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Richmond Dispatch.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1874.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—From our reports this morning the probabilities are that the weather to-day will be partly cloudy.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Church Notes.—Several of the pastors of the city churches having returned to the city, the places of worship were open on Sunday.

Rev. J. C. Hiden preached at the Second Baptist church on Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Two persons were received by letter at the Venable-Street Baptist church on Sunday. Meetings will be held at this church every night this week.

Rev. J. B. Jeter, D. D., preached at the First Baptist church at 11 A. M., and Rev. Ed. Harrison at 8 P. M.

Professor Harris delivered an able and interesting sermon at Leigh-Street church on Sunday morning. There were no services at night.

At the Broad-Street Methodist church Dr. Granbery preached a sermon on the subject of giving, and the annual missionary collection was taken up.

Dr. Edwards preached at Centenary church, and received two persons. The church will be closed until the alterations and repairs are completed, and the congregation will worship at the Broad-Street church, Dr. Edwards and Dr. Granbery preaching on alternate Sundays.

Rev. D. P. Willis, presiding elder, preached at Union-Station church in the morning. Considerable religious interest is being manifested at this church, and services will be held every week.

Mr. Willis preached at Nicholson-Street church at night. At this church there have been nineteen additions since the religious meetings have been in progress and twenty-four professions.

Rev. George C. Vanderveiler preached the funeral sermon of Mr. John A. Temple, who was buried from Sidney church on Sunday with Masonic honors.

At Clay-Street church Rev. F. C. Woodward preached in the morning, and Rev. B. F. Woodward at night.

Rev. J. J. Lafferty preached at the Manchester Methodist church on Sunday. The Right Rev. Bishop Gibbons preached at St. Peter's cathedral on the virtue of humility, taking for his text the words, "from the Gospel of the day: 'Every one that humbly himself shall be exalted, and he that exalteth himself shall be humbled.'"

The discourse was an admirable one. The Bishop announced that on Thursday—the feast of the Holy Ghost—the children of the parish—about 600 in number—would attend mass at 8 o'clock A. M.

BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Sunday-School Association was held on Sunday afternoon at the Venable-Street Baptist church. The President, J. B. Winston, Esq., occupied the chair, Mr. Otway D. Brown secretary. After the usual introductory exercises, consisting of singing (by the Venable-Street school), under the leadership of W. H. Williams, Esq., and prayer by Dr. L. W. Moore, the reports of the schools were presented, of which the following is an abstract:

Table with columns: Schools, Teachers, Scholars, Total. Lists various churches and their respective numbers.

The largest attendance in one day was on the 6th of September, when there were present in the schools represented 276 officers and teachers and 2,221 scholars. The secretary read a comparative statement of the attendance reported at this meeting, and that of the corresponding month of last year, showing an net increase in the average attendance at the schools of 41 officers and teachers, and 404 scholars.

The Grace-Street school reported the death of one scholar, and the Leigh-Street school reported two baptisms, and the Manchester school twelve baptisms.

Rev. C. H. Ryland congratulated the Association upon the increased attendance as shown by the statement of the secretary, and earnestly appealed to the teachers to put forth renewed efforts during the ensuing month for the conversion of the pupils under their charge.

Thomas J. Evans, Esq., also addressed the Association upon the subject of missions, but as he said, "foreign missions," but mission to the destitute portions of our own city; expressing the pleasure that he felt at what this Association had already accomplished, and exhorting the large schools to send forth from their midst those who could aid in establishing and carrying on mission schools.

W. H. Williams, Esq., of the Venable-Street school, and C. H. A. Clay, Esq., of the Fulton school, both stated the great need of their schools for teachers, and urged upon the larger schools to send them help in that direction.

Addresses were also made by Messrs. C. Waltham and P. W. Grubbs; after which the Association adjourned to meet at the First Baptist church on the afternoon of the second Sunday in October next.

METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting was held at Clay-Street church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, T. L. D. Walford (president) in the chair, James E. Riddick secretary pro tem.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Darden and singing by Clay-Street school.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. B. F. Woodward; subject, "Early Conversion of Children." He drew a beautiful picture of the religion of childhood, and of the great need of the world as well as of the Church, and the great need of the Church in securing from the proper training and instruction of the young.

After singing, Mr. Asa Snyder addressed the meeting; subject, "The Good that Children may do." His remarks were very practical and the subject well illustrated by the presence of the young lad mentioned in scripture, from whose little basket 5,000 and more persons were fed by the Saviour.

Mr. Albert L. West, Assistant President of the Society, then being called upon, addressed the meeting, applying and enforcing the arguments and appeals relative to the conversion of children.

The singing on this occasion was led by Clay-Street school, and participated in by all the schools present. The hymns to be sung were printed and distributed through the congregation.

The following is a summary of Superintendent's report for the month of August, as far as sent in:

Table with columns: Ave. roll, Ave. atten., Per. Cent. Lists various churches and their respective statistics.

The next meeting will be held at Manchester Methodist church.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.—The monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Sun-

day-School Union took place last night in the lecture-room of the First Presbyterian church.

Reports for August were read as follows: Average Attendance.—Teachers and Scholars.

Table with columns: First Church, Second Church, Third Church, Total. Lists attendance numbers.

There being no subject before the meeting, an hour was spent in devotional exercises.

Interesting remarks were made by the president and others.

Question chosen for the next meeting is "Our Sunday-school Difficulties and the Remedies."

The meeting was closed with the benediction by Dr. Preston.

MURDER AT THE CENTRAL LUNATIC ASYLUM.—ONE PATIENT INSTANTLY KILLED BY ANOTHER.—About a quarter to 2 o'clock yesterday morning, Samuel Smith, a patient at the Central (colored) Lunatic Asylum, was instantly killed by a fellow-patient named John Williams.

Williams was a quiet, well-behaved, and with some eight or ten others considered entirely harmless, were allowed the freedom of the yard in the daytime, and at night were confined in one of the large rooms in the second story of the old ward.

An attendant seated in the room was ordered to see that the regulations of the institution were obeyed. Yesterday morning Smith, who was sleeping on the opposite side of the room from Williams, complained that some one was talking loud and breaking his (Smith's) rest.

The offender was probably an old man in a distant part of the room, who was talking in his sleep; but somehow Williams considered himself accused, and got up, took a heavy sash from his bed, and went to Smith's bed and struck him a heavy blow.

The sash fell obliquely across Smith's face from the chin to the right eye, and fractured the skull, causing death almost instantaneously. Williams put the sash back in its place, and retired so quietly as not to awaken the attendant.

A lunatic in an adjoining room had, however, heard the mummings of Williams and the blow, and he gave the alarm. Dr. Cabell reached Smith in a few minutes after he had been struck, but life was then extinct.

Williams was locked up in a distant part of the room, and the attendants were interrogatories stated "he had orders to kill" Smith, but would not say from whom the orders were obtained, his imagination falling him at that point. He said, also, that he had orders to kill Dr. Cabell. He was much alarmed when he was locked up, and evidently expected to be punished, though he was not at all to do altogether understand the situation.

Smith was sixty-six years old, and came to the asylum from Manchester, though he was a Richmond man. He had been at the asylum about six months last October, when he was discharged; but he did not return to his home, and his friends were unable to find him, and he was considered to be dead.

Mr. Carrington, from the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, stated that he had a report. Heretofore they had felt a delicacy in doing so from the fact that the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform of the previous Council had not had a meeting for some time previous to the last of July.

FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL. Joint resolution authorizing the construction of lodging-rooms in the Old Market Hall, expense not to exceed \$130, was taken up, and on a vote of 10 yeas and 10 nays, the resolution was adopted.

Joint resolution requiring the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company to station flag-men on Fourteenth and Seventeenth streets to forewarn persons crossing the tracks, was taken up and agreed to, on motion of Mr. Tanner.

Reports from the Committees on Ordinances, Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, and Fire Department, presented to the Common Council at their meeting on Monday last, and published in the Dispatch, were taken up and agreed to.

The joint resolutions now go to the Mayor for his approval.

A resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Claims and Salaries from the Common Council, providing for the payment of sundry claims, &c., was amended and finally agreed to. [It now goes back to the Council.]

MORTGAGES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS. By Mr. Todd, a resolution appropriating \$300,000 of city debt, sewer bonds for the construction of sewers, having fifteen years to run, and that all revenues derived from culverts and culvert taxes be set apart as a sinking fund to liquidate the same. Referred.

By Mr. Zimmerman, a resolution instructing the Board of Public Works to take up the bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and to be issued to the amount of \$20,000, and such appropriation to be applied to the said improvement. Referred.

By Mr. Carrington, a preamble and resolution that the City-Attorney be instructed to ask the Court of Appeals to annul the judgment of the Federal Railroad Company, and that the counsel for the Federal Railroad Company be authorized and requested to appear in the trial in the Court of Appeals to cooperate in behalf of the City of Richmond; provided that such appeal shall be at the sole expense of the defendants. Referred.

By Mr. Zimmerman, a resolution requesting the Committee on Rules to confer with the committee of the Common Council so far as possible. Agreed to.

By Mr. Zimmerman, a resolution looking to the repairing of the sidewalk at the Old Market to Franklin street. Referred.

By Mr. Ordway, a resolution to extend the city in the amount of gas consumed by the city in the street lamps and public buildings, exceeding in value \$50,000 per annum, is made an exclusive tax upon those citizens who are gas consumers, thereby making taxation unequal and unjust; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Light are hereby instructed to inquire into and report the expediency of so amending the ordinance concerning the gas-works as to provide that the gas furnished for the use of the city shall be charged to the various departments of the city government using it in the same manner as to an individual, and the charge therefor be made and collected as a part of the general expenses of the city government, to be provided for in general taxation.

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pointed to open the meetings of the Board with prayer.

Mr. Tanner moved to amend by inserting "and" instead of member. Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Manly the resolution was tabled.

By Mr. Tanner: A joint resolution providing for the appointment of a delegation of one member from each branch of the City Council to represent the city in the Buchanan Convention, to be held on the 15th, 16th, and 17th inst., and that the necessary expenses of the delegates thus appointed be paid by the city from the contingent fund. Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Tanner, the president of the Board was appointed from the Board.

By Mr. Lipscomb: A resolution of inquiry into the cost of grading Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, and Twenty-eighth streets from M to P. Referred.

The usual number of petitions, &c., were presented and appropriately referred.

On motion of Mr. Manly, the Board adjourned.

CONSERVATIVE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING.—COMMITTEES APPOINTED.—A meeting of the Conservative Third Congressional District Committee, (Alfred Moses, chairman, John L. Grubbs, secretary), was held yesterday at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. A. H. Brock, H. S. Hamilton, Old Toll-House Precinct—J. G. Beattie, B. W. Green, Jr., W. Newberry, Charles E. Wortman, John Blair.

Fairfield Township: M. W. Hazlewood, township superintendent; C. W. H. Brauer, assistant superintendent. Baker's Precinct—Henry Butler, William Dowden, Thomas Whitford, Thornton Eacho, Myer Angle, Chaddick's Precinct—John A. Eacho, Thomas J. Carter, L. Fidler, R. H. Kuhn, William Bottoms. Graves's Precinct—William Christian, J. H. Goddard, H. Kinker, William E. Barker, J. T. Acrey, Henry Voelger.

Brookland Township: Joseph Bryan, township superintendent; G. W. Carter, assistant superintendent. Hungry Precinct—Erasmus Hopkins, J. G. Sheppard, J. E. Broadbent, P. O. Melton, James Jennings. Burnes's Precinct—D. M. Hanes, John Cushman, B. J. Jones, James H. Grant, Jr., M. F. Burton.

Terrace Township: R. H. Nelson, township superintendent; J. S. Atlee, assistant superintendent. Whitlock Precinct—R. H. Nelson, John T. Whitlock, Linton Gatewood, Robert Smith, George Fisher. Township John—Madison Warriner, John Gathright, John K. Funnell, Dr. J. W. H. Carter, J. A. Yarnall, C. H. A. Clay, James M. Gunn, J. S. Atlee, Jr., Martin Longman, John Throgmorton, Sr.

The following named gentlemen were appointed canvassers for Henrico county: Joseph A. H. Atkinson, A. M. Braxton, and Bryan Q. Holladay.

Public meetings will be held in each township as follows: Whitlock's Thursday, September 24th; Tuckahoe—Forks of Three-Chop road Thursday, October 1st; Fairfield—New Bridge church Thursday, October 8th; Brookland—Young's Pond Thursday, October 15th.

Governor Gilbert C. Walker and a number of other speakers addressed the people of Henrico county.

RADICAL WARD MEETINGS.—UNEXPECTED TROUBLES.—According to the appointment of the Republican City Committee, meetings were held in the several wards last night to elect delegates to the Nominating Convention which is to be held on the 16th instant, and every ward had its delegation to the City Committee. The friends of Hon. John Ambler Smith took the position that no delegates could be legitimately chosen until the 30th instant, and no convention which assembles before the 7th of October can nominate a candidate entitled to the support of the party.

Resolutions were offered by Lewis Lindsey, yet they attended to the election of delegates, and were able to successfully display their strength.

The Clay Ward meeting was held at the Samaritan Hall, on Foushee street, and the chair was occupied by J. J. Brightwell (colored). The first proposition made was to go into an election for delegates to the Convention of the 16th instant. Resolutions were offered by Lewis Lindsey to postpone the meeting until the 30th (the time appointed by the District Committee) and endorsing John Ambler Smith. The chairman refused to put the resolution, and the vote was taken on the first motion and resulted as follows: 48 yeas, 48 nays. (A clear victory for Smith.)

By Mr. Zimmerman, a resolution instructing the Board of Public Works to take up the bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and to be issued to the amount of \$20,000, and such appropriation to be applied to the said improvement. Referred.

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