THE PLANET

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1896.

Better Laugh.

Ef you feel like bein' blue,
Better laugh:
Sighs won't bring sunshine to you—
Better laugh.
You cain't conquer fate with frowns
In a fight of fifty rounds:
So, in all yer ups an' downs,
Better thing to do, by half,
Is jist to laugh.

When yer burden's hard to bear,
Better grin.
Curses ain't no cure for care,
Better grin.
When your team, 'at orter pull,
Balks, don't git onmerciful,
An' splash an' splash aroun'. For you'll
Find the surest way ter win
Is jist ter grin.

When you think uv cussin' don't!
Better smile.
When skeeters bite and fishes won't
Better smile.
Ef your hook an' line get stuck
On the limb, ur some bad luck,
Only way ter show your pluck,
'Stead uv grumblin' all the while,
Is jist ter smile.

—Chicago Record.

Y. M. C. A.

Visit to the Penitentiary—A Young Man Seen who has Decided to give Himself to the Service of the Lord

A Mother Calls to see Her Son—A Sad Sight—Boys' Meeting at the Rooms—Men's meeting at the True Reformers' Hall

Sunday, 9:30 A. M., our general secretary visited the penitentiary where he saw a young man who is now serving his second term. He says he is now a new creature in Christ and all of this has come to me since my stay here, and I wish you tell me how I may grow stronger in the Lord, and learn more about His word, that when I shall have finished my time here (three years) I may know how to lead men to Christ.

We told him to pray and apply himself himself closely to the study of the Word of God. Some of of our best workers are men who were reformed in prisons. Christ has no respect of persons.

KEMP SPEAKS FOR THE LORD.

I am still trusting in God and feel as happy as ever. How is the Young Men's Christian Association getting along? Have special prayer for me this afternoon, Mr. Burrell. We will. Continue to seek the guidance of the Lord.

A MOTHER AND HER SON.

While talking with Kemp a mother and her son were near by. It was sad to see the mother whose heart was nearly broken. The tears flowed freely. She recalled the past by saying my son had you have obeyed me you would not have been here today. The young man bowed his head and wept as if to say yes. This is not the only young man who has made the same mistake.

Young men take warning. The guard said to the young man you must leave now. It was sad to see the two part. The mother came several miles to visit her son about ten minutes.

To-day we have our prisons crowded with young men. What shall we do? Are they not worth saving? The dogs, cows and horses are protected. Societies are organized to prevent cruelty. Are not the young men more than all these we have named. What shall we do? Consider the matter and we are ready to lend a helping hand by the help of God.

The boys' meeting was well attended Sunday. They were addressed by the general secretary. Abel and Cain were presented.

Men's meeting at the True Reformers' Hall last Sunday was very interesting. Conducted by our general secretary.

Meeting in the jail Sunday 11 A. M. Boys' meeting Sunday 4 P. M.

The men's meeting will be conducted by Director M. B. Jones Sunday 5:30 P. M., True Reformers' Hall, subject, "Launch into the Deep." All men are invited. Special music.

Do not forget that Dr. W. W. Landrum will deliver his farewell address, Monday July 27th at 8 P. M. at First Baptist Church.

How Much Money Do You Want?

One share of stock makes you a member of the Virginia Employment Association. The requirements are only five cents per week per share. Persons taking ten shares or more are entitled to an advance of one dollar on each share held by them. This Association being duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia, amply protects each and every one of its members. It only requires five per cent on the dollar of the amount advanced by members weekly. No interest or bonus is charged. Employment furnished members of the Association. Persons are entitled to apply for advances immediately on becoming members.

Principal office, No. 221 W. Broad Street, Richmond, Va. Office open from 8:30 A. M., to 8 P. M., Saturdays 10 P. M. Agents wanted.

For further particulars, write to John Clinton, Jr., General Manager, Richmond, Va.

Religious Grove Meeting.

The Third Street Baptist Church will hold an open air meeting in the West End, near Hartshorn College in Mr. Owens' Grove. This beautiful Grove with its excellent springs of water, can be easily reached from all parts of Richmond and Manchester on both Street Car Lines as each run near by. Meeting will begin the first Lord's day in August and continue three Sabbath's. Preaching by the able pastors of Richmond and Manchester.

W. E. NASH, Pastor.

FROM JOHNSTOWN.

Religious Notes—Personal Items.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., July 20, 1896.

The services at the A. M. E. Zion Church well attended both morning and evening with Rev. Snow in the pulpit.

Mr. George Miller having having been chosen delegate to represent the Chambria Chapel Sunday School in the convention, which convenes in Pittsburg, left Tuesday.

Rev. Dr. Hubert, financial secretary of Livingstone College, lectured in the different churches He delivered his last lecture in the A. M. E. Zion Church Tuesday evening. He was listened to by a very large audience. After which refreshments were served. The Rev. Doctor is a very able and eloquent speaker.

Rev. J. F. Braxton left last Sunday for Pittsburg. He will preach in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Sunday Eve. He will attend the Allegheny Baptist Association, which will convene Thursday, Homestead, Pa.

Mrs. W. H. Courney left Thursday for Homestead as delegate to the Baptist Sunday School convention.

Mrs. Cooper, who was called away very suddenly by the illness of her children, that were very sick, has returned accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Simpson and nieces.

Mr. W. Duke was in Pittsburg last week attending the Baptist Association

Master Walter Merritt, the 11 year old son of Jacob Merritt, sustained a fractured hip by falling from a wagon. We are glad to note that he is recovering.

The Cambria Chapel picnic promises to be a interesting and largely attended affair

Mrs. Jane Minor has been sick for the last two weeks is convalescing.

There was a old fashion water melon feast on the south side last Saturday and Sunday all reported a jolly time

Read the PLANET.

ROY NEWSY.

PONCE DE LEON HOTEL

715 North 3rd St., has been finished and is now for rent. The second and third flats consists of six room each, including both water and gas. It can be rented as a whole or in flats. Any person desiring to rent whole for hotel purposes has an opportunity that has never before been offered to the general public. To such a person I will furnish them with six sets of handsomely carved oak, consisting of ten pieces each, springs, mattresses, pillows and bolsters.

This is a chance for some business man to make a fortune.

Richmond is now furnished with what she has long needed—a hotel of first-class accomodation for her many guests. The first flat will be used as a confectionary, ice-cream saloon and ladies' parlor, will be opened July 25. Come one, come all and enjoy Richmond's first accommodation in a new hotel. For further information see,

H. N. WILLIAMS,
715 N 3rd St.

WANTED—A porter, who has had experience in a grocery store. Apply, 427 N. 6th Street.

An African Amongst Us.

Mr. Wesley Watson, who was born in Prince Edward County, on the estate of John Watson, called on us. He left here in 1857 at the age of eight years and has been there ever since. He lives at Cape Mount, Liberia, Africa.

He has traveled the West Coast of Africa. He left Africa on October last, and will return. He says he would not remain in this country.

He told of the various places along the coast with a familiarity that convinced us of his acquaintance with them.

He is the father of nine children—four boys and five girls.

He has visited Atlanta, and Savanah, Ga., Alabama, Mississippi and North Carolina. He will return home about September. He came over to tell the people about the advantages of the country.

CHARLES H WORMLEY.

RICHMOND, VA., July 23, 1896.

In memory of my husband, Charles H. Wormley, who died July 9, 1896:

"Dearest husband, thou hast left us,
We thy lost most deeply feel
But 'tis God who hast bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again, we hope to meet thee,
When the days of life have fled,
Then in heaven with joys to greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed."

My loss is your eternal gain.
From his beloved wife,
MRS. C. H. WORMLEY.
606 Catherine St.

PETERSON—Albert Peterson died July 22d, 1896, at ten minutes past 2 o'clock. He said just before his death that he was going home to live with Jesus. He died in full triumph of faith. He leaves a devoted wife and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

HANKINS—Willie D. Hankins, the only child of W. A., and Eliza Hankins died Friday morning, July 17, 1896. Funeral took place from the house. Rev. Gullins officiated, assisted by Dr. Rawlins. Madame Fannie P. Walker played the organ and the music that she. Miss Emily Price and W. B. Richardson rendered will be remembered by the parents.

The body was taken to the home of Mrs. Hankins for burial, Charlotte Co., Va. The burial took place at 4 o'clock Saturday, Elder Cook assisted by Rev. Albay officiated. Little Willie was laid to rest A. Hayes, Funeral Director.

Dearest Willie thou hast left us,
We thy loss most deeply feel;
But 'tis God who has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

Mr. and Mrs. Hankins wish to thank their many friends for their ever present help in time of trouble.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At the last regular meeting of the Past Chief's Council, No. 3, I. O. of St. Luke, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, to call from labor to reward, our beloved sister, Maria Holmes, and,

Whereas, in her death our link has again been broken, and we have lost a faithful and consistent member, and co-worker; therefore be it,

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father who in His Divine Providence doeth all things well, yet do we sincerely mourn our loss, and humbly pray that the blessings of God may so rest upon the family of our deceased sister that they may be comforted in this their sad hour of affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the weekly papers, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep—
From which none ever wakes to weep,
A calm, and undisturbed repose
Unbroken by the last of foes.

Committee,
A. E. BROWN,
CARRIE JACKSON,
M. H. GRIFFIN.

SMITH—Died, Tuesday, July 21st, 1896 at 11:30 a m, Miss Mollie Smith, at the residence of her brother, Wm. B. Smith, 116½ W. Jackson street, after a short but serious illness. The funeral took place Thursday at 4 p. m. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. She leaves three brothers, William B., Burton and Robert; three sisters, Mrs. Julia Knox, Mrs. Rosa Dixon and Alice, and mother, Mrs. Mary Smith.

Farewell Mollie, Thou hast left us,
We our loss most deeply feel;
But 'tis God that hast bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

A Beautiful Evening.

A marriage took place at the residence of Mr. J. P. Johnson, 735 N. 3rd street, Thursday, July 2nd, 1896, when the lovely Miss Juliet R. Lockett, of Church Hill, was united in marriage to Mr W. T. Harris, also of this city. Rev. Z. D. Lewis performed the beautiful and impressive ceremony.

The bride was tastefully dressed in white silk handsomely trimmed with white lace and pearls, and carried a boquet of white bridal roses.

Ushers:—Messrs. Chasteen Brown and William Coleman.

The bride was the recipient of very many useful presents. Quite a number of friends were present and made merry the social event of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris' future residence will be 735 N. 3rd street.

The fare to West Point, Tuesday, August 11th is adult, 75¢; Children 50¢

The Pictures of Marable.

With the exception of the two halftones of Marable and the iron cage, the pictures in this issue were drawn by John Mitchell, Jr., and represent the scenes as he saw them, the boarding of the train at Lynchburg, being the only one drawn by imagination.

You had better make an engagement with her if you want to take in the 2nd Baptist Sunday School Excursion to West Point, Tuesday Aug. 11th.

PYTHIAN NOTES.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., July 21, '96

The following officers of Jonathan Lodge, No 20, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A. and A., were installed last night by Deputy, George A. Melvin, assisted by Sir F. P. Rainey:

C. C., L. N. Colthrop; V. C., John T. Reddiek; Prelate, James A. King; M. of W., W. A. Myers; Master of Exchequer, H. S. Cooper. M. of F., S. D. Williams; K. of R. and S., George A. Melvin; M. at A., George Porter.

RICHMOND, VA., July 20, '96.

Richmond Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythians held its regular Convention on the above date, and the following officers were installed by Deputy G. C., Jesse Scruggs assisted by Past Grand Chancellor, W. R. Green:

C. C., Thomas H. Trent; V. C., Augustus Taylor; Prelate, Cornelius Johnson, M. of W., J. W. Meekins; K. of R. and S., R. G. Richardson, M. of F., W. R. Green; M. of Ex., J. T. Allen; M. at A., Norman Wesley; I. G., Walker L. Johnson, O. G. C. B. Brown. Attendants, W. H. Quarles, Magnus Cooper, Milton Robinson, William Armistead,

The officers of Pythias Lodge, No. 21 of Norfolk were duly elected and the following is the list:

C. C., Sir James E. Bright; V. C., H. Willis Wright, M. at A., Everett Hawthorn; M. of Exq., Isaiah Wilkins; M. of F., William L. Willis; K. of R. and S., R. Richardson Burgess; Prelate, Anthony Perry, I. G., H. B. Brown; O. G., Alfred Osborne; Master of Work, Alfred Pollard.

The above were duly installed by P. C. and Master of Work, John A. Whidbee, R. Richardson Burgess and William L. Willis deputyzed by the special deputy, M. D. Meekins who is very ill at his home, Burruss St.

FROM BEAVER DAM.

Rev Philips Received—A Grand Time.

BEAVER DAM, VA., July 20, 1896.

Mr. Editor:

Dear Sir:—

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to state that Sunday, July 19th, was the 12th anniversary of Rev. C. H. Philips as pastor of the Union Baptist Church. Twelve years ago Rev. C. H. Philips with keen vision and untiring purpose began to lay foundations for broader work than had previously been contemplated, and his twelve years labor here has been an increase of power.

In nothing has advancement been made more marked than in the spiritual work of the Union Church. To his far sightedness, sagacity and untiring energy is due in large decree the results that have been attained. On Sunday morning, at 11:30 o'clock, the elder ascended the pulpit and after the opening, proceeded to speak from the 20th chapter of Revelation and 12th verse. Never in my life have I seen him acquit himself better than he did on this occasion. Some people remarked, "that it was a high day in Zion."

After the sermon was ended, his letter of dismissal from his former church, viz: Mount Gallan Baptist Church, Louisa County, Va., was read by the clerk. The elder then received the right-hand of fellowship from the deacons and then from all the members present.

After which, he administered the Lord's Supper. The elder was the recipient of several useful presents.

So impressive were the remarks he make in receiving them, they will not soon be forgotten by any who were present

Yours truly,
A. M. ROBINSON.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS.

The Silver Question—Capable Headwaiters—Pleasant Recreation—Personal Items.

HOT SPRINGS, VA., July 20, 1896.

Mr. Editor:

Quite a number of our new people hail from the west and northwest. The great question of gold and silver is freely discussed here by all classes. Both sides are well championed. So heated has been the talk, that Lawyer R. A. Hughes, of Manchester and Prof. J. T. Anderson, of Staunton, Va., will meet in the arena at the Excelsior literary meeting next Wednesday evening to discuss the issue. All are looking forward with great interest, as both of the gentlemen have drunk freely at the fount of eloquence and oratory.

Mr. Charles N. Mansfield, of Washington, D. C., after his meals, rides from five to ten miles and returns.

Head-waiter R. N. Smith is the most energetic man in his position that we have ever met. At the literary, he is foremost. In the church, he is leader and in everything that means progression, he is standing in wait for duty. Would that his like could be found everywhere.

Mr J. E. Wither, of the Virginia, is making a fine headwaiter. His men are all pleased and the proprietor speaks in the highest terms of his ability. His bride is spending her honey moon here. "A charming couple" may be heard on all sides.

Mrs. R. N. Smith is the queen of her department. Little Robert is studying book-keeping and will soon be able to take charge of papa's books. His little sister is learning vocal music and her sweet voice may be heard any hour at night.

Dr. W. H. Hughes, Jr., is resident physician here and his practice is growing rapidly.

Messrs. S. H. Denson, L. C. B. Woodford, W. H. Noble and Dr. Charles W. Morris are the literary and church workers.

Mr. J. A. Carter of Longdale, Va., is here, also Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Misses Susie Perkins, —— Blake, Barksdale and a host of other ladies and gentlemen who are active in all that benefits the people generally.

Mr. W. D. Winfree is getting a good patronage for the paper.

Mr. Washington Witt, of Manchester, is among the new arrivals.

Mr. D. W. Hill is editor of the Hot Spring Sifter at present, and it meets with hearty support.

Rev. J. W. Neil, assisted by Rev. D. W. Hill and Mr. J. H. Blackwell conducted religious services last Sunday night.

New officers of the literary will be installed next Wednesday. Names will be given in next issue. Lawyer R. A. Hughes, the Reed of Virginia has held the chair like a prince and all fell in line. Such a young man is a star of great magnitude where ever found.

Messrs. R. Bud Scott and W. H. Noble are the tonsorial artists here.

Mr. E. Moore is manager of all the sports this season. He is the right man in the right place. He took a party to Warm Springs last week, and to Healing Springs this week. All enjoyed themselves exceedingly.

J. H. B.

A CONDEMNED MAN'S PLEA.

Under Sentence of Death—Case Pending—What Will the End Be.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., July 14, '96.

Jail of Albemarle County,

Dear Bretren, Sisters and Friends

I write to let you know that I am here charged with a crime which I did not commit. I never struck, abetted, bore away, knew of, sanctioned nor had any connection with the death of Mr. Thomas Thonton at all. Taylor Harman, who was hung on a charge of being guilty went to the scaffold and died proclaiming that he and I were innocent.

ALL GONE.

This matter has brought financial ruin to my house and home, with no one to help, but an aged mother and wife, and I ask you all to send me some money to help me along

My counsel are taking an appeal in the case. The expense of this is heavy and unless my friends and my people come to my rescue now I am in danger of being of executed and of having my body dissected by the doctor, for an offence of which I am as innocent as you are.

God will reward you for what you do for me, for he has told us in the Bible that "He who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord.

Please send me all the money you can and as soon as you can or it will be too late for you to help me.

Your brother in bonds,
W. H. NELSON;
Care of Mr. J. G. Martin, Jailer,
Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. Editor:—

Allow me space in your valuable paper to speak about our work at St. James Baptist Church. Sunday at 11 o'clock we marched to the creek accompanied by hundreds of people from all over the country. We were met by about two thousand people all eager to witness the baptizing. There we proceeded to baptize 28 persons, among whom were the blind, lame and several persons over 60 years of ago. We are glad to say that services during the baptizing were solemn and impressive, both to saints and sinners.

Notwithstanding the large crowd of people, both white and colored good order was observed This is said to be one of the largest baptizing in this section of Henrico county.

On leaving the pool my hand was grasped by some of the white brethren, heartily expressed themselves as having enjoyed the services, and said they had never witnessed a quieter gathering in their lives. We returned to the church and preached from the seventh chapter of Matthew and thirteenth and fourteenth verses.

At 4 o'clock the communion services were held. Rev Christie and deacon Wilder of First Baptist Church assisted. All seemed to enjoy themselves nicely.

At five o'clock, the carriages, wagons and busses were seen coming back to Richmond.

Yours for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom,

L. H. DICKERSON,
Pastor of St. James Baptist Church.

Well! Well! Well! The Ebenezer Sunday-school is going to Mount Pleasant Tuesday, August 4th. I am going too. Fare round trip adults 50¢; children 25¢.

Spoons Free to All.

I read in the Christian Standard that Miss A. M. Fritz, Station A., St. Louis, Mo., would give an elegant plated hook spoon to any one sending her ten 2-cent stamps. I sent for one and found it so useful that I showed it to my friends, and made $13 in two hours, taking orders for the spoon The hook spoon is a household necessity. It can not slip into the dish or cooking vessel being held in the place by a hook on the back. The spoon is something housekeepers have needed ever since spoons were first invented. Any one can get a sample spoon by sending ten 2-cent stamps to Miss Fritz This is a splendid way to make money around home.

Very truly,
6,6-13t JEANNETTE S.

A pleasant and delightful outing to Mt Pleasant Tuesday July 28th. A day from July's heat.

FIRST BAPT. CHURCH—College, (14th) Street, between Broad and Marshall.—Sunday-school, 9:30 a. m.; preaching—summer months excepted—11:30 a. m, 8:30 and 8 p m. Communion, the second Sunday in each month business-meetings, 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month; prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock; choir practice every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting, Tuesday at 6:30 p. m., and Wednesday at 5:30 p. m.

J. H. HOLMES, Pastor.

The Fifth St. Church Sunday School is due to carry their number on their pic-nic to Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday, July 28th. Come and go. Adults 50¢; Children 25¢.

NOTICE.

RICHMOND, VA., July 7, 1896.

All graduates of the Richmond Normal and High School who desire a school this winter are requested to send in their applications at once to R. H. Thurston, 1210 W. Leigh Street. You will receive all information. Apply at once if you wish choice places.

R. H Thurston, 1210 W. Leigh Street, general secretary of the Richmond Alumni Association.

J. ANDREW BOWLER, Pres.;
R H THURSTON Sec'y.

NOTICE

The Richmond Women's League will meet at Leigh St. Methodist Church, Monday July 28th at 6 P. M. Members are requested to be present.

MRS. R. D. BOWSER, Pres.,
MISS M L. CHILES, Sec'y.

For a pleasant trip go with the Ebenezer Sunday-school to Mount Pleasant Tuesday, August 4th. Adults, 50¢; children 25¢.

FROM GORDONSVILLE

To Erect a Church.

GORDONSVILLE, VA., July 20, 1896.

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Rev. C. H. Hawkins pastor, held a grand rally on Sunday July 19th for the purpose of raising funds to erect a new edifice. His efforts were a signal success, having realized on that day ($277 14) two hundred and seventy-seven dollars and fourteen cents.

Mrs. M J. Robinson took the prize with ($56 65) fifty-six dollars and sixty-five cents. May Mt Pisgah go onward and upward.

MRS. B JOHNSON.

Be sure and avail yourselves of the opportunity to go to Mount Pleasant with the Ebenezer Sunday-school Tuesday, August 4th. Adults 50¢; children 25¢.

HARPER—RANDOLPH—The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Randolph to Mr. Wm. H. Harper took place at the Union Baptist Church Sunday July 12, 1896 at noon, Rev. C. N. Granderson officiating. She was beautifully attired in changeable silk. The groom wore black Their future residence will be at 150 Anthony, where they will be glad to meet their many friends.

If you know the girl you love, loves you, make a committee of yourself and take her on the Fifth St Sunday School pic-nic to Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday, July 28th. See ad.

Do You Know Them?

I desire to know the whereabouts of my relatives. I was sold from them during the war.

I belonged to Sam Beachem, who lived at that time in Richmond, Va. I was sold to Jimerson, at an age between 11 and 12 years. Then I was sold to Robert Oblikly and Bird Leatherwood, two Negro traders. They carried me to Mississippi. Ike Beachem, the brother of Sam Beachem sold me for the debt of said Sam.

My mother's name was Nelly Beachem. I left Richmond. I have not seen her since. My uncle's name was Louis Beachem and the other uncle, Pompey Beachem. My sister's name was Jane Beachem. She was sold to a white woman. Her name is Genets. The rest are unknown. She was carried to Baltimore. My name was Gustus Ann Beachem. My name is now Gustus Ann Hamilton.

Any information will be thankfully received by addressing me at Coffeyville, Kan.

He sprained his knee, but he will be well in time to go on the First Baptist Sunday School pic-nic, Tuesday July 21, to Mt. Pleasant.

CHURCH HILL NOTES.

CHURCH NEWS—Y. M. C. A. ITEMS.

Editor Mitchell on the Hill

BASE BALL GOSSIP.

An Eloping Couple from Jackson Ward Married in this Section.

OTHER MARRIAGES—SICKNESS AND DEATH.

Current News of Local and Personal Interest

[To Planet by Reg. Correspondent]

Last Sunday, Rev. Paynes' figure was seen in the pulpit all day. Eleven candidates presented themselves for baptism To these as well as to the entire congregation he preached a good, plain and practical sermon, but the best portion was the part about the immorality which has fastened its cloven foot upon every class of society, particularly our people. Such a subject as this should be taken up by every pulpit, press and platform throughout the entire country; for immorality exists not only in the humble places but our entire society both white and colored are becoming tainted with this evil; and unless something is done to check its progress, the identity of this race in few years will eventually be destroyed. Rev Paynes' course on this question is a commendable, as well as a righteous one, and every true lover of virtue, purity and christianity should unite and endeavor to obliterate this sin, which is undermining the very pillars of society and destroying the sanctity of homes

The afternoon was a glorious one. The speaker seemed to be possessed of the spirit of the living God. The entire congregation was moved. This celebration of the Lords Supper is one long to be remember d.

At night Brother James Washington Pryor of Chesterfield Co., Va., preached an eloquent sermon. His theme: "We have seen strange things to-day." It carried the minds of his listeners back to the day of their own redemption and all present enjoyed it

EDITOR MITCHELL SPEAKS.

On Sunday morning, July the 12th, judge of the surprise of the congregation at the Fourth Bapt. Church when Rev. Payne announced that the fearless and noble hearted race defender, John Mitchell, Jr., was in the building. He was requested by Rev Payne to come forward and speak which he did in a fifteen minutes talk. His theme was the Lunenburg Case, which has excited so much interest throughout the land. He gave a vivid and graphic recital of the many thrilling incidents to which he had been an eye witness. In the case of Mary Abernathy he portrayed her suffering condition in such an eloquent way that the entire congregation, was with a few exceptions, deeply moved Then in a strong and manly tone he asked our people to stand by him in the right, feeling assured however that a just God would right all wrongs.

Y. M. C. A. ITEMS

The mission department, although not as yet thoroughly equipped will commence upon its charitable duties in a short while, which will enhanse the value of their work among our people The literary department too is making out splendid programmes, which are well rendered. The picnic given to Seven Pines last Monday was the most enjoyable one given this season; those who patronized them express themselves as being highly pleased All are invited out to their Song Services, Sunday afternoons at 5:30 P. M., and Literaries every Tuesday night 8 P. M

BASE BALL GOSSIP.

The Eclipse met their "Waterloo" at West End Park, Monday 13th inst. The Norfolks made their debut in this town and again were our boys shorn of their laurels The game was called at 4:30 P. M The Norfolks led off and failed to score The eclipses however by good playing scored three runs. The visitors tied the score in the third inning; then came the most brilliant pitchers battles between Wright of the Norfolks and Price of the Eclipse. The men went out in one, two, three order, the Norfolks scoring one in the fifth, one in the seventh and one in the ninth innings; while the Eclipse endeavored to again tie the score, but failed and only succeeded in getting one run in the ninth inning. The score standing was Norfolks 6, Eclipse 4.

At Petersburg last Saturday, the Eclipse again were badly defeated, owing to the decisions of the umpire, together with roughness exhibited by the toughs, who maltreated them in every conceivable way

New men have been signed by the manager of the Eclipse, and a fine game will be played at the park next Monday. Game called 4:30 P. M.

A JACKSON WARD ELOPEMENT.

Yes it is true, a couple belonging to the cream of Jackson Ward society; tired of the monotony of single blessedness, tired of being separated from each other so much, tired of the opposition met with by the parents of the young lady, tired of being balked in their endeavors to unite in the holy bonds of matrimony; determined to elope, but where to? was the serious question agitating their minds. At length Church Hill was decided upon and to this section they wended their way.

The contracting parties were Miss Laura Edwards, a pretty and accomplished lady and Mr. Richard Parrish, who is quite popular. They were married at the residence of Rev. Evans Payne, who performe the solemn ceremony in his usual graceful style, and the happy couple left contented. The bride was very neatly attired. We learn also that the irate parents endeavored to prevent their marriage, but love found the way.

ANOTHER MARRIAGE.

Miss Julia Jones of this section was united in wedlock to Mr Nathaniel Cobbs, one of the prominent young men of Jackson Ward, on Thursday night last, the 16th inst., in the parlors of Rev. Payne, who tied the silken knot. The young bride was handsome ly attired; while the groom in the conventional suit of black looked fine. Their future home will be in this section on N. 32nd St. Prosperity to them.

ANOTHER CHUCHH HILL BELLE WEDDED

Miss Elizabeth G. L. Randolph was wedded to Mr. Wm H. Harper on Sunday, July 12th, '96, in Philadelphia, Pa., Rev C. N. Granderson officiated May their future be always bright with blessings from their Creator.

Sickness and death are making rapid inroads in this section. Little Richard I. Barr, the infant son of Mr and Mrs. Henry Barr, died at the home of his parents, on Venable St., July 11th, after a severe and painful illness. The funeral took place from the residence Rev. Payne officiating not only over this one, but Little Susanna Barr, who departed this life, Sept. 8th 1894 as well.

Two darling ones from is gone,
The voices we loved are stilled;
Two places are vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

CURRENT LOCALS.

A colored man, William Strange by name, and who is an employee of the Richmond Traction Company, who are laying tracks along Venable Street to Oakwood, while at work last Wednesday about noon, had a severe attack of the cramps from the frequent drinking of ice water. Doctors were summoned and he was removed to his home on North Fifth Street.

A young white girl employed in one of the large dry goods stores on Broad St., took a large quantity of laudanum at her home on North 29th St., last Saturday morning. Doctors were summoned and after several hours hard work succeeded in bringing the patient to consciousness Love is supposed to be at the bottom of it.

A white man working on the Electric line was severely injured last Wednesday by an electric pole falling on him, both legs were badly crushed. He was removed to his residence on M St., but owing to the nature of his wounds he was conveyed to the Retreat for the Sick.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Lucy Lee, sister of Mrs. E. A. Washington, No. 1304 N. 26th St arrived in the city Monday morning last, from Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Phenola Singleton accompanied by Mrs Barbara Harris paid a short visit to Varina Dietrict, Henrico Co., Va., last Monday Miss Singleton is one of our popular graduates, who has been teaching in that section.

Misses Daisy Reed and Ella B. Harris are spending a delightful time in Hanover Co, where they are visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs Sue Jefferson has returned to the city from Fall River, Mass., and is the welcome guest of Mrs Emiline Bingham on North 28th t.

A brilliant social was given at the residence of Miss Rosa B Williams on Thursday night the 9th inst. An enjoyable time was spent.

It is currently rumored that Rev Evans Payne will be granted a vacation in short. This is no more than what he deserves.

Miss Susie E Jones, who was a student at the Hampton Normal School, passed through this section enroute to Petersburg, Va

Mrs. Mildred Franklin and son, Geo. H. Franklin, of Boston, Mass., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs Johanna Jackson on 27th St., will leave the city for Washington, D C., next Monday, and from there to their home.

Mrs. Sarah Ballard of Norfolk and Miss Mary Harper of Philadelphia, are stopping with their sister, Mrs. Fannie Brown, No 900 North 31st Street.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Pay your subscription promptly, and be happy,

——Mr. J. N. Harper of Pocahontas, Va, called on us.

——Mr. Alexander Oliver of Pensacola, Fla, called on us.

——Giles Jackson, Esq, who has been ill is much improved.

Have you paid your subscription? Send in the amount at once.

——Mr. N. F. McEachin, of Laurnisburg, N. C., called on us.

——Mr. Wesley C Richardson of North Braddock, Pa., called on us.

——Mrs. Martha Bell of Chesterfield Co., was in the city and called on us.

——Meredith Jones of Louisa C. H., who was bitten by a mad-dog is dead.

——Mrs. J. M. Jasper and her daughter, Miss Lee are visiting New York.

——Rev. W. R. Mason of Norfolk, Va. is in the city this week and called on us.

——Mr. Edward Ellis, Jr., left last week for New York to spend the summer.

——Mrs. Fannie Smith who has been quite sick for the past week is convalescing.

——Mr James N. Vandervall of Orange, N. J., was in the city and called to see us.

——Mr. R. H Waterford of Edmondson. Ark and Mr. R. Bacon of St. Louis called on us

——Miss Julia A. Holmes was in Washington this week. She had a pleasant stay.

——Miss Henrietta Johnson has returned to Washington after a pleasant stay in the city.

——Miss Virginia Carter of Charlottesville is in the city, the guest of Miss Ella Wyatt of North 4th St.

——Mrs William H Isham and Mrs George Reed of Orange N. J., are visiting relatives in Buckingham Co.

——Mr. J. Scott Monroe of the Lexington, Va. Rockbridge County News, was in the city and called on us.

——Mrs. John Clinton, Jr., who has been quite indisposed at her residence 22 E. Hill St., is much improved.

——To R. W.—The 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States have not been abolished

——Gov. O'Ferrall has declined to interfere in the case of John Chapman who is under sentence of death at Culpeper and is to be hanged in August

——Rev. J. H Brice, pastor of the Leigh Street M. E. Church has a large tent in the rear of his church in which he is conducting a camp-meeting He has met with great success.

——Mrs Martha Douglass, Mrs. Arena Garney, Miss Mary L. Day and Mrs Patsy Harper of Norfolk, Va., called on us in company with Mrs. Adaline Hill

——Mr. Benjamin Jackson, while in Washington last week was the guest of Mrs. Ella Jenkins. He has been quite sick since his return home, but is improving under the treatment of Dr. S. H. Dismond.

——Miss C. B. Christian, who was called home suddenly by telegram announcing the death of her brother, George Waller Christian at his mother's residence, 1701 Cedar St., will leave for Baltimore.

——Miss Lula Johnson of Norfolk, Va., is in the city, the guest of Miss Carrie L Calloway at the magnificent residence of Mrs. P. D. Bowser in Adams St. The former two are members of the Virginia Seminary faculty.

——At the Populist National Convention which met at St. Louis, last Tuesday there were only three colored delegates, C. W. Buford of Colorado, S. D Walton of Georgia and James Beck of Kansas.

——The well-known and popular pharmacist, Mr. George A. Thompson has purchased the drug-store of Dr. J. H. Lewis, and in conjunction with Phamacist J. M. Benson of Danville, Va., will conduct a business on a much larger scale.

——Mrs. M E. McClane nee Whittle formerly of this city, but now living in Philadelphia has returned home having spent a pleasant time viewing the city and visiting relatives and friends. While here she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Dickerson, 1307 N. 31st St.

The amount sent from Princeton, N. J., for the Lunenburg Case should be as follows: Presbyterian Church, $1.25; A. M. E. Church, $1.25 and the remainder came from the Baptist Sunday School and members of the church.

——The revival at the 20th Street Baptist Church is progressing nicely, and many mourners are at the anxious seat. There will be baptizing on the first Sunday in august, when the pastor expects quite an ingathering of souls.

——We visited 3rd Baptist Church Hampton, Va., Sunday, and heard a very fine instructive sermon by Rev. D. Webster Davis. We are glad to know he is looking out for the welfare of the souls of men as well as the cultivation of the brain. The teachers at the Hampton school look well under the instruction of this professor.

——The wife of Rev. J. Anderson Taylor of Washington, together with Miss Jeannetta and five other children are in the city visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Holmes, 610 N. 11th street.

——The Old Boys will leave for Washington, August 9th. Get ready and go with them.

——It is reported that Mr. E. S. Pollard, husband of the murdered lady, in the Lunenburg Case is lying at the point of death near Fort Mitchell.

——Miss Virginia B. Harper is attending the Summer Normal at Staunton, Va.

Don't forget the date or your change but remember them and go to Mt. Pleasant with the First Baptist Sunday School, Tuesday July 21, 1896. Fare, round trip, Adults, 50 cents.

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21ST ANNUAL SESSION

Of Harmony Grand Tabernacle Grand United Order of Galilean Fishermen.

Harmony Grand Tabernacle of Galilean Fishermen met in its 21st annual meeting at 3rd Street A. M. E. Church Tuesday, July 14th, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. The convention was called to order by State Grand Deputy B. N. Allen. After some preliminary remarks by the deputy, B. C. West, past grand ruler was introduced, who delivered the welcome address in an able and intelligent manner; responded to on part of the order by state grand Secretary C. C. Steward, Pulaski City, Va The public exercises over the Grand Tabernacle was called to order by state grand ruler Jordan Thompson; religious services were conducted by Rev S H. Gibson, of Jonesboro, Tenn. Committee on credentials reported, showing one hundred and eighty-seven delegates entitled to seats in the body.

The report of the various officers showed the order to be in a very prosperous condition; 53 tabernacles having been organized during the term with an increased membership; making a total of ten thousand, three hundred under the jurisdiction of Harmony Grand Tabernacle. So great was the progress of the order during the past term that a resolution was adopted looking to the dissolution of State Grand Tabernacles and the organization of districts as Territorial Grand Tabernacles instead, which will meet quarterly and the National Council to meet every two years.

ENDOWMENT.

This feature of the order has proven to be of great benefit to the members, in view of the fact that there is no endowment operated by any order that pays as large endowment for as small amount of premium. During the past year deaths occurred, which claims were promptly paid.

The grand secretary's report showed a balance in hand of dues eight thousand dollars.

PUBLIC MEETING.

Wednesday night, the delegates, members of the order and public in general assembled to listen to the annual sermon preached by Rev. F. R. White, of Rogersville, Tenn., which was eloquently and instructively delivered; after which the grand secretary spoke on the origin of the division, showing that there was only one Grand United Order of Galilean Fishermen recognized by the laws of the state and the United States, and that was the body then in session. His remarks seemed to have created a favorable impression.

STREET PARADE.

On Thursday, the Order paraded some of the principal streets of the city headed by the First Battalion band of Richmond.

Grand banquet at night was tendered the delegates and visiting members by the members of Richmond, at Fishermen's Temple on Broad St The table literally groaned under the luxuries of the season, and every one present enjoyed themselves.

The following officers were elected for the term:

Jordan Thompson, Suffolk, Va, grand ruler; J. M. Harper,