Staunton Spectator.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1889.

Local Department.

"OWE NO MAN ANYTHING."—The scriptural injunction is to "owe no man anything," and we would respectfully, but earnestly, request those who "owe anything" to the *Spectator* for subscription, advertising, or Job-work to obey St. Paul's wise injunction, to "owe no man anything, but to love one another." The dates printed on their papers will enable subscribers to know how much they are owing on subscription account, as they show to what time payment has been made. The dates printed do not indicate the time *at* which payments were made, but the time *to* which their payments paid their subscriptions.

Their receipts show both the time of payment and the time to which their subscriptions are paid.

J. F. Smith, the exclusive tobacco man, will sell you a good chew for 30c per pound and a Maritana cigar for 5c.

MEMORIAL DAY.—Don't fail to bear in mind that next Saturday will be observed as Confederate Memorial Day. The orator of the occasion is General Rosser, a distinguished and gallant Confederate commander, who is also an able and eloquent speaker.

DR. T. H. KELLAM, Dentist, late of Baltimore, Md., Office No. 127 East Main Street, opposite the Opera House, Staunton, Va.
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The Ladies Delighted.

The pleasant effect and the perfect safety with which ladies may use the liquid fruit laxative, Syrup of Figs, under all conditions make it their favorite remedy. It is pleasing to the eye and to the taste, gentle, yet effectual in acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels.

C. O. Herring, the polite and attentive grocery man, wants you to try his Maritana Cigar.

SUICIDE OF A YOUNG LADY.—A special dispatch from Charleston to the Baltimore Sun of the 24th ultimo says; "Miss Susan Miller, aged seventeen years, daughter of Andrew Miller, who resides on Mill Creek, Jackson county, after preparing supper Saturday evening, went out behind the house and shot herself through the temple with a 32-caliber revolver while the family were a supper. The cause of the suicide was a quarrel between the young woman and her mother."

The ugliest and best smoke in Staunton is the Maritana Cigar, sold by Child & Shelton, the careful Prescription Druggists.

DEATH OF MRS. DR. CARTER BERKELEY.—Mrs. Janie Berkeley, wife of Dr. Carter Berkeley, died at his residence in this city on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 29th, after an illness of a few weeks. She was Miss Janie Hale, of Rocky Mount, Franklin county, at which place she was married to Dr. Berkeley last October, and to which place her remains were taken for interment. Since her residence here she attached to her many friends. The sadly bereaved husband has the sincere sympathy of this community.

The June number of *Belford's Magazine* has been received from its publishers in New York. It contents are: The United States Senate, "Meal,"—A Western Story. Snips from an Occasional Diary, The Song of the Wind, The Survival of the Fittest, A Lighthouse Keeper's Adventure, The Ruined City, A Safety Duel, Trusts, The Centennial Celebration, What shall we do with our ex-Presidents? The Passing Show, Reviews, A Serenade, and A Vagabond's Honor, a complete novel by E DeLancey Pierson.

Welcome in His Old Age to Lorenzo Siebert.

Lorenzo Siebert at 813 Summit st., one of two persons who drew one-twentieth of the ticket No. 10,420 in the March drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery. A reporter for the *Blade* called on him and asked him to tell about it "We are all poor men, and I tell you there were three happy old men when we learned that we had $5,000 to divide up. We got the money in a few days, through the express company, and I have put mine out at interest, to have something in my old age." Mr. Siebert is about 60 years old, his partner, a middlesged man, and Mr. Haas is 84.—*Toledo* (Ohio) *Blade*, April 9.

By request we publish the full official vote in

NORTH RIVER DISTRICT.

Supervisor.—Wm. H. Gamble 290; A. R. Gilkeson 75; Jas Lowman 165.

Justice of the Peace.—J J Cupp 262; Jacob W Good 314; John A Brown 305; G T Robson 189; Adam Lambert 70; Wm D Clark 28; J W Beaver 3; Peter H See 59; Jas Curtis 2; A J Fairburn 10; E O Peale 3.

Com'r of Roads.—C H Earhart 77; Jas E Todd 247; Jesse Kelson 210.

For Constable.—Howard S Irvine 323; P B Williams 126; H B McFall 1.

Overseer of Poor.—Jacob G Fellers 371, Michael Holler 139; A V Alman 1.

Joseph B. Woodward.

The official records of this gentleman with the Augusta County Court Clerk's Office terminated on the 31st ultimo. This does not result from any misunderstanding nor for the want of a mutual appreciation of the associations which have so long existed between Mr. Burnett, the Clerk, and his deputy. The income of the office is not sufficient to retain the services of Mr. Woodward. He is, therefore, a candidate for employment. One so thoroughly qualified by strict attention to business, excellent qualifications, and for intelligence, experience and integrity, it would seem cannot long wait for an offer in business. He merits a good position and will fill it with great satisfaction.

Memorial Day, Saturday, June 8th.

Procession will form on Main street, right resting on New ssreet.

Chief Marshal, Col. H. J. Williams; Assistants, Captain E. A. Fulcher, Captain S. H. Walker, David Drake, J. P. Hamilton, H. W. Moorman, J. W. Waddy, G. W. Freed, H. H Fultz and Samuel Coleman.

Stonewall Brigade Band.

Staunton Artillery.

Carriages containing Speaker and invited guests and officers of Augusta Memorial Association.

Augusta Association of Confederate survivors.

Other Confederate veterans.

Sons of Confederate veterans.

Citizens in carriages and on horseback.

Citizens on foot.

March by Main Street to Cemetery.

Prayer by Dr. H. H. Hawes.

Introduction of Speaker by Capt. J. N. Opie.

Address by Gen. T. L. Rosser.

Salute by Staunton Artillery.

Decoration of the Soldiers' Graves.

March back to starting point.

COMPLIMENT TO REV. J. W. ROSEBRO.—Rev. J. W. Rosebro, formerly pastor of Mossy Creek Church in this county, now of Tabb St. Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, Va., preached morning and evening Sunday of last week, in the First Presbyterian Church, at Augusta, Ga., on his way from the General Assembly at Chattanooga, Tenn., and the Augusta, (Ga.,) *Evening News* says "he preached two of the ablest and most delightful sermons ever heard in the old church. He came with a reputation for ability and eloquence which he well sustained. * * * * Mr. Rosebro is a splendid preacher and his eloquence is that of true and natural style, which puts him perfectly at ease in the pulpit. His morning discourse was in reference to the leaven in the three measures of meal, but it was the evening sermon which was most strikingly impressive, when he spoke of Mary's work and memorial. The congregation was much pleased, however, at both services, and Mr. Rosebro made a most favorable impression in Augusta."

Young Men's Christian Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the First Presbyterian church at 4 30 o'clock last Sunday afternoon. The meeting was led by Mr. C. C. Berry, the Chairman of the Devotional Committee, who announced that Rev. W. J. Young, who had been expected to deliver on that occasion the address he had delivered at the Convention in Danville, on the topic—"The Young man for the times and his need"—had been prevented, by the interruption in travel, caused by the heavy rain of last week, from getting here. He stated that the same topic would be considered by the meeting, and, after appropriate remarks by himself on that topic, requested others to discuss it briefly, which was done in the order named by Mr E T Dadmun, Mr Reeves Catt, Rev. D. K. McFarland, D. D., Rev. Collins Denny and Mr. James Lightner.

THE FEMALE SEMINARIES.

Wesleyan Female Institute.

The commencement exercises of the Wesleyan Female Institute commenced on Friday night, May 31st, by the Annual Celebration in the Opera House of the Lee & Jackson Literary Society. The Stonewall Brigade Band furnished music for the occasion.

Rev. Collins Denny delivered the address to the Society which was very appropriate and highly enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to hear it.

The Salutatory address was by Miss Mattie Chapell Easley, of Texas.

Essays were read by Misses Margaret Turnbull, of Florida, and Blanche Lynch, of Virginia; and recitations were delivered by Miss Zuleika Weems, of Texas, and Mabel Bergman, of Kentucky.

The Valedictory address was delivered by Miss Sallie Pope of Arkansas, after which the Calisthenic class gave an exhibition of their skill.

COMMENCEMENT SERMON.

In consequence of the interruption of travel on the railroads caused by the high waters consequent on the several days' heavy rains of last week, Bishop Wilson could not get here to deliver on Sunday morning last, in the M. E. Church, South, the commencement sermon of the Wesleyan Female Institute, and by the same cause Rev. W. J. Young, of the M. E. Church, South, of Alexandria, was prevented from getting here to deliver the address Sunday night to the Young Ladies' Christian Association of that Institute; and the same cause prevented from returning to his home Rev. Collins Denny, of Salem, who addressed the Lee & Jackson Literary Society of that Institute Friday night, and the result was, that Mr. Denny was called upon to fill the appointment of both Bishop Wilson and Rev. W. J. Young, and it is needless to say to those who know the fine talents of this able and promising young Virginia minister, that he filled them in the most creditable manner, and to the satisfaction and delight of his large audience.

He chose for his text in the morning the words of Paul—"*That I may know Him.* His sermon was able, learned and eloquent, and was delivered in a graceful and impressive manner.

He maintained that all, however unconsciously, had an ideal for the attainment of which the soul longed, and was ever endeavoring to reach, as a plant in a darkened room room sought the light.

He said that nothing could be done, even by God himself, for the soul that had a wrong ideal. The text showed what Paul's ideal was—it was to know Christ. It was not to know a system of philosophy—not to know abstract truth—but a personality—to "know *Him*."

To know Him was rest. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden and I will give you rest"

This "rest" was not that of doing nothing, or sitting on a verdant bank and waving a palm leaf; it was not simple quiescence, it was harmony with God. The proper ideal is "to know Him," and the aim of the soul should be to be attuned in harmony with God. The touch of a string in the harp of God's purposes will awake the same note in the soul of a christian that is in harmony with God, and that seeks aright to "know Him." It is this that inspires missionaries with a purpose to make every sacrifice, that they may teach others to "know Him." It is this that makes the true christian character—the crown jewel of God's work.

YOUNG LADIES' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday night, Rev. Collins Denny delivered the sermon before the Young Ladies' Christian Association of the Wesleyan Female Institute. He took for his text a clause in the 13th verse of the 12th chapter of Exodus—"*When I see the blood I will pass over you.*" The blood upon the door posts saved the inmates of the houses. The principle of life is in the blood, and it was the substitution of one life for another. The sermon was an able one.

Rev. J. J. Lafferty, D. D., editor of the "Southern Christian Advocate," occupied a seat in the pulpit and participated in the services of the evening. He read a hymn, made the final prayer and pronounced the benediction.

ANNUAL SOIREE AND CLOSING EXERCISES.

The Annual Soiree was given in the Opera House on Monday night; and on Tuesday night the closing exercises took place. The announcement of distinctions and of graduates in schools were made—medals awarded and diplomas conferred. The diplomas on graduates in Art and Music were conferred by Rev. Samuel Rodgers, D. D., and those of the Full Graduates by Rev. S. K. Cox, D. D.

The exercises were interspersed with music, vocal and instrumental.

Sherwood Seminary.

The opening of the Art Studies of Sherwood Seminary, the forenoon of the 1st instant, and the reception by the Art class in the afternoon of the same day, inaugurated the commencement exercises of that school, of which Professor J. L. Massey is the Principal.

The studio is in the northern wing of the new addition to the buildings, the remainder of which in wholly appropriated to the classes in their Academic studies. The studio is lighted with special reference to its purposes, and commands a view of the country, North and East, that is unrivalled by the many which can be enjoyed from the elevated heights around the city.

Sherwood is a late addition to the several large female Seminaries of Staunton, but Professor Massey has madefine progress in placing it in the front rank of our institutions of learning. The late session was the first in which he attempted to develop a fully-equipped art-department, and that, like the others united with its capacious and picturesque and handsomely located grounds, renders the Sherwood an institution in which the city can take a just pride, and its founder the pleasure present and future of accomplishing a work of great merit.

The Art School is taught by an accomplished instructor, Miss Addie Taylor, of Greenville county. There were only eight of the young ladies of the seminary taking lessons, but their work shows one hundred and eight pieces in crayon and colors during the term that will be adjudged by the critic worthy of much praise. Following are their names: Misses Fannie Portwood, Regina Witting, Fannie Field, Minnie Sage, Camille Kendall, all of Texas, and Misses Minnie Morris, Hallie Morris, and Myra Taliaferro, of Amherst county, Va.

Miss Taylor, the teacher, will leave very soon for Paris where she will study her profession during the vacation and return in time for the commencement of the next session.

The Baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday morning at the Baptist Church by the Rev. J. B. Turpin, of Charlottesville, before a large audience, and was worthy of that eminent minister.

The closing exercises came off at the seminary yesterday morning. They were opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Nelson, of this city, after which the distinctions were conferred, during the execution of a very fine programme of vocal and instrumental music.

The distinctions including the diplomas, other than medals were delivered by the Principal.

In the school of languages, Miss Mary Lou Merritt, of Greenville, Augusta county, received a diploma for Latin, French, and English and English Literature. Also Miss Tomie Humphreys, of Texas, for Mathematics.

In the School of Literature, diplomas were also conferred upon Misses Fannie Field, Alice Bradford, Camille Kendall, Minnie Sage, Zaida Harrison, and Ella Isle, all of Texas, and Miss Malma Filppo, of Va.

The medals were presented by the Hon. Henry St. Geo. Tucker as follows:—For Scholarship—Miss M. Lou Merritt, of Augusta county. Vocal Music—Miss Fannie Field, of Texas. Instrumental Music—Miss Fannie Portwood, of Texas. The Art Medal was conferred on Miss Minnie Sage, of Texas. The Second Prize in Art to Miss Fannie Field, of Texas. The English Medal to Miss Zaida Harrison, of Texas. Improvement in vocal music to the same, and improvement in instrumental music to Miss Fannie Field, of Texas.

Staunton Female Seminary.

The Staunton Female Seminary, Rev. James Willis, Principal, had its commencement exercises on the 1st, 3rd and 4th instant. The Art Exhibition, Miss Bertha Zieber, of Penn., teacher, was open to visitors the 1st and second days. There are over one hundred pieces of work executed during the session displayed in the gallery, and all highly creditable to the instructor and her pupils. The crayon portrait of Mr. Richard Hogshead, by his sister, Miss Emma Hogshead, of this city, is a faithful picture to life. There were thirteen pupils taught painting, and about the same number drawing.

There were honors awarded to the full graduates in the literary course, as follows: Diplomas to Misses Mary Selg, Alice Towberman, Bertie Tribbett, all of Augusta county, and to Mary Rodeffer, of Lovettsville, Loudoun county; Julia Abbott, Strasburg, Va., and Miss Annie Zufall, Myersdale, Pa. Miss Abbott also received the award of a gold medal for the highest grade in the completion of the prescribed course of languages, which was presented by Mr. T. W. Miller, of Roanoke, and Miss Towberman a gold medal for excellent deportment during the four years' course, which was presented by Rev. C. Beard, of Augusta, President of the Board of Directors.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

THE CLOSING DAY—DISTINCTIONS AWARDED.

The City Public Schools in the white department held their closing exercises in the room of the High School on the 31st ultimo.

The several reports read, as well as the general evidences in all the schools, make a most gratifying exhibit of the work of the session. Attending the exercises were a large number of ladies and gentlemen in addition to those participating in them.

The Superintendent, Mr. W. W. Robertson, opened the exercises. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Nelson.

THE AWARDS.

Mr. E. Sublett, from the committee appointed to examine specimens of work in several grades of instruction, made a report of those in several grades entitled to receive awards. Their names were also announced with others in the various classifications and the large number of prizes presented by Messrs. Hutchins, Bader, De Bell and Black of the corps of teachers in the school. They also presented to those named below for work in map-drawing, maps and diagrams. These classes were examined and reported upon by Miss C. May.

Distinctions were awarded to the following:

R. Lilley, Bertie Wilson, Mildred Hutcheson, Addie Fauver, Archie Trotter, Mattie Bickle, Lucy Cochran, Ella Moon, Isabella Ryan, Mattie King, George Fifer, Lola Ker.

Professor Dunsmore was chosen to pass upon the copy-books of the pupils, and named the following as entitled to recognition for merit:

M. S. Cease, Newton Kidd, Sadie Powers, Mary Catt, Horace Hart, Blanche Brandeburg, Edith Shewey, Esta Menefee, Madeline Barth, Annie Carter, Mattie Bickle, Nora Huffman, Horace Peck, Helen Hanger, Nortie Satini, Bertie Shewey.

Also to the following for other distinctions:

Carrie Bell, Gracie Yost, Bessie Turner, Kate Knowles, Watson Gooch, Lola Fletcher, Maud Kathews, Charles Hutcheson, Frank Atkins, Frank Humphries, John Atkins, Amy Hart, Warner Olivier, Mary Frotter, Tench Bagby Emma Lawrence, Edna Powell, Jos. N. Lushbaugh, Dupuy Coleman, Hann White, Watson Gooch, Roy Turner, Alice Young, Langly Hayden, Willie Geiger, Frank Drake, Lucy Cochran, Isabella Brook, Addie Valz, Mary Ryan, Willie Ryan, George Huthinson, Hamp Hanger, Ed Zirkle, Maud Waddell, Mabel Dolin, Madeline Barth, Willie Shepherd, Katie Dunn, Blanche Shanholt, Marshall Coleman, Ross McIntosh, Katie McClure, Frank Blackburn, Myrtle Durham, Minnie Morton, Elbert Brown, Eva McCue, Esther Menefee, Mary Lambert, Gracie Bailey, Emmett Walters, Mattie Kingan, Ross Brook, James Hutcheson, Mary Stein, Mary Haines, Carrie Peck, Josie Loeb, Edith Shewey, Clara Nothnagel, Eugene Bumgardner, Edna Shanhaizer, George Bell.

*Bessie Leftwich, Mary Coffman, Graham Cootes, Horace Hart, Ollie Smith, Lewis Hutcheson, Hugh Powers, Thomas Crowder, Gertrude Rogers, Iva May, Laura Knighter, Chas Tanner, Ed Valz, Blanche Coffett, Blanche Brandeburg, Harry Woodward, Geo Wright, Willie Hutchins, Bessie Blackburn, Emma Blackburn, Minnie Poyntz, Clara Timberlake, Lucy Walters, Mary Catt, Mabel Leftwich, Alice Earman, Lena Andrews, Fred Blackburn, Eva Hutchins, Mary Barr, Mollie Haines, Lucy Opie, Wm Filder, Jordan Hoge, Virgie Catt, Birdie Bell, Maggie Dunn, Newton Kidd, Willie Pilson, John Fauver, Harold Lightner, Katie Fauver, Mary Hager, M S Cease, Hamer Cline, Eugene Yager, Lawson Greiner, Natalie Hogsett, Bertie Smales, Mattie Peaco, John Walters, Wayt Timberlake, Eddie Wayman, Addie Blackburn, Hiram Opie, Mattie Trayer, Eddie Wright.

DISTINCTIONS.

In Senior High School.—Carrie Bell, Gracie Yost, Bessie Turner, Katie Knowles, Watson Gooch, Lola Fletcher.

Intermediate High School.—Maud Matthews, Chas. Hutcheson, Frank E. Atkins, Frank Humphries, John A Atkins, Amy Hart, Cam. Ryan, Warner Ollivier, Mary E Trotter, Tench M Bagby.

Junior High School.—Emma V. Lambert, whose studies were Arithmetic, Algebra, Latin, Natural Philosophy, English Grammar, English History, and Word Analysis, and whose general average grade was 99½, Edna E Powell, Jos N Lushbaugh, Dupuy Coleman.

First Grammar Grade.—Hann White, Watson Gooch, Willie Sigel (received a medal,) Frank Drake, Roy Turner, Alice Young, Langley Heyden.

Second Grammar Grade.—Mildred Hutcheson, Addie Fauver, Mattie Bickle, Jennie Hullihen, Sallie Bell, Lizzie Blackburn, Carrie Calhoun, Edna Ogg, Lillie Moore, Selden Wake.

SHAYER SCHOLARSHIPS.

Scholarships were awarded to the following young ladies under the provisions of the Shayer fund, in the institutions named.

To the Staunton Female Seminary—Miss Maud Fletcher for three years.

To the Augusta Female Seminary—Misses Bessie Turner and Carrie Bell, each for three years.

To the Wesleyan Female Institute—Misses Katie Anthony, Gracie Yost, and Katie Knowles, each for three years.

Mr. Joseph B. Woodward, a member of the City School Board, presented the certificates of scholarship to each of the young ladies in a neat and appropriate address, concluding with remarks complimentary of the Superintendent of the City Schools and the teachers in the same.

TWO DIPLOMAS AND A MEDAL.

Two young ladies—Misses Lucy Irvine and Maud Fletcher—received Diplomas as full graduates. They were presented by Dr. Nelson, who introduced that feature of the occasion with appropriate references to the State Normal Schools for the benefit of those who are graduates of the local schools and may desire to engage in teaching. Miss Irvine also received the Medal which was presented by Mr. W. H. H. Lynn, a member of the City School Board, in that felicitous manner which characterizes all his public addresses, and was particularly so on this occasion.

Capt. Berkeley, President of the Council, and Capt. Tams, another member of that body, Mr. I. Witz, President of the City School Board, Maj. Alex. Hart, Mr. R. T. Leftwich and other citizens were present. Capt. Berkeley was called upon and briefly addressed the audience.

The Superintendent reviewed some of the past in connection with the coming session and feelingly expressed his obligation to teachers and scholars, to those in authority, and to the visitors.

Personal.

On Wednesday of last week James Sullivan was appointed postmaster at Harrisonburg in place of Henry Ritenour removed. Sullivan was the postmaster when Ritenour was appointed by Cleveland.

The marriage of W. E. R. Byrne, Esq., a young lawyer of Braxton county, W. Va., son of Col. Benj. W. Byrne, of Charleston, W. Va., to Miss Amanda Austin, eldest daughter of Dr. Samuel H. Austin, of Lewisburg, W. Va., will take place in the Presbyterian Church, in Lewisburg at 9½ p. m., on next Wednesday, the 12th instant.

At the commencement exercises at Hampden-Sidney College next week, the valedictory oration will be delivered by H. B. Arbuckle, son of John Davis Arbuckle, Esq., of Greenbrier county, W. Va., and the philosophical oration by J. T. McAllister, of Covington, Va.

Miss Mary J. Hoge, daughter of Mr. P. Byron Hoge, formerly of Staunton, now of Baltimore, will be married to Mr. Alfred Showman on the 18th instant. She is a niece of John B. and Arista Hoge, of this city.

Mr. W. A. Mann, of this county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. L. Gay, in Highland county.

Mr. Howard Wade has removed from near Churchville, in this county, to Highland county.

Miss Dora Read, of New Market, is on a visit to relatives near Waynesboro.

Rev. Job Turner arrived here last Sunday afternoon from his recent visit to the City of Mexico, and the Southern States of the U. S.

Rev. Samuel Rodgers, D. D., of this city, will deliver the sermon at the final celebration of the Y. M. C. A. at the University of Virginia, at 8 o'clock p. m., on Sunday, the 23d of June.

The remains of the late Jos. Echols, which have lain for sixty-five years in a private cemetery in Campbell county, near Lynchburg, Va., were disinterred and removed last Monday to the cemetery at Union, where they were recommitted to Earth in the family lot of his children. This proceedure was executed under the directions of General John and Robert J. Echols, Esq., sons of the deceased.—*Monroe (W. Va.) Watchman*, May 30.

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY.—On the 1st instant, E. M. Cushing, Auctioneer, sold for W. T. Rush, Ex'or of R. G. Bickle, deceased, the lot at the corner of Main and Water streets upon which is located the Armory of the Artillery Company and several other buildings, including the *debris* of the one recently occupied by Bickle & Hamrick and burnt some weeks since. J. W. Teabo & Co. were the purchasers at $13,600. If the nett amount received on the fire insurance be added, the sum realized for the property will be $14,170. The lot fronts on Main street, 134 feet, and is 166 feet deep.

THE VALLEY SEMINARY.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THIS INCREASINGLY POPULAR INSTITUTION.

[Reported for the SPECTATOR.]

WAYNESBORO', VA., May 31, 1889.

The closing exercises of the Valley Seminary at this place, of which Mrs. Bettie Guy Winston is Principal, occurred on the nights of Wednesday and Thursday, May 29th and 30th, with the happiest results a successful and prosperous session could beget. The Louisa "House School," at Louisa, C. H., Va., which Mrs Winston managed so successfully for many years, was some two years ago removed to this place, and its name was changed to the Valley Seminary. Since that time its growth has been simply marvelous, and pupils are being enrolled along between the opening and closing of the sessions.

On Wednesday night the Masonic Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with an eager, yet respectful, appreciative audience; and although the hall was literally packed, a stiff breeze passing through the hoisted windows rendered the hour more than pleasant.—Promptly at 8 o'clock the airy, fairy, gauzy drapery of the happy school girls filled the entrance to the stage as they filed into the "amateur actor's heaven;" and soon thereafter the perfumed air was resonant with the sweetest chorus human lips and voices are capable of rendering. Following was quite a lengthy programme, which a want of space forbids my giving in full; but, as each young lady acquitted herself so charmingly, some part of her work, at least, is entitled to special mention. First in order, then, after the opening chorus, was the *Turkish March*, in which Misses Ellis, Warren, Palmer and Mills elicited a complimentary applause. 'The Way Thro' The Woods," a vocal solo, by Miss Verta Jones, was enthusiastically received. Little Miss Mary Moore Winston, with her *petite* form and fingers, yet classical features, charmed her audience first with a piano solo, and afterwards in a quartette. She is veritably a musical prodigy. "Cheerfulness," a vocal duet, by Misses Guy and Ham, and a chorus from "Martha" by the same young ladies, together with Misses Crump, Humphreys and Ellis, was most admirably executed. "Home, Sweet Home," that ever popular solo, was exquisitely rendered by Miss M. Daniel, of Louisa C. H., Va.

After a duet by Misses Ellis and Booz, "Part Second" of the programme was commenced by a chorus, in which Misses Jones, Guy, Crump, Ham and Ellis sang the "Flower Dance," Miss Nettie Haines, in a piano solo from "Faust," sustained the very enviable reputation which she obtained in former entertainments. Miss Crump likewise exhibited a proficiency rarely attained, except by the most persistent application, in a piano solo, the Waltz Song from Faust. Miss Guy's vocal solo was vociferously *encored*, and she was repeatedly called back.

The second night's entertainment opened with a chorus by Misses Ham, Guy, Crump, Jones and Booz, after which the following diplomas were delivered:—

School of English.—Misses Clara Palmer, Willie Plumb, Carrie McClintic and M. McCue.

Latin.—Misses Nettie Haines, Kate Richardson, Mary Daniel.

History.—Misses Carrie McClintic, Nettie Haines, Kate Richardson, Maysie Guy and Master James Winston.

Mathematics.—Misses Crump and Richardson.

Natural Science.—Misses McClintic and Plumb.

Mental and Moral Science.—Misses Mary Daniel, Nettie Haines and Kate Richardson.

French.—Miss Mary Daniel.

Instrumental Music.—Miss Clara B. Palmer.

Intermediate and Senior Scholarship.—Misses Grace Hull, Crump and Richardson.

Music and Philosophy Medals.—Misses Palmer and Daniel.

Besides the above a great number of department prizes were awarded to other young ladies too numerous to mention here.

Full Graduate.—Miss Kate Richardson was the only one to receive a diploma as full graduate of the institution; and Misses M. Daniel and Nettie Haines got diplomas as classical graduates.

Between the delivery of the distinctions and medals Prof. William Bolling played a new arrangement of his own of "Bethany," or "Nearer, My God, to thee!"

Hon. H. St. G. Tucker delivered the medals, and Rev. A. R. Cocke the diplomas.

The annual address was delivered by Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., and was received with rapt attention.

Dr. J. B. and Mrs. Winston, together with their able corps of assistants, are the finest educators in the State of Virginia, and their commencement reflects the highest credit upon their unique management. The Valley Seminary is the place for young ladies, and already has few equals and no superiors as a school.

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Confederate Survivors.

The first meeting since it was organized on the 10th of May of the "Augusta Association of Confederate Survivors," was held at the City Council Chamber the evening of the 1st inst., Capt. James Bumgardner, Jr., President, and Mr. W. L. Olivier, Secretary, present, with a large number of veterans who promptly responded to the call for the meeting. In view of the objects of this Association, which have heretofore been fully set forth, the meeting was thoroughly representative in its membership, and the remarks made were conclusive of the zealous spirit with which all entered into the work to be accomplished.

Several names were enrolled, and letters were read from Capt. Thos. D. Ranson, of this city, and Major Thomas Shumate, now residing in Iowa. Capt. Ranson was present at the meeting when the Association was organized, but being prevented from attending this assemblage, his letter to the Secretary, after explaining his absence, proceeded in touching language to refer to the "movement that has for its object the memory of comrades and to preserve the conviction that we and they fought for the cause that was right in the sight of God and man. We were fighting not for slavery; not to promote the schemes of sectional politicians; but for the eternal principles of constitutional liberty and of self-government. "We drew the sword in defence of our firesides, and of the honor, the liberties, and the sovereignty of Virginia." Following are other extracts from Captain Ranson's letter:

"Just now it seems to be the popular idea that we must forget the past, and live only for the present and the future.

Better let our struggle, its sufferings and sacrifices and its lessons of heroism pass into oblivion, than by this thing of soldiers' reunions to revive antipathies—to waken distrust, and foster prejudices at the North.

In this sordid day of money-getting, we are to look to our material development; we are to have a 'New South' that is to turn its back on the past, and its face to the future.—the rising sun of commercial prosperity. This by way of apology for the Old South, that which the world has seen no higher civilization—as if there were or could be any New South that had not its roots in the old; as if there were any future for a people or a country that had no reverence for its glorious past.

The time will come when all will see that the truest conservatism requires no surrender of the convictions which inspired our struggle—nor any apology for the humble part we may have played in that magnificent drama. Except for those who do apologise, there was no humiliation in our defeat. We fought the world; the trials, the danger and sacrifices of that four years are a heritage of pride for our children.

Let this Association do its part in cherishing its memories, in transmitting the truth of history, in preserving the friendships formed in that day of trial, and in keeping to the rear those who never found the front till the war was over, and it will have a reason for its existence."

Major Shumate writes to his old friend, Capt. J. T. Long, from Oskeloosa, Iowa, May 22nd. He had read in the SPECTATOR the proceedings of the meeting on the 10th of May, and wants his name enrolled in the Association. Continuing, he says:—

"I feel sometimes that when '*this old Confed*' has to shed the mortal coil and no old companion to drop a friendly clod upon his coffin that it would be some solace to feel that some of his old associates would know of it and drop a tear.

I may never again get back to the dear old town, or the proud old county of Augusta, or even again meet the old friends, but I will be proud to be remembered by the boys—so stick my name on the list if you can."

The Committee to prepare the plan of organization was given further time. The views of several gentlemen favored meetings once a month. The Association will, as a body, unite with the Memorial Association at its anniversary celebration on the 8th instant at the cemetery grounds, and attend the annual meeting of that body, of which they are all members, the afternoon of that day.

The Association adjourned subject to the call of the president.

Wife—"My new bonnet came home this afternoon, Charlie; won't you take me to see Mrs. Baker to-night?" Husband—"Do you want to see Mrs. Baker or do you want her to see you?"—*Time.*

No, Charlie, we suspect she wanted Mrs. Baker to see her new bonnet.

Parnassus.

DAMAGE BY HIGH WATERS—QUARTERLY MEETING—THE SICK—PERSONALS—LITHIA WATER—FENCE-MACHINE—GRADUATE OF DUNSMORE'S BUSINESS COLLEGE—LIFE OF BISHOP GLOSSBRENNER—SALE OF LAMBS.

Last Thursday a heavy rainfall, accompanied with high winds from the south-east, visited this section, and continued throughout the night. The previous rains and this terrific storm deluged the earth with water, consequently the water-courses of this vicinity became rushing rivers, completely deluging the low lands and carrying destruction before them. The damage occasioned by the high waters is thought by many to be as destructive as the notable flood of 1870. The damage to crops, fencing, bridges, &c., would be impossible to estimate. In many instances the main thoroughfares that had recently been put in fine condition, are impassable. We are cut off from the outside world, having had no mails for several days.

The first quarterly meeting of this year of the M. E. Church South was held here on last Saturday and Sunday. In the absence of the Presiding Elder (Rev. Waugh) the minister in charge of this circuit, Rev. R. M. Wheeler, conducted the services. Mr. Wheeler is a very able and logical speaker—impressive in the manner as well as the matter of his sermons, and on this occasion was eminently so.

The many friends of Rev. Dr. G. R. Jefferson will be glad to learn that he is slowly convalescing from his severe and prolonged illness.

Mrs. J. W. Keller is reported by her physician, Dr. Keezel, as improving.

Our esteemed citizen, Mr. David Gilkeson has been confined to his room for several months with a severe illness. He is, we are glad to learn, rapidly improving.

Miss Alice, daughter of Mr. Valentine Huffman, has been granted a month's leave of absence from her duties at the Southwestern Lunatic Asylum at Marion, Va., and will enjoy her furlough among her kindred and friends here.

Mr. M. O'Connell, Proprietor of the celebrated Lithia Spring, near Stribling, is negotiating with a party in Brooklyn, New York, who want the water for the use of a Hospital in that city.

Messrs. J. T. Shiplett and C. L. Stulting are having good success in selling their fence-machine, an invention of Mr. Stulting's. It is a simple and complete contrivance, and, as they truthfully allege, land can be fenced with it cheaper than by other machines, and the fence "effectually excludes all trespassers,—bipeds as well as quadrupeds."

Willie Trout, of Long Glade, has been attending Dunsmore's Business College and will graduate this session. His services have been secured by a leading business-house of your city. Willie has many friends here, who are delighted to learn of his merited success.

Rev. A. S. Hammack, of U. B. Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, a grandson of our respected citizen Mr. Abraham Huffman, will, during his vacation, receive orders for and deliver the *Life of Bishop J. J. Glossbrenner, D. D.. Dr. A. W. Drury, the author, has omitted nothing that would give interest and value to the work. Two excellent steel engravings of the bishop are given in this volume. One represents him at the age of about seventy years,—the other as he was twenty-five years ago, in the prime and vigor of life. Rev. H. is also soliciting orders for a book entitled "Our Bishops," in which a complete biography of all the bishops (twenty-five in number) of the U. B. Church is given.

Mrs. Amanda Cummins, of Missouri, is visiting her parents near here, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Martz.

Our farmers have realized good prices for their lambs and wool. Mr. Robert Kyle, who is purchasing for the New York markets, has given top prices for lambs. He will ship this month about 13 000.

City Council.

The Council was in regular monthly session last night, all the members present, President Berkeley in the chair.

The committee to procure a town clock reported in favor of one to cost $800. It is to have a striking tower and 5 feet glass dials. It was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Bargamin, the committee on G & B was directed to furnish plans and a map to a landscape gardener for a complete design for the Gipsey Hill Park.

The City Attorney was requested to furnish the Council with a list of property in the city exempt from taxation.

Mr. McQuaide reported an ordinance which was read and explained by Mr. Bell for the government of the fire-department, and then the rules were suspended, and it was passed.

Mr. Craig brought up the matter of the chain gang order of the City Court. A long discussion ensued. It was finally agreed that the Council had the preferred power to say whether is not a chain gang should be established. The Council decided by 10 ayes to 2 nays that it would not have it. The noes were Messrs. Bell and Weller. The proceedings will be certified to the court and a request made that the order be revoked.

The Staunton Improvement Company declined to accept the ordinance as passed for the terms of establishing a street railway and requested a Committee of Conference, which was agreed to. The Committee consists of Messrs. Tams, Bell and McQuaide.

Mr. Armentrout offered a resolution directing a Special Committee to ascertain the cost of paving certain portions of Main, New, Augusta and Court-House streets with granite, Belgian block or other material.

Mr. Bell communicated the information from the Superintendent of schools of the bad condition of the roofs of both new school buildings. That they were leaking badly, the plastering falling, &c. The Committee was directed to have repairs made and hold contractors liable for costs.

Contracts between Edward Burke and Alex. Harman to attend to the service of the horse reels of the fire-department were read and approved.

The Chief of Police reported $19 50 fines and costs imposed by the Mayor for violations of law in May, collected and paid over.

The Treasurer collected $12,405.57 in May, and had on hand June 1st, $2,747.15.

University of Virginia.

PROGRAMME OF FINAL CELEBRATIONS.

Sunday, June 23, 8 P. M.—Final Celebration of Y. M. C. A. Sermon before the Association by Rev. Samuel Rodgers, D. D., of Staunton, Va.

Alumni of the University who desire to attend the Final Celebrations can secure rooms by applying in advance to the Chairman of the Faculty.

Monday, June 24.—Morning—11 A. M.—Hop of the University German Club.

Evening—8 P. M.—Final Celebration of the Washington Literary Society.

President—Frank McIlwaine Simonton, of Florida.

Debater—Joseph E. Barclay, of Kentucky.

Orator—Floyd Wise Weaver, of Virginia.

Tuesday, June 25.—Morning—10 A. M.—Meeting of the Society of Alumni.

11 A. M.—Address before the Literary Societies by Henry W. Grady, of Atlanta, Ga.

Award of the Magazine Medal.

Evening—8 P. M.—Final Celebration of the Jefferson Literary Society.

President—George Gordon Battle, of North Carolina.

Debater—Charles Payne Fenner, of Louisiana.

Orator—Wm. Sprigg Hamilton, of Georgia.

Wednesday, June 26—Public Day.—Morning—9 A. M.—Meeting of the Society of Alumni.

10 A. M.—Closing Exercises of the University.