H. Bayly, Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. A. Van Orsdel.

Tea room—Mrs. W. P. Stafford, Mrs. C. H. Robb, Mrs. C. A. Droop, Mrs. H. M. Clabaugh, Mrs. C. W. Robertson.

Preserves and jellies—Mrs. G. A. King, Mrs. S. N. Whitwell.

Cake—Mrs. Simon Wolf, Mrs. A. J. Dodge, Mrs. J. E. Baines.

Fancy work, aprons—Mrs. E. L. Browne, Mrs. A. B. Browne, Mrs. J. B. Church, Mrs. J. M. Green, Mrs. H. B. Patten.

Candy and flowers—Mrs. H. C. Browning, Mrs. J. V. Barross, Mrs. C. S. Williamson.

To Address Boy Scouts.

Lieut. George Carr Round will address the Boy Scouts at Foundry Church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Lieut. Round will talk on "War Signals in Time of War and Peace Signals in Time of Peace." He will tell about his jubilee signal campaign during the recent Grand Army national encampment.

Divorce Granted Henry True.

Justice Anderson has signed a decree of absolute divorce to Henry True from Jessie C. True. The suit was filed last July. Attorney Fulton Lewis appeared for the husband. The wife was represented by Attorney John Ridout.

Arranging Benefit Card Party.

The ladies board of Georgetown University Hostital is arranging for a benefit card party Saturday afternoon at the Raleigh ballroom.

Illustrated by Motion Pictures.

Motion pictures, with a descriptive lecture of the manufacturing and testing of the National Tube Company's steel pipe, are to be shown at a special meeting of the Chemical Society of Washington tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the New Willard Hotel. The regular meeting of the society is to be held Thursday evening, December 16, at 8 o'clock, at the Cosmos Club, at which G. K. Burgess and B. McCollum of the bureau of standards and R. B. Dole of the geological survey are scheduled to speak.

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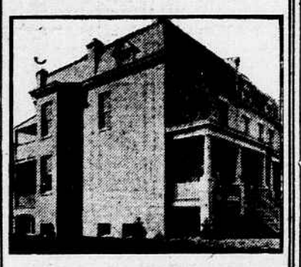

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