Staunton Spectator.

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Local Department.

"FIGURES WON'T LIE!"—LOOK at the FIGURES after your name on this paper and see how your subscription stands. Some of the names will be taken off the list unless payment be made very soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Election Day—Thursday, May 22d, 1879.

☞ In response to the call of "Many Voters," in the STAUNTON SPECTATOR of the 18th inst., I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for South River District. Very respectfully,
feb25-tde W. L. MOWRY.

TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY:—
☞ Mr. Jno. M. Kinney having declined being a candidate for re-election, I announce myself a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for Beverly Manor District, and if elected will give the business strict personal attention. Respectfully,
smar1-tde J. N, MCFARLAND.

TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY:—I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE, in Middle River District.
Respectfully,
mar11-tde J. ALEX. KERR.

TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY:
Responding to the call of "many voters" published in the *Vindicator* of March 7th, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of HIGH SHERIFF of Augusta county. Election to be held the 4th Thursday in May.
Respectfully,
mar8-tde J. J. LAREW.

TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY:—
I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE for Beverly Manor District. Election fourth Thursday in May.
mar8-tde* SAMUEL C. WILSON.

TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY:
I respectfully announce myself a candidate for election to the office of COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE in Pastures District.
mar18-tde WM. J. EURITT.

TO KEEP A TRUE LENT.

BY ROBERT HERRICK, 1625.

Is this a fast, to keep
The larder leane,
And cleane,
From fat of veales and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or rag'd to go
Or Show
A downcast look and sowre?

No; 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat
And meat,
Unto the hungry soule.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate,
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.

To Show a heart grief-rent
To starve thy sin,
Not bin,
And that's to keep thy Lent.

Sales of Real Estate.

The following sales were made by E. M. Cushing & Son, for the week ending March 15th:—

March 13th, the Dryden Farm, 200 acres, to J. A. Hamrick at $10 per acre.

March 14th, 22 acres of land and improvements, on Moffett's Creek, Augusta county, to Joseph H. Fawber for $505.00.

March 14th, Shipman lot in Sangersvile, in this county, to J. F. Spitler for $66.00.

March 14th, 12 acre lot in same village, to A. D. Blakemore, for $350.00.

March 14th, Houff lot and improvements in same village to John Gary for $201.00.

March 15th, Henton farm, 84¼ acres to John Bowlen, for $29.00 per acre.

March 15th, McChesney house and lot in the city of Staunton on Augusta St., to W. F. Butler, for $7,150.

March 15th, Willard lot to D. A. Kayser for $90.

March 15th, Hoge lot and stable to Geo. M. Cochran Sr., for $500.

March 15th, Marple land on Christian's creek, Augusta county, containing 130 acres, to Lewis Morganstein for $8.00 per acre.

March 15th, the Pumphreys land and improvements, in this county, to J. E. Guy for $175.00.

March 15th, 100 acres of wood land near Pond Gap, to W. & J. M. Kunkle for $3.35 per acre,

March 15th, small house and lot in West End to J. K. McComb, for $200.50.

March 15th, the "Piper House" on E. Beverly St., to N. V. Bank of Staunton, for $2,255.

March 15th, one-half of Old Steam Mill lot to same buyer at $200.

March 15th, one-half of the old Harman Warehouse, near C. & O. depot to same buyer for $1,000.

Roasted Java, Laguayra, and Rio Coffees.
mar11-2t J. E. GRAHAM.

A CARD.

MRS. C. A. GLADKE has for several months been in the Northern and Eastern cites, and will not return for some two or three weeks.—The object of her extended sojourn is to attend the spring openings of Millinery Goods in Baltimore and New York, in order that she may by her personal observation and examination, give her customers the benefit of the very latest styles, and make selections from first hands. She will remain long enough to be present at the second openings, which generally occur about the middle of March, These are regarded as most important, as they generally settle the styles which are to prevail during the approaching season.

With the facilities she will enjoy, Mrs. G. will be able to make selections from the latest Paris and Berlin importations, and the ladies in Staunton, upon her return, will have the advantages of the larger cities presented at their door, both as regards price and style.

MRS. GLADKE's well known taste will have an ample field to indulge itself, and the stock she will bring back with her will be one, the equal of which has never been seen in this section. It will embrace the latest novelties and styles of Paris, Berlin and New York, and will afford a rich variety from which the ladies of Staunton and vicinity can select their Hats and Bonnets, Imported Flowers, Brocade Ribbons, &c., from the cream of European importations. mar11-tf

Tic Douloureaux or Neuralgia, can be instantly relieved and permantly cured by the use of Keller's Roman Liniment. Price 50 cents a bottle.

CHURCHES SUNDAY.—At the Methodist church, Rev. Dr. Martin, Presiding Elder of this District, preached morning and night. In the afternoon Mrs. Hayes, of New York, lectured to the ladies of the congregation upon the importance of organizing missionary societies among the ladies of the church.

At the Episcopal Church the services in the morning were conducted by Rev. W. Q. Hullihen. In consequence of the indisposition of the pastor there were no services at night.

At the Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Manly preached morning and night, and in the morning baptized three persons. The services will be continued at this church every night this week, the religious interest continuing unabated, and many persons are nightly seeking the way of salvation.

At the Lutheran and 1st and 2nd Presbyterian churches, the usual services were held by the respective pastors thereof.

ASYLUM—A MISNOMER.—The resolution adopted by the House of Delegates on Friday last in reference to printing 800 copies of the last annual report of the Institution for the education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind calls that Institution an "asylum." It is now in order for the *Goodson Gazette* to put on its warpaint and raise the war-whoop. We shall expect it in future to wear numerous scalps in its belt as trophies of its prowess in its warfare upon the members of the Legislature for committing such a gross impropriety.

If the *Goodson Gazette* fail to do its duty now, the people generally will *never* learn better than to call that beneficent educational institution an 'asylum."

What, *never*.
No, NEVER.

CIRCUIT COURT.—In the Circuit Court, Judge Wm. McLaughlin presiding, no business of any public interest has been transacted, though a number of decrees and orders have been entered in chancery causes. The civil docket is not a very large one this session. The suit for damages for breach of promise to marry of Shultz vs. Gesiner is set for trial on the 25th inst.

SUPPOSED LUNATIC.—The Waynesboro' *Tribune* gives the following account of a supposed lunatic, who passed through that town on yesterday a week ago:—"He was respectably dressed, and seemingly well educated, with good address and pleasant though peculiar manners. He wore becoming side whiskers, his upper lip being closely shavrd. From his eccentric manner, some of our citizens judged that there was some mystery about the man, and upon being questioned said he was from Staunton, and was going to Manassas Junction, his home. Said he had been in the Asylum in Staunton for two years. He was then asked if he was employed there, and he seemed very much surprised at the question, and answered, "Oh, no! I am a patient." The gentleman who was questioning him then remarked that he was going home on a furlough, to which he replied, "Yes, I am going home on a furlough—one that I took of my own accord last night." It is supposed he walked from Staunton here. After a stay of about an hour he left town, taking the road that leads to Scottsville. He wore a dark blue navy coat and paints of a dark material. There was evidently something wrong with the man, and we think his tale about being in the Asylum very probable."

P. S.—Since the above was in type we have learned that the above described party *was* a patient at the Asylum here, and had taken a furlough, as he said, on Sunday night week. Dr. Baldwin has received a letter from his mother, living near Manassas, stating that her son had reached home safely. He will doubtless be returned to the Asylum. He has been in the Asylum before, and some years since enlisted in the United States Army and served a year in Texas, after which he was again returned to the Asylum.

Another patient made his escape at the same time, but as yet we have heard nothing of him.

Relic of Ye Olden Time—An Account Book of 1774.

In making improvements in his store building, Mr. W. H. Weller of this city removed an old building in the rear of his store that he might secure more room, in which was found an account book which was kept by some one in Williamsburg, when that place was the seat of Government of the Colony of Virginia in 1774, and when Lord Dunmore was the Governor of the Colony. These accounts extend from the 22nd of February, 1774, to December 27th, 1774.—At that time the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia met in Williamsburg. It was in this year that Lord Dunmore dissolved the House of Burgesses, because of the indignant action that body had taken in reference to the Boston "Port Bill" closing the port of Boston on the 1st of June, because on the 16th of December before, persons dressed as Mohawk Indians boarded a tea ship, and threw 342 chests of tea into the harbor, because the British Government had imposed a tax upon tea which the colonists were unwilling to pay as they were not represented in Parliament.

Among the accounts in this old account-book, under date of November 12th,—which was a month after the battle with the Indians at Point Pleasant, that was fought on the 10th of October, 1774,—there is an entry of 500 bushels of oats sold to Lord Dunmore at 15 pence per bushel, and 25 bushels "sold the Speaker, for 1 pound, 11 shillings, and 3 pence," which was 15 pence per bushel.

A new lot of **Lake Herring**, just received.
mar11-2t J. E. GRAHAM.

Lectures by Right Rev. J. J. Keane.

The lectures on "the voice of God in the world" and "the Middle Ages, their Darkness and their Light" delivered by Right Rev. J. J. Keane, Bishop of Richmond, at the Masonic Hall, on last Wednesday and Thursday nights, respectively, were attended both nights by very good audiences. The Bishop announced his intention in the beginning of speaking from a Catholic point of view, so that none of the many Protestants present should feel hurt at anything he might say. His lectures on both occasions were able, earnest, and full of interest to all who heard him. His style of delivery is plain and distinct, yet at the same time is of that peculiar character which enchains the attention of the hearer from the very first word he utters. He is a close logical reasoner and from *his* premises the conclusions he arrives at are inevitable. We refrain from attempting to give any sketch of these lectures, as it would require more space than is at our disposal to give such a synopsis as would do justice to the arguments and deductions made by the learned and able lecturer.

All who attended these lectures could not failed to be impressed with the deep and varied study, keen logic and eminent mental ability of the speaker, however, much they might differ from him in the conclusions to which he arrives.

The proceeds of these lectures were for the benefit of the Catholic Church here and we learn are of such an amount as to be of my material assistance.

Waynesboro' Items.

[From the *Tribune*.]

The Public Schools at Waynesboro' have been closed.

One day last week some parties fishing along the river, several miles below town, near the residence of Mr. Wm. Mann, found a colored infant which had been, as supposed, thrown into the river immediately after birth. The child had on no clothes, but simply some straw wrapped about it, and, from all appearances, had been only a few days in its watery grave.

A few nights ago some thief shot a large turkey from the top of an apple tree, about twenty-five yards from the house of Mr. John Kiser. Mr. K. arose on hearing the gun, and attempted to shoot the thief, but he made his escape and carried the gobbler with him.

On Saturday last as Messrs. John Plumb and Moses H. Alexander were coming from the depot, in this place, in a light spring wagon, belonging to the former, the horse attached became frightened by the trace coming unhitched and striking his heels, which caused him to scamper at a lively speed around to the front of Mr. Shackelford's shops, where the occupants were dumped out on either side of the road. Both of the young men were slightly injured, and the vehicle a little damaged.

Mackerel by the bbl, or half bbl,—very low this season. J. E. GRAHAM.
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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE HARRISONBURG GUARDS.—On last Saturday week the Harrisonburg Guards celebrated the second anniversary of their organization with a public parade and competitive prize drill. The first prize medal was awarded to Sergeant R. C. Bassford, as the best drilled soldier in the Company, and the second medal to Private John P. Kerr as the second best drilled.

That night the Company assembled in the Court-house, which was filled with interested spectators, to witness the presentation of the medals and hear the orators selected for the occasion. H. V. Strayer, Esq., delivered an address upon the "History of the Organization," and was followed by Judge C. T. O'Ferrall upon the "Importance of Citizen Soldiery."

The medals were presented to the successful contestants by Capt. John Paul in a very neat and appropriate address.

The Captain then read the following appointments of non-commissioned officers for the ensuing year:

Sergeants—1st, P. Tatum, O. S.; 2nd, W. S. Cordel, Color Sergeant; 3rd, R. C. Bassford; 4th, James Sullivan; 5th, John G. Yancey.

Corporals—1st, B. F. Treiber; 2nd, John Grattan; 3rd, John P. Kerr; 4th, S. D. Gatewood.

Quarter-Master Sergeant—R. H. Gambill.

Surgeon—R. Tatum, M. D.

HAYMAKERS.—At the recent election of the order of Haymakers held Wednesday the 5th inst., the following officers were elected to serve for one year: W. H. H. Lynn, Grand Sultan; T. J. Crowder, Grand Vizier; E. M. Cushing, Grand Master of Cavalry; Wm. C. Straughan, Grand Prophet: A. A. Eskridge, Grand Keeper of the Rolls and Finances; J. T. Long, Grand Captain of the Guard; R. G. Irvine, Grand Keeper of the Threshold, and W. W. Fretwell, Grand Guard of the Approaches.

FIRE.—On last Wednesday evening a passing locomotive set fire to the dry grass in the field in which is situated the barn of Mr. H. D. Peck at "Montgomery Farm" just west of Staunton. The grass burned rapidly and at one time there was great danger of its reaching the barn, but some hands, who were plowing near, quickly ran a furrow around the barn and thus saved it from destruction.

A PAMPHLET FREE.—THE MURRAY HILL PUBLISHING COMPANY, 129 East 28th Street, New York City, will send by mail a large pamphlet entitled EVIDENCES OF DR. FOOTE'S SUCCESS as a writer and practitioner of medicine, and a catalogue of all their publications—reading enough for several weeks—if you will but enclose one letter stamp to their address.

We call the attention of contractors to the advertisement of the Western Lunatic Asylum asking for bids for the erection of the addition to be made to the buildings at the Asylum.

STATISTICS.

We condense the following from the "Handbook of Virginia," prepared by Dr. Thomas Pollard, Commissioner of Agriculture.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.

This county is 35 miles long and about 30 miles wide, containing 678,707 acres of land, assessed at $8,560,140. The population in 1870 was 28,763, and is now, including the city of Staunton, about 34,000. In 1878, the number of horses, mules, &c., was 8,643; cattle, 19,635; swine, 22,143; sheep, 11,287. The lands of this county are fertile, and watered by South River, Middle River, North River, Christian's creek, and other streams. It contains valuable medicinal waters, as at Stribling Springs and Variety Springs; valuable minerals, as iron ore in large quantities, manganese, kaolin, fine quality of marble, and magnesian limestone, from the last of which good hydraulic cement is made.—This magnesian limestone contains from 44 to 53 per cent. of carbonate lime, and 33 to 35 per cent. carbonate magnesia. The timber of this county is of great variety, and is quite valuable for many purposes, among them tanners' bark, staves, hoop-poles, &c. Nearly all kinds of fruit thrive well when properly cared for. "The people of Augusta are intelligent, industrious, and homogeneous."

This county is noted for its healthfulness, the fertility of its soil, and the beauty of its scenery. It is the place for those seeking homes and farms.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

This county was formed from Augusta in 1778. It is 38 miles long and 23 miles wide.—Population, 23,668. It contains 292,759 acres of land, assessed at $6,870,825. Number of horses and mules, 8,039; cattle, 18,993; sheep, 8,166; swine, 21,136. The land is generally fertile and well watered, and produces large amounts of farm products, the chief being wheat and Indian corn. This county is watered by the North River, Shenandoah, the North branch of the Shenandoah, Smith's creek, Linvill's creek, Cub Run, Cook's creek and other streams. The minerals are iron ore, coal, marble, and magnesian limestone. The mineral springs are the "Rawley Springs," "Rockingham Mineral Springs," and Taylor Springs."—The waters of the three springs of the "Rockingham Mineral Springs," at the eastern base of the Massanutten Mountain, three miles from McGaheysville, have recently been analyzed by Prof. Robinson, of Baltimore, who "recommends them to the public as fully equal to any he has examined, and far superior to many of renown.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.

This county was formed from Augusta and Botetourt in 1778. Its length is 31 and mean width 22 miles, with a population of 16,058. Acres of land, 408,951; assessed at $4,379,482.—Horses and mules, 5,300; cattle, 11,829; swine, 12,041; sheep, 5,644.

The soil is fertile, and the lands are watered by North River and its tributaries. In this county are some excellent mineral waters, principally the Rockbridge Alum and Jordan Alum Springs, and the Rockbridge Baths.

BATH COUNTY.

This county was formed from Augusta, Botetourt, and Greenbrier counties in 1790. It is about 35 miles long and 25 broad, with a population of 3,705. Acres of land 617,402, valued at $803,715. Horses, mules, &c., 1,325; cattle, 4,589; sheep, 5,121; swine, 3,295.

This county is watered by the Jackson and Cow Pasture rivers, and other smaller streams. It is noted for its mineral springs—the Hot Springs, Warm Springs, Bath Alum, Healing Springs, and Millboro' Springs.

This county is very mountainous with fertile valleys.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

This county was formed from Bath, Botetourt, and Monroe in 1822, and had a population, in 1870, of 3,674. It is 26 miles in length, with an average width of 20 miles. It contains 463,000 acres of land, assessed at $1,064,850.—Horses, mules, &c., 1,031; cattle, 2,625; sheep, 2,385; swine, 3,076.

The territory is mountainous with fertile valleys, and contains much iron ore which is being extensively mined. It is well watered by the Jackson and Cow Pasture rivers, Dunlap's Creek and other streams.

HIGHLAND COUNTY.

This county was formed from Pendleton and Bath in 1847, and contains a population of 4,151. It is 30 miles long by about 25 broad. It is an elevated mountainous region, chiefly adapted to grazing. The soil is fertile.

The number of acres of land is 240,166, assessed at $1,013,789.

It has 1,947 horses and mules; 7,612 cattle; 9,160 sheep; and 3,105 swine.

Iron ore and marble are found in this county. Coal exists to a considerable extent, but has not been mined.

A DEAD BODY FOUND.—A correspondent writing to the Waynesboro *Tribune* from Batesville, Albemarle county, under date of the 9th inst., gives the following account of the strange discovery of a dead body. He says:

"A few days ago Mr. A. Bush, who trades backward and forward from his neighborhood to Waynesboro and the Valley, stopped at the store-house of Mr. Mann, in this place, to feed his horse and get some trade he had bought.—He put off a lot of chickens while trading there; and after he had been gone some time, the servant girl at Mr. Mann's saw under the house what she supposed to be two of his chickens. A small boy who lived near by was called for to get them out, and the supposed chickens turned out to be a dead body. Steps were immediately taken to get it out. After getting the body out it was removed by the Coroner, and a *post mortem* examination held by Dr. Coleman of this place. There were several gun-shot wounds sufficient to cause death. The verdict brought in was the "Deceased came to his death by a shot from a gun in the hands of an unknown person." There is no clue to the murder whatever. The body was conveyed to its last resting place and interred in the grave-yard above the M. E. church by kind hands. Every step will be taken to find out who committed the deed."

It strikes us that the *Tribune* has been rather taken in by the above sensational account of the untimely death of some mongrel cur or festive Thomas Cat, but as its informant proposes to furnish hereafter further information we will abide in patience future developments.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—Yesterday, the 17th, being St. Patrick's day, was celebrated in Richmond with a procession of Irish organizations, and an address by Hon. A. M. Kelley.

Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born, according to most authorities, near the site of Kilpatrick, at the mouth of the Clyde, in Scotland, in 372, and died at Down, Ulster, Ireland, about 464. At the age of sixteen he was carried a captive to Ireland by a band of marauders, but made his escape after six months, and returned to Scotland. He was carried off a second time, and after his escape resolved to become a missionary to Ireland, was ordained in Scotland, and after a long preparation, was consecrated bishop. Having previously visited Gaul and Italy, he went to Ireland in 432, and preached with such effect that, although not the first to introduce Christianity into that country, he has always received the credit for its general conversion. He baptized the Kings of Dublin and Munster, the sons of the King of Connaught, with the greater part of their subjects, appointed bishops and held councils, and so extended the church that before his death nearly the whole country was converted.

DR. WM. H. RUFFNER DEFENDED BY DR. ROBERT S. HAMILTON.—It having been charged in the Senate that Dr. W. H. Ruffner, State Superintendent of Public schools, had instructed the County Superintendent of schools in Pittsylvania not to grant certificates to teachers who were not subscribers to the *Educational Journal*, that body appointed a committee of five to investigate the matter. That he did not so instruct the County Superintendent of this county, is proved by the card of Dr. R. S. Hamilton, published in the *Dispatch* of yesterday. When Dr. Hamilton was County Superintendent, he "suggested to Dr. Ruffner the propriety of requiring all applicants for schools to take, or agree to take, the Virginia or some other good educational journal, and Dr. Ruffner declined peremptorily to grant any such authority."

IMPROVEMENT.—The recent improvement made by the Loeb Bros. at their store on the corner of Main and New Sts., adds much to the attractive appearance of their well furnished store-room. They have had taken out the old iron front, which, when put in 40 years ago, was regarded as the most elegant in the city, and have replaced it by a handsome glass front, which is shaded from the rays of the sun by a neatly painted and tastefully decorated wooden awning. The Loeb Bros. have the "go" about them, and the attractiveness of their new front is only excelled by the beautiful display inside of all the goods that please the eye or that woman's heart could wish.

The poor and humble, alike with the rich and powerful, find in Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup a true, tried and trusted friend. Price, 25 cents a bottle.

For the SPECTATOR.
WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE?

A LOCAL DOT IN RHYME.

"Squire Davey" was sowing his seed one day,
When one of our citizens happened that way—
Who knowing the Justice to be wondrous wise,
Craved his honor to give him a little advice.

"With pleasure," said "Davey;" and thus spoke the man:—
"I hauled certain logs to the mill at Tappan,
For the sawing of which old Sykes did agree
To take but one plank cut of every three.

"Not needing my portion, I left it awhile,
All neatly stacked up to itself in a pile;
But, mark you, I went for my lumber one day,
When, behold sir, I found it had vanished away.

"The miller had *sold* it—that's just what he said,
And he won't reimburse me—won't pay me a red;
So I've called on your worship in order that you
May give me advice as to what I shall do."

Quoth his honor:—"The matter to me is quite plain;
So hearken a moment and I will explain,
You say that the lumber was *yours* at the mill?
Then as *you* never sold it, it is your lumber still.

"But if *some one else* sold it, aye, and then sold it *over*,
I can return it to you under a warrant in trover.
The fellow that *bought* it, the loss has to bear,
For the *law* respects no one—of this you're aware."

"Yes, yes," said the fellow, "I know it is true,
And feel myself greatly indebted to you;
But Squire, I'd neglected to tell you before,
That *you* have my lumber piled up at *your* door."

"O, the deuce," said the Squire, with a much altered face,
(And dropping his pen)—"That *alters* the case.
Go at once to old Sykes and say: Without fail,
If he don't fix this matter, I will send him to jail."

The fellow went out, and then raged the Squire,
And he vowed he'd be roasted alive in the fire,
Before in a case he would give a decision,
Until he found out whether one side *"wasn't his'n."*

A. A. A,

Soiree at the Augusta Female Seminary.

On last Friday night a large audience assembled in the chapel of the Augusta Female Seminary to enjoy the entertainment given by the pupils in the school of languages. The entertainment began with an exquisite tableau of Elizabeth and Mary Stuart and was followed by a dialogue in French, in which the characters of Elizabeth and Mary Stuart, were well sustained by Miss. Nellie Tate and Miss. Mattie Frazier, both of Staunton. The costumes of the chief characters as well as of the maids of honor of Elizabeth and Mary were very appropriate and handsome and the tableaux, illuminated with colored lights, were dramatically arranged and very beautiful.

The second part of the programme was a dramatized presentation, in French, of the well known fairy story of the Sleeping Beauty—*la belle au bois dormant*. It was admirably enacted throughout, but the elaborateness of each scene and tableau caused a rather longer delay sometimes than suited the impatience of the audience to behold the beautiful pictures, which they knew would soon be presented. The costuming in this play was truly exquisite, and the only drawback to a thorough enjoyment of the tableaux, one however incident to the very nature of this kind of entertainment, was the necessarily short period in which the eye had time to take in the many exquisite details and charming beauties of each scene, which in the most minute points showed evidence of cultivated taste and thorough study of the effect of attitude, position and the proper combination and contrast of colors.

The characters in this play were as follows:

FEES.

Avarita,.....Miss Gertrude Gunn.
Amabella,.....Miss Sue Daniel.
Claribella,.....Miss Fannie Symington.
Derabella,.....Miss May Erwin.
Gracibella,.....Miss Lilla Cameron.
Laurabella,.....Miss Allie Wood.
Prosabella,.....Miss Etta Donnan.
La belle au bois dormant,.....Miss Jennie Baird.
Le roi,.....Miss Lizzie Reese.
La reine,.....Miss Sallie Spears.
Le prince,.....Miss Mollie Wittenberg.
La duchesse Flirtelia,.....Miss Carrie Ballagh.

PAGES:

Puck,.....Miss Nannie Dickinson.
Boozle,.....Miss Annie Raphael.
Gridlegoozle,.....Miss Belle Creary.
Fridlegoozle,.....Miss Annie Nelson.
Dames d'honneur de la cour,.....{ Miss Florence Goyer. Miss Kate Anderson. Miss Mary Forman. Miss Addie Howell.

The chief characters, Avarita, the Queen, and the Sleeping Beauty were admirable sustained, and especially enjoyable were the sweetly warbled notes of the Sleeping Beauty in the happy songs, which interspersed her part before she was thrown into the sleep of a hundred years by the wicked enchantment of Avarita.

The scene in which the "Sleeping Beauty" was aroused from her sleep of a hundred years by the kiss of the fairy Prince was unexceptionably good, and the audience rejoiced with the newly awaken maiden as

"—on her lover's arm she leant,
And far across the hills they went
In that new world which is the old."

N. B.—Two very interesting characters were omitted in the programme—Miss L. Ripley and M. McEven—the former taking the character of an old lady and the latter was one of the fairies.

Our Fishersville Letter.

Our valued correspondent, "A. A. A.," sends us the following account of the recent organization and proceedings of the Young Men's Christian Association at Fishersville:

About three weeks ago several gentlemen of this vicinity met in the M. E. Church at Fishersville and resolved to organize a Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Kindig, a minister of the Tunker church, was made temporary chairman, with Ed. Stover as secretary.

After devotional exercises, the chairman announced as committee on Constitution and By-Laws, John Loyall, Capt. E. Bateman, G. W. Sutler, Esq., Capt. C. B. Koiner, and A. A. Arnold.

The meeting then adjourned to meet on the following Friday, which it did, and adopted the Constitution as reported by the committee.

It was then resolved to proceed at once to the election of the officers provided for, which election resulted as follows: President, Capt. C. B. Koiner; First Vice-President, John Loyall; Second Vice-President, Wellington Koiner; Third Vice-President,— Gilkeson; Secretary, Ed. Stover; Corresponding Secretary, A. A. Arnold; and Treasurer, Capt. E. Bateman.

After which the Association adjourned to meet on the following Sunday at 3:30, P. M., for devotional services.

There was a full turn-out on Sunday. Mr. Frank Bell led the services, reading as his principal lesson the 14th chapter of John.

Rev. Dr. Strickler, of Tinkling Spring church, delivered a short but pointed address, in which he very truthfully remarked that "it is a comparatively easy matter to persuade men to begin in any good work, but rather hard to induce them to *continue* in it." He cited the fact, that while there had been many organizations for the promotion of temperance principles, begun under the most flattering auspices, yet there were but few that reached the age of one year. So with societies for the proportion of agriculture and with societies for the study of Scripture in the various churches. He advised the Association, as the surest means of accomplishing good, to hold prayer-meetings at least once a week.

His remarks were well received by those present, and will go a great way toward insuring the permanency of the organization.

Eight young men gave their names to the Secretary for enrollment.

The Association now numbers thirty-eight; and counting, as it does, among its members representatives from the Tunker, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist and Methodist churches, is destined, under God, to be a power for the accomplishment of much good.

Before adjournment on Sunday, the President announced the following standing committees: On Devotional Exercises, Messrs. Bell, Kindig and Loyall: On Missions, Messrs. Alexander, Bezanson and Gilkeson; To Visit the Sick, care for the Poor and to introduce Strangers, Messrs. G. W. Sutler, S. B. Stover and A. A. Arnold.

Rev. Dr, Strickler then pronounced the benediction.

The next devotional meeting was held Sunday, March 16th, at 3:30. P. M. Mr. M. Bezanson led the exercises.

ACCIDENT.—From the Bridgewater *Enterprise* we learn that Miss Annie Robson, daughter of Dr. G. T. Robson, of Mossy Creek in this county, met with a very painful accident, whilst out riding several days ago. The horse she was riding became frightened and started off in a full run. Miss Annie, in order to save herself, sprang from his back, and in doing so sprained both of her ankle joints severely.

Personals.

Dr. J. W. Harris left last week for a few days' visit to Richmond.

Capt. G. G. Gooch will leave this week for a trip West, extending to St. Louis and Chicago.

Capt. John C. Carpenter, of Alleghany, was in the city last week, stopping with Capt. G. G. Gooch.

The steamer on which Maj. J. B. Dorman, of Lexington, sailed for Europe, has arrived safely at Havre, France.

Mr. A. E. White, of Lewisburg, formerly of this place, is in town on a visit to his friends whose name is "legion."

Capt. Wm. A. McCue was absent from the city last week in the interest of the Insurance companies he represents.

In Harrisonburg, on last Thursday night, Father H. J. McKeefry delivered a sermon upon "The Catholic church, proved from Scripture and Tradition."

We are glad to state that Harry C. Tinsley, though still unable to get about, is improving, and it is hoped will soon be able to resume his work upon the *Vindicator*.

W. M. Clements, the Master of Transportation of the Baltimore & Ohio Road, made a trip of inspection along the Road from Baltimore to Staunton last week.

We are very sorry to announce the illness of Harman J. Lushbaugh, Esq. He is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, and though he is somewhat improved, he is still very ill.

Capt. Harman Hiner, of Highland, and Capt. John Paul, of Rockingham, passed through here last week on their way to Richmond to attend the extra session of the Legislature.

The agency of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, formerly held by Price & Eskridge, has been, since the death of Mr. Geo. E. Price, transferred to Mr. Wm. P, Eskridge.

Prof. Job Turner, after a prolonged trip thro' the Southern States, in company with Dr. Gallaudet, returned to Staunton last week on a visit to his many friends. He is looking well and hearty.

Mr. J. A. Templeton has recently purchased from Gen. R. D. Lilly the comfortable cottage residence, where he now resides, on the corner of Market and Academy street, for the sum of $3,500.

Mr. B. F. Markwood has opened a grocery store at his old stand, next door to Price & Miller, on Main street, where he is prepared to furnish his customers with all supplies in his line.

Rev. David Barr, Pastor of the Episcopal church in Harrisonburg, has received two calls, one to Jefferson county, the other to a church in Baltimore. His decision in the matter has not yet been made known.

We are pleased to learn that Judge Fultz, who has been ill with pneumonia, is improving, and has gotten able to walk about a little. His many friends hope soon to see him at his office again, in his usual fine health and spirits.

Col. Wm. S. Gilman, the well-known Washington correspondent of the Richmond *Dispatch*, was in the city the first of last week on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Robert W. Burke. He returned to Washington the last of the week to be present at the meeting of the Democratic caucus, which met last Saturday.

From the Waynesboro *Tribune* we learn that W. A. Turk, who is now Traveling Passenger Agent of the Central Short Line, was in Waynesboro last week, and has left for Jacksonville, Florida. His many friends in Staunton may hope to see him here next summer.

Capt. Clinton G. Miller, an old and highly respected citizen of Augusta county, left last Wednesday for Clarksburg, West Virginia, where he will make his future home with his only daughter and her husband. Before leaving Capt. Miller subscribed for the SPECTATOR, that he might from week to week keep posted upon the doings of his many friends and acquaintances in his native county. He leaves with the best wishes of all who know him, and a sincere regret that he has removed from their midst.

Briefs.

Unbrellas always keep Lent.

Friable formations—spring chickens.

Next Friday the 21st inst., is the Vernal Equinox.

Easter Sunday falls on the 14th of April this year.

The March term of the Circuit court began last Saturday.

The Council of Waynesboro', is paving its way to have brick side-walks.

The Extra session of Congress commences today—the 18th.

It was very cloudy all day yesterday, with an occasional sprinkle of rain.

A valuable mare belonging to Mr. Phil. Gilkeson, died of lock-jaw, on last Wednesday.

The interior walls of the Chapel at the D. D. and Blind Institution are being calcimined.

We saw some very fine mullets on the streets last week, caught from the streams in this county.

Our merchants in anticipation of another heated term this summer are rapidly putting up awnings.

The work of frescoing the ceiling of our city theatre has been begun by the contractor, Mr. Wilkins, of Richmond.

It is only marrried people who are allowed the privilege of attending bawls during the Lenten season.

The Bridgewater *Enterprise* asks—"What becomes of Winter when it leaves?" It Springs into Summer, of course.

"Ye local" of the Highland *Recorder*, like Peter of old, is much disturbed by the crowing of a cock, but not for the same reason, we hope.

A large amount of plowing has been done by the farmers in this county during the past several weeks of mild weather.

The flour market is quite active in our city and many barrels have changed hands recently. There is an upward tendency in prices.

The slight rain which fell on Sunday night was quite welcome, as it laid the clouds of dust which have swept our streets during the past week.

"Facile descensus Averni" cannot well be applied to the present possessors of the Luray Cave, as we understand an action will soon be instituted to oust them of possession.

Last Friday morning and evening there were thunder storms at Richmond. We have not had any here yet this Spring. Jupiter Tonans seems to be partial to the metropolis.

Messrs. Wayt & Bro. and G. G. Gooch bought the McChesney residence on Augusta street on Saturday last, and intend to build three store rooms 20 by 80 feet, three stories high.

March has so far been quite modest, but on yesterday began to blow his own horn, and will doubtless before he leaves us fully establish his reputation as a blustery, disagreeable, old fellow.

The Highland *Recorder* doesn't seem to have much confidence in the early completion of the Narrow "Gouge" Road, and advises the people of that county, if they want to hear the neigh of the iron-horse, to come to Staunton.

A number of persons availed themselves of the reduced rates to Washington offered by the B. & O. and C. & O. Railroads and left yesterday and last night to witness the opening of the first Democratic Congress we have had for eighteen years.

A LITERARY REVOLUTION.—CHAMBERS'S CYCLOPÆDIA OF ENGLISH LITERATURE, in the new Acme Edition, is meeting with such extraordinary sale that the publishers, to make it still more popular, have further reduced the prices. Purchasers ordering before April 30th will get the eight volumes complete, in paper, for $1 75; cloth, $2,50; half morocco, gilt top $4 00; or bound in four volumes, half morocco, gilt top, for $8 20. Sample volumes sent post-paid for 30 cents, 45 cents, 65 cents, and 90 cents. This is not only one of the choicest works in the language, but really wonderful in its low price. Specimen pages and terms to clubs will be sent free on request by the publishers, the AMERICAN BOOK EXCHANGE, 55 Beekman St., N. Y.

WEST AUGUSTA GUARD.—At the last regular meeting of the West Augusta Guard, 3d Lt. T J. Crowder was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of 2d Lt. Jas. T. Byers and 2d Sergeant Thomas Burke was elected 3d Lieutenant, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Lt. Crowder. On last night the following non-commissioned officers were appointed:

Sergeants—1st, W. B. Logan; 2nd, J. H. Lushbaugh; 3rd, Thos. R. Henning; 4th, Sandy Wilson; 5th, E, T. Jessup, Color Sergeant.

Corporals—1st, Robt. Wren, 2nd, J. F. Francisco, 3rd, P. L. Booker, 4th, Chas. Burschell,

LADIES.—For **late American and French Styles** go to MRS. B. F. STIFF'S,
1t 208 Gospel Hill.

Appointments of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church South.

The annual Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South held at Salem, Va., adjourned on Tuesday *sine die*. The next Conference will be held at Front Royal, Va. The Bishop made the following appointments for the ensuing year.

APPOINTMENTS.

Baltimore District—S. Rodgers, P. E.—Baltimore, St. Paul's, Isaac W. Canter, S. S. Roszell, sup'y; Frederick Avenue, J. F. Baggs; Central, P. H. Whisner, S. N. Hank, sup'y; Emmanuel, B. R. Wilbourne; Baltimore Circuit, Wm. A. McDonald; Arlington, J. Landstreet; Freedom, J. J. Engle, F. M. Strother, J. P. Hall, sup'y; Linganore, M. G. Balthis; Frederick City, A. E. Bradenbaugh; Rockville, G. T. Tyler, L. R. Green, A. R. Martin, sup'y; Montgomery, W. W. Watts, D. F. Eutzler; Bladensburg, L. R. Jones, John C. Jones; Emory, J. T. Williams; Laurel, W. R. McNeer; Wesley Grove, B. S. Highley; South River, D. Thomas; Upper Marlbro', S. Townsend. A. W. Wilson, missionary secretary.