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SPECIAL NOTICES

COHEN BROTHERS. We are the recipients yesterday of three cases of... The balance stock of an importer.

Forwarded to them by their New York resident buyer. They consist of JACONET, SWISS, and POINTS.

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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL COUNCIL

Eighty-Eighth Annual Session. Annual Address of the Bishop-Election of an Assistant Bishop Assured.

Division of the Diocese Discussed-Partial Election of Delegates to the General Episcopal Convention-Colored Evangelist to be Sent Out-Reports of Committees, &c.

After divine services, conducted by Rev. E. W. Hubbard, of Appomattox, the Council came to order yesterday morning at 11 o'clock-Bishop F. M. Whittle in the chair.

The minutes were read and approved. The Bishop's Address. Bishop Whittle then read his annual address, in which he said that it was the intention to hold this session of the Council in Lexington, but the Standing Committee had recommended Richmond in view of the importance of matters likely to come up.

The address contained the following summary of statistics: Visitations, 155; baptized (adult 1, infants 4), 928; confirmed (white 882, colored 46), 928; postulants received, 7; candidates for priest's orders admitted, 11; present number of whom eight are deacons, 34; deacons ordained, 3; present number (10 white, 2 colored), 12; presbyters ordained (11 white, 1 colored), 12; letters dismission given, 5; letters dismission accepted, 2; lay readers licensed, 7; churches consecrated, 9; number of ministers increased, 3; present number (white 141, colored 3), 144.

January 18, 1883, received a letter from Mr. P. H. Baskerville, resigning the office of Incumbent of the parishes of the Holy Trinity and St. Paul's, in the city of Richmond, for the past several years of most faithful and acceptable service. By authority of Article IX of the Constitution I appointed Mr. James T. Gray, of Richmond, to supply his place until this meeting of the Council. I have also to report the resignations of Messrs. George Newton and Walter H. Taylor, both of Norfolk, as trustees of the Virginia Female Institute.

MISSION CHURCHES. I have approved the applications of St. Luke's, South Farnham Parish, Essex, and St. Stephen's (colored), Bristol Parish, Petersburg, to be allowed to organize as "mission churches," under Canon XII. of the Diocese.

October 24-27 had the pleasure of presiding over the sessions of the Eighth American Church Congress, which were held in Mozart Hall, Richmond. The able papers and speeches which were read and delivered were a source of great pleasure and profit to the many persons who heard them.

March 9 and 10 I attended meetings of the trustees of the Virginia Female Institute in Staunton. Though the patronage of this diocesan school for girls is considerably larger than that of any other school in the State, I can do no more than repeat my unqualified commendation of the arrangements and management of the school in every particular. I am satisfied that its principal, Mrs. Stuart, and her accomplished and faithful assistants, are fully worthy to be entrusted with the instruction and the mental, moral, and religious training of so many of our daughters as may be committed to their care.

The other institutions of the diocese—will be seen by the reports of the respective committees were appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sense of the meeting in regard to the action of the State Board of Education and decision of the court, and instructions were given to the president and secretary to deliver the books, papers, and property to the authorized agent of the new Board.

Yesterday evening the members of the new School Board met at the High-School building for conference preliminary to permanent organization. The secretary pro tem was asked to give the proceedings for publication, but he declined to do so, saying that the meeting was simply for conference, and there was nothing to give.

Mayor Carrington (who, under a city ordinance, still claims to be the president of the Board) was not invited to the conference, nor did he have any information that it was to be held. The school property has not been formally turned over to the new Board.

Mayor Carrington is authorized to perform that duty, and will also present himself to the Board at its first meeting as its president *de facto*.

Hebrew Memorial Day. The Walker Light Guard, under command of Captain H. C. Jones, numbering forty-two men, paraded at 6 P. M. yesterday and proceeded to the Hebrew cemetery, bearing with them a magnificent floral tribute representing a monumental shaft, upon two sides of the base of which were the letters "S. S. T." in purple flowers, and on the other two sides the figures "1861" and "1865." This, upon their arrival at the cemetery, they presented to the ladies of the Association.

After remaining some time assisting in the decorations of the monument, the guard closed the service of three volleys. They then returned to their armory and were dismissed.

The ladies of this Association have ever faithfully cared for the graves of the Confederate dead in their cemetery. The closure of the soldiers' graves, which were once the pride of the city, and the death in the battle's front are buried in these sacred grounds.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Halyburton. Mrs. Ann E. Halyburton, relict of Judge James D. Halyburton, relict of Judge George D. Halyburton, died very suddenly about 8 o'clock last night at the residence of her son, J. Burbridge Halyburton, Esq., No. 393 North Twelfth street.

The deceased had reached a good old age, but was comparatively well, and was supposed, up to the time when seized with the stroke, which so unexpectedly ended her life. She was a daughter and last surviving child of Governor William B. Giles, and was a lady of lovely character, and fit wife for that pure gentleman and Judge who preceded her to the grave some years ago. She leaves three sons; two of whom reside in Virginia, and the other in Baltimore, and is connected with the Sun of that city.

LOCAL MATTERS

The Bethel Cadets Here. The Cadets of the Bethel Military Academy (near Warrenton, Fauquier county) arrived here yesterday afternoon. Their visit was intended so that they might be present at the Hollywood memorial-day, which was appointed for to-day (the 18th), but subsequently changed to the 23d. Though informed of the change, they deemed it best to adhere to the arrangements they had made for coming.

Upon reaching here they were welcomed by a number of the alumni of their institution residing in this city and marched uptown and had a dress-parade upon the Capitol Square, and thence proceeded to the regimental armory, where they stacked arms, and then proceeded to their quarters at Fort's Hotel.

Last night most of them accepted an invitation to attend the Mozart, where the singing of Miss Hesse-Starb, of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, was one of the features of the evening.

To-day we will see the city. The programme includes a street parade about 5 o'clock and a review by the Governor on the Capitol Square about 6. At the same time the Governor will present commissions to the company officers.

Major A. G. Smith is the principal of the school. He and Professor E. S. Blackwell will accompany the corps, the officers of which are as follows: Colonel, C. E. Lightfoot, commandant. Adjutant, P. C. Lightfoot. Sergeant-Major, R. C. Ward.

Company A—Captain: Aleck Baumot. Lieutenants: W. J. Guiraud and Field. Orderly Sergeant: Harry Cockrell. Company B—Captain: P. A. L. Smith. Lieutenants: L. M. Mathews and W. L. Minter. Orderly Sergeant: Wilbur Morrison.

The Old and the New. The old School Board met yesterday afternoon in the office of the president. Each member had received notice from the Court of Appeals ordering them to vacate and to turn over the school papers, books, and property to their successors.

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