Staunton Spectator.

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Local Department.

SALES OF LAND ADVERTISED IN THE "SPECTATOR."

The following *memoranda* of sales of tracts of land and houses and lots refer to sales, public and private, advertised in the columns of this paper, to which, for particulars, attention is specially called:

PUBLIC SALES OF LAND.

Monday, June 24—Messrs. Cochran and Elder, com'rs, will sell a tract of 65 acres of land, situated on Naked Creek.

Monday, Aug. 26—Messrs. Bumgardner, Cochran, Michie, Paul and Yancey, com'rs, will sell the valuable property known as the "Augusta or Stribling Springs.

Saturday, June 22—Messrs. Compton, Dainger-field and Elder, will sell on the premises, on North River, a very valuable tract of land, containing 355 acres and 2 roods.

Saturday, June 22—Jas. Bumgardner, jr., trustee, will sell a valuable brick warehouse and residence on Augusta and New streets.

LANDS OFFERED AT PRIVATE SALE.

DR. C. H. PERROW offers at private sale his farm, four miles from Staunton, containing 106 acres.

MR. DAVIS A. KAYSER offers "Oak Hill Farm" for sale, 1½ miles South of Staunton. Improvements good.

MR. JOHN GLOVER offers for sale 383 acres of good land, lying on both sides of C. & O. railroad, 2 miles West of Craigsville.

SAMUEL H. STEELE offers for sale privately a portion of his Home Farm, near Fishersville, in this county. He will sell 135 or 140 acres as the purchaser may wish, with 25 or 30 acres heavily timbered. Address, Samuel H. Steele, Waynesboro'.

JACOB HOOVER offers for sale two tracts of grazing land in Highland county, one of 128 and the other of 1008 acres.

Commencement Sermons.

WESLEYAN FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The annual commencement sermon, and the sermon before the Young Ladies "Christian Association of the Wesleyan Female Institute were delivered in the Methodist Church on last Sunday, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and 8, P. M., by Revs. W. K. Boyle, of Alexandria, and W. E. Edwards, of Portsmouth, Va., respectively. The church was crowded on both occasions. The young ladies of the school were seated on the stage erected for the commencement exercises, and they presented a most happy and lovely appearance.

We regret that want of space prevents us giving a more extended notice of these most interesting and eloquent discourses.

The commencement sermon in the morning, by Rev. W. K. Boyle, was very appropriate, and was delivered in a most pointed, clear and interesting style. The following is a brief and imperfect sketch:

Text—"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."—*Psalm 139: 14th verse.*

The things with which we have been familiar from childhood do not often engage our scrutiny—we constantly seek new things. The marvelous is heard with interest, while subjects of practical value become as an "oft told tale."—All around us we can find abundant evidences of the Lord's wisdom and skill, but the noblest study of them all is *man*.

Of him only is it said, he is "fearfully and and wonderfully made." The soul and body were recognized as distinct and separable, and yet have points of contact which seem to be points of union. The one is immortal, the other sinks to decay.

The cry of David in the text intimates that the wonders of existence were to him a source of joy and an inspiration to praise, and it ought to similarly affect us.

Each part of the body of man is marvelously adapted for the use for which it was designed, and the dependency of one upon the other is astonishing. An attack at any one part is instantly telegraphed to every other part. The sense of touch may be so educated that a man's eyes may be said to be in the ends of his fingers. How wonderful the recuperative power, by which disease is thrown from the system.—The hand being wounded, the fact is telegraphed to every part of the body, and vital force flows quickly to the spot to restore and heal, and soon the wound is healed and forgotten. Surely we are "wonderfully made."

As to the nature and functions of the *soul*:—it is from God—a spark of Divinity—the breath of God, and therefore *immortal*—only Eternity affords it sufficient scope. No one can say where the natural ends or the spiritual begins. Our bodily powers ought to be carefully preserved and developed by proper use, We have no right to dwarf our bodies at fashion's demand, or misuse any of their powers. "A sound mind can only exist in a sound body," and our happiness is involved in a proper care for our physical powers.

But much more is this true as to our *spiritual nature*. It should be united to its author and Lord, so that it may draw life and find growth, and be qualified for Heaven, and united, on the resurrection morning, to a spiritual body, and we shall share in our Lord's final triumph and through eternity use those marvelous powers, vastly augmented by immortality, to our ever increasing personal happiness and the glory of God.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Rev. W. E. Edwards, of Portsmouth, Va., preached the annual sermon before the Young Ladies' Christian Association, The house was crowded to its utmost capacity and he held them in breathless attention for about one hour. We have space only for a brief outline of his remarks. The text was from Mark xiii: 31—"*And to every man his work.*"

He introduced the discussion by noticing the connection of the text with the parable of talents and also with that of the servants.

The general subject adduced from the text was—*The work of life in its various concomitants—a divine designation.*

After some remarks indicating the fact of a special life-work for every individual, the enquiry was raised—

I. *What is the character of this work?*

The Scriptures declared it to be the consecration of self to God, which is identical with the highest purity and holiness, and what is so revealed in Scripture is as manifestly involved in the existence of conscience. This work separates into two distinct branches:—

1. *It contemplates the culture of individual character.* This is the highest and holiest demand that can be exacted of us. The soul is to be disciplined and fashioned into a form of beauty that will grace the palace of the Great King.

2. *It contemplates the temporal and spiritual good of others.* Society has its claims upon us. We are to minister to its wants and enlist all its energies in the consummation of the far-reaching purposes indicated in ancient prophecy.

After some discussion of these points the speaker declared that there was antagonism between these two classes of duty—each essential to the perfection of the other. Therefore, every opportunity for good is a divine call to relieve the unfortunate and a means of spiritual discipline.

II. *The Instruments for the work.* These are as numerous and diversified as the talents with which we are endowed. The general endowments and facilities for usefulness are truly woman's as man's; yet there are certain particulars connected with those endowments and facilities as exhibited in woman which invest her with a special influence in society.

The speaker here indicated some of the things which distinguish woman's influence in society, and which are accepted as her special talents, and urged upon the young ladies addressed, the responsibility involved in their improvement. The talents in themselves are devoid of moral character. They make us neither the better nor the worse. All depends upon the use to which we devote them.

III. *The Equipment for the work.* This equipment is found in the proper adjustment of personal relation to God through Christ. We need God—

1. To put us in sympathy with our work,
2. To render our work acceptable to God.
3. To render our work successful,

Thus equipped we are prepared for the warfare of life. In college life or in the busy world we can do something for God. The work and its results will not always be according to our anticipations. These are, however, with God. Fidelity is ours. Severe hardships may be placed upon us, but God will manifest in His own good time the wisdom of his injunctions. Faithful toil may seem to be in vain, but He who is Infinite in His resources will illumine the darkness, and bring lasting good from seeming disappointment.

The results of all toil undertaken in the right spirit, must, in the final issue of life, commend itself to our judgment.

IV. *The Reward of the work.* The day of final account will come. The laborers will strike off from work. The Master will call them into His presence to reckon with them according to their fidelity. True and faithful servants will be received into the kingdom of glory.

The speaker then urged the young ladies to fidelity in the noble work in which they were engaged.

Just before the sermon Miss Lizzie Daniel sang a solo—"Consider the Lilies," by Topliff—in her most exquisite and beautiful style, with organ accompaniment by Prof. E. L. Ide.

At the conclusion of the sermon a most touching and sweet solo and chorus was sung by Miss Daniel, supported in the chorus by all the young ladies of the Institute. It was from Moody & Sankey's Gospel Hymns, No. 2, entitled "Give me Wings of Faith;" words by Rev. I. Watts; music by Walter Kittredge.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Among all the school commencements we have been having, none have been of more real interest to our own citizens than those of the public free schools. The examinations in these schools have been in progress for three weeks or more, and have been very gratifying in the results of the past session. The reports of the Superintendent and teachers show an increased interest in and recognition, on the part of the pupils, of the advantages offered them by the free school. The attendance throughout the session has been unusually large, and the great interest our people feel in these schools was shown by the number who attended the final examinations, the results of which we give below. In the 1st Grammar school—Mrs. Dilon, teacher—the general excellence of the pupils was such that no distinctions were awarded.—The following pupils in other schools received—

DISTINCTIONS.

2nd Grammar.—Miss Annie Mills, teacher—Deportment—Clara Swoope, Maggie Robinson, Lizzie Rapp, Rodes Nelson, Robert Reese, Lacy Gibson, Gertrude Hart, Julia Nelson, Effie Burnett, Fannie Gregory, Gillie Dabney, Willie Hyde. Scholarship—G. Dabney, Carrie Cline, Effie Burnett, Fannie Gregory, Clara Swoope, Robert Reese, Rodes Nelson, Gertrude Hart, Julia Nelson, Maggie Robinson, Lizzie Rapp.—Regular and punctual attendance—Robert Foster, Joseph Lickliter, Edward Shuff, Roderic Stubbs.

1st Intermediate.—Mrs. Sturgis, teacher—Deportment—Minnie Bickle, Alice Shumate, Julia Haines, James Templeton, Marshal Shuff, Earnest Shuey, Ella Paris, Mary Wood. Scholarship—Marshal Shuff, Julia Haines, Minnie Bickle.

1st and 2nd Primary.—Miss Ellen Harman, teacher—1st distinction for attendance, scholarship and deportment—Baldwin Wayt, Hampton Wayt, Alma. Dettor, Carrie Baskins. 2d distinction—Howard Evans, Valery Camden, Ettie Foster, Mamie Lee, Watson Woodward, Edmund Berkeley, George Harper, Carrie Hosey, Hattie Hosey, Gertrude Peck, Blanche Taylor, Mary Camden, Mamie Hardy, Clarke Strasburg, George Michie.

Primary.—Miss Julia Atkinson, teacher—1st distinction—Mary Echard, Katie Baker, John Waddy, Louise Powell, Lucy Davis, Nannie Wheeler, Grace Elder, Maggie Henkle, Du Havre Smith, Ellie Foster, Jennie Points, Nannie Southards, Mary Smith, Willie Esten, Benny Mosely, Fannie Lipscomb, Alice Bryan, Louise Duncan, Ella Blackburn, Lottie Rutherford, Sallie Tenning, Paul Heydenreich, Frank Sublett.

1st and 2nd Primary.—Miss Kate Nelson, teacher.—1st distinction.—Fannie Lawton, Martin Perry, Maggie Waddy, Armand Carson, Heiskell Argenbright, Frank Hanger, Lizzie Hanger, Willie Nelson, Virginius Nelson, Kate Fretwell. Lena Yeager, Lucy Suthards.

Primary.—Mrs. Wm. B. Johnson, teacher—Scholarship—Jennie Watts, Roland Smith, Henry Witz, Hiury Catlett, Thomas Atkinson, Luther Stover, Lee Benn, Charles Staples, Joseph Mote, Charles Snapp, David Switzer, Frank Hartman, William Reese, Eva Smith, Kate Blackburn, Valley Hoover, Jennie Grow, Lelia Powers, Alice Yost. For Deportment—Fannie Ogg, Valley Hoover, Pressley Powell, Kate Blackburn, Jennie Grow, Wm. Mosely, Frank Hartman, Edgar Funkhouser, Fannie Ogg. For Attendance—Eva Smith, Alice Yost, Frank Markwood, David Switzer, Lee Benn, Thomas Atkinson, Albert Markwood, James Shott. For scholarship, deportment and regular attendance, 1st distinction in all to—Mary Manly, Annie Hayes, Tallaferro Dickerson, Sadie Manly, Fannie Blackley.

1st Primary.—Miss J. M. Brown, teacher—1st distinction for diligence, regular attendance and fast improvement to four little girls six years old—Mary Byerly, Lulu Morton, Mary Morton, Champe Marr; and to five little boys six years old—Joe Saunders, James Foster, George Todd, Charles Witz, Thomas Gibbs. 2d distinction for diligence and attendance—Belle Weaver, Willie Fisher, Willie Crawford, Robert Goode, Willie Bryan, Ben. Mosely, Willie Morton, Mollie Jesser, Geneva Suthards, Lelia Witz. Distinction for 1st scholarship—J. Baldwin Brown and Henry Radford.

Miss Jennie Johnson's School.—1st distinction for excellence of deportment.—George Marr, Chales Fretwell, Homer Haruff, Willie Shields, Belle Liggett, Lina Echard, Emma Switzer. 1st dist. for scholarship—Homer Haruff, Cabell Kinney, Heber Brown, Mollie Campbell, Belle Liggett, Lena Echard. 1st dist. for attendance—Eddie Bryan, Heber Brown, Robert Smith, Edgar Echard, Lena Echard, Belle Liggett Rosa Lawton. Emma Switzer.

First Grammar.—Miss Sue Howard, teacher—1st and 2nd distinction—Florence Meredith, Janet Newman, Lomer Powers, Albert Shultz, Minnie Shultz. 1st distinction—2nd class—Emma Atkinson, Fanny Catlett, Nathalie Johnson, Alice Duncan.

COLORED SCHOOLS.

1st Primary (colored) school.—Mrs. L. A. Smith, teacher.—1st distinction in attendance, scholarship, and deportment—Ann Banks, Anna Evans, Sherman Galsling, Susy Ham. Susy Ham has never been once absent or late, during the session.

Miss Mary Thomas's school (colored).—Deportment—Andrew Beck, Thomas Johnson. Scholarship—Jenny Woods, Mattie Brown. Attendance—Andrew Becks, Thos. Johnson, Willis Brown, Willie Waters, Mattie Brown, Blanch Bowles.

Miss L. A. Mitchell's school.—1st distinction for deportment—David Caries, Robert Brown, Wm Thompson, Lewis Moore, Nathan Evans, Fannie Shelton, Maggie Carter. 1st dist. for attendance—Lewis Moore, David Carter, Richard Jackson, Charley Stewart, Belle Murray, Geo. Stevenson. 1st dist. for scholarship—David Carles, Robert Brown, Lewis Moore, Richard Jackson, John Edwards, Rhodes Carles, James Carles, Fannie Shelton, Belle Murray, Mary Brown, Bessie Carles, Harry Irvin, Nathan Evans, Julius Patterson, Wm. Thompson, Geo. Stevenson, Eldridge Thompson.

Miss A. E. Wilson's School—1st distinction for deportment.—Mary Brown, Lucy Brown, Estella Embra, Emmett Kinney, Mary Kinney, Cora Parker, Anna Robinson, Rob't Shelton, Maria Woodson. 1st distinction for attendance—Lucy Brown, Mary Douglas, Estella Embra, Mary Floyd, Mary Irvine, Willie Irvine, Willie Johnson, Thomas Jackson, Emmett Kinney, Mary Kinney, Emmett Moore, Cora Parker, Sarah Quarles, Anna Robinson, Rob't Shelton, Hattie Shelton, Willie Smith, Maria Woodson, Luther Wilson. 1st distinction for scholarship.—Estella Embra, Thos. Jackson, Anna Robinson, Emmett Moore, Luther Wilson, Sarah Quarles, Willie Smith, Mary Douglas, Lucy Brown.

WESTWOOD ACADEMY.

The closing exercises were conducted by Capt. H. L. Hoover, who kindly consented in consequence of the sickness of Capt. Wm. A. McCue.

CERTIFICATES—

were given to James W. Cochran, for the greatest number of perfect recitations and for perfect deportment to Wm. Hardy, for the next greatest number of perfect recitations and best spelling, &c.; to Lelia Tyler, for the greatest improvement in general scholarship, and to Hattie Hardy, for second best spelling &c. The following scholars received honorable mention for not having deserved a reproof during the entire session.—Mollie Garber, Mary Masincup, Jennie Knowles, Lela Tyler, Wm. Hardy and James W. Cochran. The scholars never absent a day were David Hardy, Wm. Hardy, Schuyler Lyle, Jerome Menifee, Hammond Menifee, Geo. Thorton, Bertie Butler, Mollie Garber, Lelia Tyler, Jennie Knowles and Cora Snapp, and those specially mentioned for progress were, David Hardy, Hammond Menifee, Chas. Halks, Bertie Butler, Mollie Garber and Mary Masincup.

DISTINCTIONS.

Mrs. Tyler's School—Punctuality—Reeves Menifee, Ernest Licklitter, Burnett Licklitter, Geo. Heifner, Ernest Tyler, Maggie, Ida and Lelia Hughes. Perfect Deportment—Geo. Heifner, Byron Masincup, Mattie Glenn and Milton Stoneburner. Improvement in Scholarship—Byron Masincup, Maggie Hughes, Ernest Licklitter and Etta Allor.

Miss M. L. Woodward's School.—Good deportment—John Colliers, Walter Peaco, Arthur Peaco, Eddie Gregory, Jeanpette Burnett, Gertie Cushing, Lottie Haile, Alice Murray, Eva Kinney. The greatest number of perfect recitations were made by Gertie Cushing, and the greatest improvement in geography by Lottie Haile.

Mrs. Kate Craven's School.—Punctuality, deportment and improvement in scholarship—Eddie Blackburn, Frederick Davis, Walter Davis, Joseph Butler, James Thacker, Louisa and Laura Morganstein, Ella Gregory and Mollie Thacker.

"The Fall of Damasous" is the title of a new book, just published by Messrs. Lee & Shepard of Boston. The author, Charles Wells Russell, is a young Virginian, by birth, and bids fair to win for himself a large reputation as a writer of fiction. The *Troy (N. Y.) Press* says:

"The reader will be interested in this book from the very first line. The descriptions are elaborate, and are given in an easy, off-hand manner, though necessarily the result of much study and research. It reads very much like some of Bulwer's tales in which he weaves in the customs and manners of long past ages,—"Pausanias the Spartan" or "The last days of Pompeii." It is a book that leads to reflection, and furnishes much information."

THE CHAPEL NEAR GREENVILLE.—We have several times called attention to the good work the Y. M. C. A. of Greenville is accomplishing in the Pines in that neighborhood in caring for the poor children who live there. They are now attempting to raise a fund to build a chapel and need only about $300 to accomplish that object. Those who feel an interest in this matter should send their contributions to Dr. Van L. Davis, Greenville, or if left at the *Spectator* office will be promptly forwarded to the gentlemen who have this work in charge.

Coffee and Tea at New York Tea Store—Rio 18, 20, and 22c.; Sugar 8 and 9c.; White 10c.; Tea, Gunpowder, 60, 75, $1.00; best $1.30; Black Tea, 40, 60, 75c.; Hyson 40 to 60c; all kinds of Spices at greatly reduced prices, at 29 Augusta St. See the Wire Banner across the street, near Court House. J. D. HOUNIHAN, Prop.

APPRAISERS.—Judge McLaughlin has appointed the following persons to appraise the estate of the late Col. M. G. Harman: Wm. Jordan, Wm. D. Anderson, J. W. Bell, Cyrus H. Snapp, and Jacob Warwick.

MEMORIAL DAY.

BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS—GRAND MILITARY DISPLAY—PROCESSION OF MILITARY AND CITIZENS—TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE PRESENT—ADDRESS OF H. L. HOOVER, ESQ.—THE FLORAL DECORATIONS AT THE CEMETERY, &c., &c., &c., &c.

Ten years ago it was with bowed head, tearful eye and footstep solemn and slow that our people wended their way to the Cemetery to fulfill the sorrowful duty of strewing with flowers the graves of those who gave up their lives fighting for the "Lost Cause." Then the sense of personal loss was keen and poignant, and with our mourning for a lost cause was mingled the tear for some honored father, beloved brother or other near and dear relative. It was right then that memorial day should be a solemn and mournful occasion; but now when the fleeting hand of time has soothed and softened the sense of personal loss it is right that this day, set apart for the commemoration of the Confederate dead, should be made a day of celebration of the heroic deeds and noble archievements of those, who died fighting for a cause they deemed to be just. It is right that it should be observed with such solemnities, civil and military, as will tend to preserve fresh in our memories our heroic dead, and at the same time impress upon the rising generation the honor and respect which a true people feel for, and show to the memory of those who on many a bloody field rivaled the heroes of Marathon ank like the brave Lacedaemonians, when defeated, were brought home on their shields.

Such we take it was the desire and feeling of our people in making the elaborate decorations and civil and military display which marked the celebration of memorial day in Staunton on last Friday the 14th inst.

THE DECORATIONS

in the city were of a much more elaborate character than had ever been made here before, and even our own citizens were astonished when on Friday morning they saw the principal streets literally filled with flags, arches, wreaths and festoons of evergreens and many store fronts draped in mourning. The principal decoration was on Main street, though festoons of New street and Augusta street were also elaborately bedecked.

Looking down Main street from the *Spectator* office flag after flag, national, state, and composite, was seen suspended across the street and flaunting their bright colors on the breeze. At the intersection of Main and New streets were erected four pillars of evergreens surmounted with flags, and archs festooned with evergreens thrown from one to the other, from which were suspended the mottoes, "Welcome to our guests," "Dead but not forgotten," "Honor to the Brave" and "All Honor to the Dead." In the center of this quadruple arch, suspended from diagonal wreathed arches, was a beautiful basket of natural flowers and evergreens. Another similar arch spanned the street at the intersection of Main and Augusta streets from which was suspended pictures of Lee and Jackson, draped in mourning and surrounded with flags.

A very beautiful single arch spanned the street in front of the Lutheran Church, which was most elaborately wreathed and festooned and bore the motto "Our Brave Dead." Still another arch of evergreens and flags greeted the eye further up Main street in front of the residence of Mayor Balthis.

Augusta street from Main to near the depot was one floating mass of various colored flags and bright streamers.

On New street also, the decorations were equally elaborate and of a similar character.

THE MILITARY

from Danville and Lynchburg arrived between four and five o'clock Friday morning. They were met at the depot by the West Augusta Guard and Staunton Artillery and escorted to the Grange Hall which had been very tastefully decorated.

After partaking of refreshments they were escorted to their quarters at the Virginia and American Hotels. By the time the military from down the Valley arrived, about 9 o'clock, the city was crowded with people, and it was with difficulty that you could get from one point to another. These companies were the Harrisonburg Guard under Capt. Donovan, the Anderson Guard, of Woodstock, under Captain McGruder, and the Winchester Light Infantry, under Capt. James Burgess, accompanied by the visiting bands from Harrisonburg, Woodstock, Strasburg and Charlestown.

About 10 o'clock the procession formed on Main Street with right resting on Market, the military being under command of Capt. W. L. Bumgardner of the West Augusta Guard, with Capt. James Burgess of the Winchester Light Infantry as Major of Battalion, and Lieut. John McQuaide of the West Augusta Guard, Adjutant. Capt. James Bumgardner, jr., was in command as Chief Marshal of the whole procession, civil and military and head as assistants Col. Jno Lilley, Capt. Jno. N. Opie, Capt. Lewis Harman, Col. Jas. H. Williams, Capt. Benton Coiner, Lieut. James McFarland and others and carried out the programme with marked ability and success. Prof. A. J. Turner was Director-in-chief of the Bands.

Before taking up the line of march Mayor Balthis from the steps of the Grange Hall made a few

REMARKS OF WELCOME.

Officers and Soldiers, and all others who have favored us with your presence on this interesting occasion:—

I wish to say one word—Welcome! You have come here, many of you from a considerable distance, to join us in the ceremonies commemorative of the virtues of men who answered their country's call and gave their lives in evidence of their devotion to duty; and we are proud to greet you as men who honor the brave. You will receive in Staunton a hearty welcome, and will find the latch-string of every door on the outside. In the name of our good people, the citizens of Staunton, I extend to you a most cordial welcome.

The procession then moved up Market street led by the Stonewall and Charlestown Bands in the following order:—Anderson Guard; six members of the Walker Light Guard of Richmond; West Augusta Guard; Winchester Light Infantry; Danville Grays; Harrisonburg Band; Lynchburg Light Artillery Blues; Staunton Artillery; Carriages containing the Mayor and the city officials; the clergy, Rev. Dr. Charles Manly and Rev. James E. Booker; the orator of the day, Capt. Henry L. Hoover; Mr. John Merritt, a soldier of the war of 1812; Col. James H. Skinner, President of the Memorial Association; Gen. John Echols, Judge Wm. McLaughlin, and others; the Woodstock Band; Augusta Fire Company, under Capt. M. Cox, with steam engine and hose-carriages, handsomely decorated with evergreens and flowers; the Strasburg Band; Hook and Ladder Company, with their truck most elaborately trimmed with evergreens and mourning drapery under Capt. J. M. Hardy, with twollitle girls dressed in white sitting with him on top; D. D. & B. Institution Band; D. D. & B. Institution Fire Company, followed by the pupils of that Institution bearing wreaths and flowers, and then came citizens generally in carriages and on foot. The procession moved through the principal streets and then proceeded to the cemetery, over the entrance of which had been erected a triple arch of evergreens, bearing the inscriptions, "God," "Dead yet speaking," and "Country."

[The following members of the Walker Light Guard of Richmond were present in uniform and marched with the West Augusta Guard:—G. Waddy Wilde, Conrad F. Lipscomb, John Meanley, Joseph Becher, Arthur Yarrington, and James Swords. C. C. Wertenbaker, jr. and — Marshall of the Charlottesville Company were also present.]

Upon reaching the Confederate cemetry the soldiers filed off into the different sections, the bands played a dirge whilst the ladies who had charge of the sections placed a bouquet on each grave and a wreath of evergreens on each of the iron posts enclosing the sections. This was a most beautiful, impressive, and solemn scene. Afterwards the citizens generally crowded in to scatter over the graves their tribute of flowers.

The stone in the centre of the cemetery, erected to the unknown dead, was most beautifully decorated. It was entirely covered with flowers and evergreens and was surmounted with a magnificent cross and with crossed muskets. The speaker's stand was also very handsomely decorated with flowers and wreaths of evergreen.

The people then gathered around the speaker's stand, and after prayer by Rev. J. E. Booker, Capt. H. L. Hoover delivered a short and admirable—

ADDRESS.

After an emphatic disclaimer on the part of the South of any desire to rekindle the passions of the war, he proceeded to a eulogy upon the Confederate soldiers, in which he compared the stubbornness of their resistance to the Federal troops with that of the French to the Prussians' and the Turks to the Russians, after which Mr. H. spoke as follows:—

Another reason, Mr. President and members of the Memorial Association, why we should fondly cherish the memory of these men, even if they had not been truer and more devoted than those who fell upon other battlefields, is, that these fought on *our* side, for *our* homes, for *our* section of the Union.

And, now, I fear some sensitive loyalist may take alarm, and think that I am preaching sectionalism.

Sir, at the very outset I disclaimed every character and grade of sectional *hate*, but, sir, I not only preach, but practice, the most ardent affection for my own section of the Union and for my own State. Is this treason? Is this disloyalty? No, sir. Local attachment is the very germ and life of the purest patriotism. Where is the American who loves not America above all other countries? Where is the Northern, Southern, Eastern, or Western man who loves not his own section most? Where is the Virginian, worthy the name, who loves not his mother State above all others? And, sir, may I not go further and ask, Where is the *Augusta* man who does not feel in his heart that our grand old county is a *little* better than any other county in the State?

No, sir, there is nothing in the warmest devotion to home, or country, or State, or section, at all inconsistent with the utmost loyalty to this Union. Our pride, then, in the soldierly conduct of our own boys is not only a pardonable indulgence, but an honest and natural expression of our own patriotism. They ask us to be loyal to this Union, and to say and do nothing which may give offence to the dominant party. So be it, say I. But be it ever remembered, that he who is not loyal to his own friend, dead or living, to his own people and his own section, whether defeated or victorious, is not and *can* not be loyal to anything else in this world. For one, I *could* not and *would* not betray the memory of these dead comrades to please or to save any party.

To you, young soldiers, I may confiently appeal to preserve the memory of the men whose color you wear. Sacred color! baptized in the best and bravest blood of the Sunny South, emblem of devotion to duty and the right. You can not forget *them* while you wear "the gray."

To you, my old comrades, whom I see scattered here and there in this vast throng; to you, with whom these silent sleepers once touched elbows amid whizzing minnies, bursting shell and shrieking shot; whose voices commingled with yours in the fierce yell of battle, the ringing cheers of victory and the genial camp song; who have shared with you the hoarded biscuit, the cheerful pipe, and the friendly blanket; to *you*, I cannot appeal in vain to preserve this grateful annual custom of decorating their graves with flowers.

But may I not still more confidenily appeal to *you*, my fair country women. You were first and last in *their* hearts. To you the dying messages were sent. For mother, sister, wife or daughter the last prayer was breathed. Full well I know your loving hearts will not forget the "vacant chairs" in your households, nor fail to teach your children the sad story of their heroic lives; and that when Spring-time brings the flowers again, your fair hands will not fail to form fresh wreathes wherewith to decorate these tombs.

But, my friends, can we pay the deep debt of gratitude, due the Confederate dead, with flowers *alone*? Where are *their* dear ones to-day? Does the widow, or orphan, or mutilated or distressed comrade wander up and down the land homeless, penniless, and friendless? If so, the debt has *not* been paid. Has one of these been turned from our doors unaided and uncheered? Can it be that we have spent thousands in a grand parade over the dead, and have shut our hearts and our hands to those in distress who were dear to them.

Never, *never*, let this be truly said of Virginians. To be thus untrue to those who were so true to us, would be to dishonor our own manhood and to cast the *first* blot on the fair fame of our mother State, which, whether in the field or the forum, has grown ever brighter, ever purer, with the growing years, until to-day the name of *Virginian* is the proudest birth-right of all this wide, beautiful world.

Col. James H. Skinner, President of the Association, made a brief statement of its condition, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Manly.

The ceremonies were ended with salutes fired by the infantry companies and Staunton Artillery. The Lynchburg company did not have their guns with them.

Between one and two o'clock the military returned to the city, and, after refreshments at the Grange Hall, were taken to their quarters at the Hotels.

The rest of the evening was spent by the military in resting, making acquaintances, and social intercourse.

The time was most delightfully spent until 8 o'clock, the hour for the Valley companies to return, when they were escorted to the depot by the Staunton companies, and, after a few short speeches, departed amidst the cheers and good wishes of all.

When the Lynchburg company left at half past one o'clock, the whole line of march from the Grange Hall to the depot was most beautifully illuminated with various colored lights, roman candles, and rockets, making the streets with their decorations look like a scene from fairy land.

This celebration of Memorial Day has certainly been the most successful event that has ever occurred in Staunton. It was a grand success in the extent and character of the decorations, in the large number of military present, and in the immense crowd of people assembled. Everything in connection with it passed off in the most pleasant and enjoyable manner. Good order, good humor, and good conduct prevailed throughout the day; nothing whatever occurred to mar the pleasure of the occasion. The guests of our military and citizens went away satisfied and delighted with the hospitable entertainment they had received, and full of enthusiastic appreciation of Staunton and her citizens.—It has been productive of mutual acquaintance among the military companies of the Valley and from other parts of the State, that will bind them more closely together in friendship and soldierly *camaradevie*.

The bearing of the visiting military, not only as soldiers, but as gentlemen, was particularly noticeable, and was the subject of frequent remark. Their soldierly appearance elicited much praise, and our people generally unite in the wish that we may soon have the pleasure of entertaining them again.

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ABOUT CANARY BIRDS.—Place the cage so no draught of air can strike the bird. Give nothing to healthy birds but rape and canary seed, water, cuttle-ish bone, and gravel-paper or sand on the floor of the cage. No hemp seed.—A bath three times a week. The room should not be overheated—never above seventy degrees. When moulting (shedding feathers) keep warm, avoid all draughts of air. Give plenty of German rape seed; a little hard boiled egg, mixed with crackers grated fine, is excellent. Feed at a certain hour in the morning. By observing these simple rules birds may be kept in fine condition for years. For birds that are sick or have lost their song, procure bird tonic at a bird store. Very many keep birds who mean to give their pets all things to make them bright and happy, and at the same time are guilty of great cruelty in regard to perches. The perches in a cage should be each one of different size, and the smallest as large as a pipe stem. If perches are of the right sort no trouble is ever had about the bird's toe-nails growing too long; and of all things keep the perches clean.—*Fancier.*

DEATH OF REV. I. W. K. HANDY.—The many friends of Rev. Dr. Handy will learn with regret of the death of this estimable and widely-known minister of the Presbyterian church.—He had been in declining health for some time, and had gone to the residence of his son, Moses P. Handy, in Philadelphia, where he died on last Friday, the 14th inst. He was well-known as the prison-chaplain at Fort Delaware during the war, and afternards wrote a book entitled "United States Bonds." He was in his 63rd year. He was for many years the Pastor of Augusta church in this county, and had greatly endeared himself to his congregation. His remains were brought to Ft. Defiance yesterday evening, and buried at 4 o'clock at the old Stone church.

CONCERT AT COVINGTON.—A most delightful entertainment was given at Covington, Alleghany county, on last Wednesday evening for the benefit of the Baptist church of that place. The music for the occasion was furnished by Capt. Fitz and friends from Staunton, who are well known for the excellent music they not unfrequently treat our citizens to. The entertainment consisted of music, vocal and instrumental, charades, and the old time walk-around. The attendance was quite large and a most delightful evening was spent to the enjoyment of all and the increase of the funds of the church.

THE FIRST GRAND EXCURSION OF THE SEASON TO WASHINGTON.—There will be a grand excursion from Staunton to Washington, over the Valley and Baltimore and Ohio road, on Wednesday, July 10th 1878, at the following low rate of fare.

Round trip to Washington $5.25. Tickets will be good on all trains returning until the following Saturday. For further information call on Capt. J. C. Smith, at B. & O. Express office, near American Hotel.

Commencement of the Virginia Female Institute.

The Commencement exercises of the Virginia Female Institute took place on last Tuesday night and Wednesday morning and were peculiarly interesting and charmingly brief.—On Tuesday night the entertainment consisted of exercises in the schools of elocution and physical culture, and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

On Wednesday morning the Hall was again crowded to witness the delivery of honors, medals and diplomas, a list of which is given below. The music which varied the distrsbutions in the various schools was of a very high order and was greatly enjoyed. The piano solos "Sounds from Home" by Miss Emma Le Sassier, ann "Stranlera" by M. Welford Adams were perfectly rendered and loudly applauded. The songs "Ecstacy" by Miss Sadie Mallory and "Erlking" by Miss Lily Hoffman were most sweetly and admirably rendered, it is always delightful to listen to such excellent vocal music.

By request Miss Gambrill sang most exquisitely Meyerbeer's grand aria—"Robert! Robert! toi que j'aime."

HONOR MEDALS—

were conferred as follows:—

School of English.—Gertrude Duncan, Maria J Faison, Victoria Mallory, Emily Opperman, Jennie Slaughter, Minnie Turpin, Lula Ford, Kate Halle, Sadie Mallory, Evelyn Smith, Minnie Slaughter.

Mathematics.—Mary Atkinson, Alice Joynes, Gay Miller, Maria Catlett, Bessie Bryan, Emma Dogget.

Natural Science.—Mary Atkinson, Alice Joynes, Bessie Murdoch, Irene Kelly.

Literature and History.—Bessie Bryan, Minnie Coughanour, Edith Gittings, Emma Le Sassier, Mamie Phillips, Nellie Bowen, Rosa Duke, Sallie Lewis, Blanche Maddux, India Tuggle.

Moral Philosophy.—Maria Catlett, Emma Glover, Lily Hoffman, Mary Furman, Annie Hendren, Gay Miller.

French.—Annie Elder, Mary Furman.

Neatness.—Virginia Hoffman, Emma Glover.

Diligence and Neatness.—Victoria Mallory, Lizzie Day, Bessie Murdoch.

Conduct.—Bessie Murdoch.

Diligence.—Nellie Bowen, Sadie Mallory, Mary Falson, Emily Opperman, Minnie Turpin.

Latin.—For distinguished improvement Miss Emma Doggett, of Fredericksburg, Va.

FULL GRADUATES:—

Maria B Catlett, Staunton; Emma Glover, Rome, Ga.; Annie M Hendren, Staunton; Gay Miller, Richmond, Va.

In conferring the honors, Mr. Phillips awarded to Miss Lily Hoffman, of Indiana, a diploma, and in so doing said that the young lady, although frequently entitled to them, had always declined distinctions, and asked that she receive this one as a souvenir of her teachers' regard. She gracefully accepted it.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Institute Mr. Phillips was unanimously re-elected Principal. The prospects for an increased attendance next year are very favorable.

PERSONAL.—We had the pleasure of a call from W. T. Manning, of the Danville *News*, on Friday last. He was here to witness the Memorial celebration.

Mr. Bell, a member of the firm of Bell & Co.'s Bookstore and Job Printing estrblishment, Lynchburg, also gave us a call.

Mr. W. W. B. Gallaher, of the Charlestown *Free Press*, was in the city Friday, and called at our office.

The Richmond *Dispatch* of yesterday says:—The following members of the Walker Light Guard, who attended the memorial exercises in Staunton, returned Saturday morning in every way pleased with their trip: G. Waddy Wilde, Conrad F. Lipscombe, John Meanley, Joseph Becher, Arthur Yarrington, and James Swords.

On last Friday morning, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, Rev. W. T. Richardson and Mrs. Sarah A. Tate, both of Staunton, were united in the bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Hall, of the Presbyterian church. The couple will shortly sail for Europe, accompanied by Miss Nellie Tate, a daughter of Mrs. Tate.

METHODIST S. S. CONVENTION.—The annual meeting of the Sunday School Convention of the Baltimore Conference will convene in this