THE PLANET

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1897.

EAST-END NOTES.

The Passing Of Easter.

A PRETTY WEDDING.

Social Clubs, Show Up Well.

EASTER BASE GAMES.

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Another Smash Up—Personal and General News of the Week.

[From our East End Correspondent.]

Brightly breaks the Easter dawn,
Heralding the Spring;
Songs of Hope and Truth and Love,
Be it welcoming.

On this morn in sacred days,
Ope'd a martyr's grave;
Through the ages rang His praise,
Died mankind to save.

Lightly beat our hearts with Faith,
Freed from Pagan throes;
From that grave of sainted dead,
World-Salvation rose. —Times.

Easter morn dawned in all its majestic splendor, last Sunday. The refreshing breez s of Spring softly fanned the cheeks of God's children. The sun awoke in all its grandeur and sled a happy and delightful radiance upon the sons of men Nature drew on herself the mantle of peace, happiness and good will; and everything reflected the glory of the Most High.

Was there a grander scene in nature than the scene which met our gaze as we looked out on last Sabbath morn? The thought comes to us could this have been a reproduction of that glorious morn when our Savior arose from His tomb, the dazzling splendor of his presence, causing the guards to fall as dead? Could this have been a reflection of the morn when the three women were told by the angels, "He is risen?" Could this have been a reflection of the morn when these women sounded the glad hallelujah and told the glad news to His disciples?

Gazing as we did upon this glorious morn, the Spirit of Peace arose in our souls; as we thought on God's tender and reverential care, why should there be strife among the creatures of God? Why cheer sh feelings of jealousy, anger and reproach against our brother? The chiming of the ch ch bells recall d us from our reve i s an l announced that the time had arrived to prepare to worship Him in His Holy sanctuary. Then as we sat under the soothing voice of an able divine from the Seminary, cares, troubles, unjust treatment, rem brances of wrongs vilifications, and abuses left our minds and were superseded by that spiritual calm felt only in the breasts of God's children.

A GALA DAY.

Monday, festivities of all kinds were in progress. The exhibition of new Easter dresses and beautiful hats told the story that he dressmakers and milliners had been well patronized. A social and beneficial club was organized and an address was delivered to them at the Fourth Church, after which the club paraded the principal streets of the city preceded by a brass band. They made an excellent showing.

SOCIAL CLUBS.

The doings of some of the Four Hundred have been the occasion of wide spread talk. Two of the principal socials composed of young ladies, gave Easter hunts. That of the Chrysanthemum social club was held at the residence of Miss Louisa Coles on north 27th street. The spacious grounds surrounding the house were well adapted to the purpose. A nice time was spent, afterwhich the members and guests repaired to the handsomely furnished parlor where light refreshments were served.

The Hyacinth Social Club likewise joined in the festivities by giving an Easter Hunt afterwhich refreshments were served abundantly.

EASTER DEBATE.

Some of the young men whose thoughts were far away from gayety in the social world last Monday and who are intellectually inclined; spent a pleasant as well as profitable time at the residence of Mr. James Ross in an Easter debate, subject "Resolved, that Education is more essential to the race than mother-wit."

The subject is a very old one, yet the manner in which the debators handled it showed conclusively that there was something still in it. Mr. William E. Spriggs, affirmative, Mr. James Ross, negative, were the debaters. The judges consisted of the following named gentlemen; Messrs. Joseph A. Montague, D. J. Jefferson, Marshall Morris and S. C. Springs. After quite a lengthy discussion the judges retired but soon returned, deciding in favor of the affirmative.

HEAD AND FACE OUT.

There are always two sides to a question or rather there are always two or more sides to life—the bright and the dark, the gay and the tragic, and while many were bubbling over with the gayeties of Easter, and showing the bright side of life others were making Rome howl, as the saying goes, and undoubtedly showed up the dark side well. While the guests and members of the Chrysanthemum Social Club were searching here and there for Easter eggs their attention was attracted to a young man who sprang over the fence with his head and face badly cut, while the blood completely saturated his outer garments. Eddie Hood, such was the lads name, dropped down by the coal-house. A basin filled with water was quickly secured and the wounds were dressed as much as possible under the circumstances.

BILLIARDS THE CAUSE.

When able to speak he explained that while standing in the pool room of Mr. Ewel Johnson who keeps a bar in the corner of 26th and S Sts, he and another young man, Henry Jackson by name, had a dispute; and shortly afterwards had a friendly mill with each other. In the contest it seemed as if Hood, though much smaller, was getting the advantage whereupon Jackson seized a brick and hurled it with terrific force at the others head. The aim was sure; a knife was also used with much effect. The constable took the principals in charge

ACTIVELY AT WORK.

Rev. J. W. Kirby, financial agent for the American Baptist Home Mission Society, is leaving no stone unturned where it is possible to secure the necessary funds to build the Virginia Union University in the west end part of the city. He paid a visit to the St. James Baptist Church on 19th inst., in company with Rev. L. H. Dickerson the pastor, who introduced him to the congregation. He spoke in the interest of the University scheme and showed the parents the vast benefits they will reap by giving their sons and daughters higher education.

The people expressed themselves as being in entire sympathy with the scheme and were loud in their praises of both Reverends Kirby and Dickerson. They returned in the afternoon, being much pleased with the result of the visit.

FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

William Burton who cut John Ford another colored man over a game of cards in Heckler's Lane last October, the details of which was published in the PLANET at the time, has been caught after dodging the officers of the law for nearly six months. His trial came up last Monday in the Henrico County Courthouse He was fined five dollars and given twelve months in jail. Ford has completely recovered

EASTER WEDDING.

There was a quiet though pretty Easter wedding last Monday at the home of Rev. L. H. Dickerson, 1307 North 31st street, who joined Miss Sarah Holmes and Mr. Jerry Bimms in the holy bonds of wedlock at precisely two o'clock p. m. The bride wore a stylish travelling suit of a light material with hat and gloves to match; the effect of it was to make the bride (who by-the-by is pretty) look very lovely. The conventional black was worn by the groom. Showers of congratulations were poured upon the happy young couple by their many friends; after which they were hastily driven to the C. and O. Depot where they took the afternoon train for Newport News which is destined to be their future home Much credit is due Rev. Dickerson upon the excellent, though impressive way he performed the ceremony. (this being his first). Among those who were present were Mesdames L. H. Dickerson, Jane Miles, Maggie Bailey, A. C. Williams, Misses Mary and Inez Gwathmey, Effie Woodridge, Elenora and Annie Johnson and many others.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Alex Wallace is a colored youth, and like other youths is or rather was fond of being the sole proprietor or owner of a seven shooter. He lived until recently a few miles in Henrico county, and had a young friend in the person of Silas Jackson another colored boy. Not long ago the revolver in question was the object of general inspection by the boys when it accidantly went off and killed young Jackson. Of course, Wallace didn't know the thing was loaded. Notwithstanding he was arrested and lodged in the Henrico County Courthouse where he stayed until the trial came up last Monday. The commonwealth asked that a plea of murder be stricken out and that of manslaughter substituted The jury returned with a verdict of manslaughter and young Wallace was fined five dollars and give two months in jail.

BUGGY SMASHED.

In the foregoing article at the head of the column this Reporter pictured the glories and beauties of Easter morning, painting it in beautiful colors; the readers can readily see that we went into a reverie over the delights of such a beautiful morn, but we were not the only one who enjoyed its magnificence there were others A colored couple, presumably husband and wife enjoyed their Easter morn by taking a drive around old Chimborazo (in this the reporter was lacking) during which time they stopped to quench their thirst at the beautiful Lituia Feuntain which gurgled and sparkled in the glad sunlight. The gentleman got out as is the custom and handed his companion some water, during which time the animal became a bit restive thinking perhaps of the gross injustice done by being deprived of his usual quantity of oats, and without warning dashed on down Broad street full tilt, with the gentleman in full pursuit.

At the corner of 26th and Broad, the horse collided with an electric post, throwing the frightened occupant out who refused to jump at the earnest solicitations of her escort; and smashing the vehicle to smithereens. She jumped up quickly just as the gentleman came up looking scared, and throwing his arm around her asked "Darling is you dead? The horse was uninjured

HAND LACERATED.

Lewis Lawrence, a white man who is employed at the Richmond Locomotive works had his hand badly mashed last Tuesday while working near the machine, and while so engaged some one set the machinery in motion. The revolving wheels caught his hand and terribly lacerated them. The ambulance in charge of Dr. Labenberg responded to the call. The wound was dressed and the man was taken to the City Hospital where he will in all probability have to undergo an operation.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. John Ellis is convalescing at his father's on North 30th St.

All persons wishing news to be inserted in this column should send it to the residence of the correspondent, 3105 Venable street not later than Tuesday evenings of each week.

Mr. Patsy Faragee of 229 North 5th street, Charlottesville, Va., has been visiting her daughter, Mrs James Coutalo, 3107 Venable St. She returned Tuesday morning after spending a pleasant Easter.

Mr. James Anderson and family will leave Sunday morning for Washington, D. C.

Quite a number of our residents expect to visit New York to witness the Grant memorial ceremonies.

A large hall on Church Hill for colored people would be a paying investment.

Superintendent Jeremiah Smith was in Washington last Sunday. Mr. W. E. Taylor presided in his stead.

The two insurance companies are making good progress.

Mr. Samuel A. Clay is now general manager of the People's Relief Association.

This season promises to bring a harvest of marriages.

There was a pitched battle in Seven Pines last Monday between colored excursionists on one side and whites on the other. General disorder prevailed

The Corinthians and Thessalonians played a tie game last Monday. The score stood 4-4.

The Church Hill correspondent for the Reformer is giving his pen a rest. Where, oh where art thou?

AGAINST SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.

To those who are on the inside:

How is it that a district missionary of the great Virginia Baptist State Convention can give his name, time and official sanction to a Sunday excursion run by a semi-social club?

Such an excursion is advertised to leave Portsmouth for Suffolk on the fourth Sunday. Are the Baptist ministers and members of the Convention to be forced to support missionaries whose duties are so few that they must find it necessary to advertise Sunday excursions? Are we to endorse Sunday excursions through our missionaries?

Have the Baptists of this grand old mother of states sunk so low that they endorse, through their missionaries questionable, worldly and Sabbath breaking excursions? If this is to be endorsed, then let us all go back to Africa.

How is it that one missionary general and three district missionaries with a combined salary of $2,600 and traveling expenses of about $500 00 have spent almost a year traveling from city to city, and county to county, without organizing or planning anything tangible, and raising less money than one missionary, Rev. H. Powell (the peerless missionary), with the churches of the Convention open to them and the prestige of the Home Mission Society and the white Baptists of the state behind them?

Is it possible that the one missionary had more influence with the churches than the four; or, was he a more systematic and consistent worker?

Have we gained anything other than debts and dearly purchased experience?

Will some of the inside ones answer, please? BOWLING

Have you paid your subscription? Have you fulfilled your promises to the collector?

WEST END NOTES

A BEAUTIFUL EASTER.

Throngs Attended Church To Hear the Eloquent Easter Sermons.

MANY EASTER OUTINGS.

Charming Ladies Beautifully Bedecked with Feathers.

Easter Sunday was most beautiful. The sun rose bright and brilliant into a blue and cloudless heaven The atmosphere was soft and balmy and all nature seemed happy in the resurrection of Christ, and the God of love and peace seemed to reign in the hearts of men. Early in the morning the faithful could be seen wending their way to the various churches Very few were those who did not wear flowers upon corsage or lapel of coat and new clothes of a spring texture were very numerous especially among the ladies. Beautifully gowned women, well-dressed men and happy children made up the grand march to the various Sunday Schools and churches—all crowded with smiling humanity.

Over all and through all was the spirit of the Easter season

At the Fifth Baptist Church the Sunday School was most excellent One of the best and largest attendance we had this year. At this church or school there was no outward show of floral decoration, but all seemed to come leaning upon a risen Savior.

At 11:30 Rev W. I. Reid of the Theological Seminary, preached from the subject "The Resurrection of Christ." It was a grand and sublime effort on the part of Rev. Reid.

At 3:30 the sacred rite of the Lord's supper was administered to a large membership and visitors. Two of the former pastors was present, Reverends Eli Saunders and F. Davis. Rev. H. Powell, pastor welcomed Rev. Saunders and placed him in charge while Rev. Davis supported him on the left. All seemed greatly rejoiced to meet Rev. Saunders for while he was pastor (four years) he walked in and out before them a true christian gentleman. Eight persons were received into the fellowship of the church and one reported excluded.

At the 8 o'clock service the pastor preached from the subject, "Resurrection of the Dead." It was a doctrine forceful, clear, powerful and true exposition of the text Many were the exclamations, "It was the best sermon Brother Powell preached yet." Large congregations attended each service; but the morning and afternoon were made especially attractive by the large number of handsome married ladies and charming maids exquisitely bedecked with lovely flowers. Some are worthy of special mention, but propriety forbids.

The Second Baptist Church was beautifully decorated upon and around the altar with ferns, palms, and choice flowers. The Sunday School manifested a spirit of increased interest.

At 11:30 Rev Z. D Lewis preached a most powerful Easter sermon to a large congregation which gave marked attention.

In the afternoon the anniversary of the St. Luke order was celebrated and Rev. H. R. Williams, pastor of the Fountain Baptist Church, preached their annual sermon, which was greatly enjoyed by all. The Order which is a very popular one, made a grand showing. Some of the finest men and women of our city are members. On this occasion the decorations were more beautiful than in the morning.

FROM BLUEFIELD.

Changes in the Management—Mr. Humbles to Investigate a Purchase—Religious Information—Curious Subscribers.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., April 19, '97.

There has been a great change made by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, heretofore where they have required eight division superintendents they now only have four.

The machine shops at Crew, Va., also the one at Shenandoah Junction will be abolished, Hundreds of men have been thrown out of employment by this great change.

Over five hundred men have been out at the large machines works in the city of Roanoke, excluding the many chief departments in the general office of the company in that city, also the crews on the road have been out Thousands of men are now idle and have nothing to do. It is equally so here. During last spring the company had upwards of four hundred men employed in the Bluefield shops, while they now have only fifty or less at the present Many of our good citizens are moving to their old homes The large number of yard men have also been reduced to a small force. The office where the writer has been employed as messenger for the past five years has been abolished in full and the officials cut off. We will accept of a position with the Glen Lincoln Coal and Coke Company, of this city in the near future.

Mr. A Humbles of Lynchburg will be in our city during the coming week, to visit Norton, Va, where he will investigate the coal land purchased by the Glen Lincoln Coal and Coke Company of this city.

Easter services were conducted all day Sunday at the M. E. Church in grand style under the magagement of the pastor Rev. George Wright, assisted by Mr. E. Gaines; also at the Scott Street Church, of which Rev. R. C. Fox is pastor It being a beautiful spring day, the churches were well attended and the Mount Zion Baptist Church of North Bluefield had very impressive services conducted by the able pastor Rev. J. D. Leftwich. The foundation for their handsome new church will soon be completed.

We attended night services Sunday at the M. E. Church where a creditable Easter missionary service. A fine programme was rendered to an overflowing congregation. The speaks reflected much credit upon themselves. Misses Lettie and Lena Warren performed so well on the programme until we could not give them justice unless mentioning their names, also Mrs. M. C. Gentry. These ladies did not only reflect far at credit upon themselves but the entire audience was pleased with their singing and recitations; while all who participated displayed themselves conspicuously. Rev G. W. Wright, the pastor made a brief, but an instructive address. Among some of the prominent gentlemen present were Prof. Hamilton Hatter, Dr. W. A Holley, of Bramwell, Hon John L. Lewis and many others.

Miss Arlelia Bowen has been on the sick list during the past few days, but we were surprise to see her entertaining company Sunday night.

Mrs S. L. Jones, the little wide-awake missionary is now in the city visiting friends. She is the guest of Miss Rackey McDonnell on Scott St.

There were a large number of our girls and boys visiting Graham Monday, on a fishing expedition. We learned that they enjoyed quite a delightful time.

It is very strange some people are continually praising our race journals and will contract to have such and such a paper left at the number of his residence and is always in debt to the agent. Now a hint to the wise is sufficient. We do not wish to publish any one's name for the small debts of newspapers. Editors must pay their employees and other expenses to run their business. Now we do not mean anything but simple business.

Commencement Exercises

KING WILLIAM C. H., VA., April 6, 1897.

Third Union Baptist Church was packed with an immense crowd of people on Friday night, April 2nd to witness the commencement exercises of Acquinton School, No 9, taught by Miss Hattie V. Morgan of Richmond, Va. It was indeed a grand affair.

The church was beautifully lighted, and decorated with pictures, ferns, mosses and running cedar The exercises commenced at half past eight o'clock with a grand march by the school

The programme consisted of Recitations, Dialogues, Essays, Addresses, Duets and solos. A song, "Welcome to our school to-night," was then sung by the school. Little Master Calvin Morris recited the welcome address, greatly pleased the audience; Virgie Morris beautifully recited a piece called Amen. A dialogue, "The outside of the Story," was very nicely recited by Maude Roane, Allonia Morris, Sue Nora Brown and Rossie Holmes. Miss Mary B. Brown read a fine paper on "The Education of Women," and caused the audience to be very quiet for about ten minutes.

Two essays were read by Allonia Morris and Sue Nora Brown; and a select reading by Miss Lizzie B Harris We were also favored with some choice selections of music, by Miss M. H. Tuppones, Miss Clarke and Miss Edwards of West Point, Va The audience remained very quiet for a little while listening to the song, "I've got a new beau, Mamma," sung by little Lucy Jefferson. It created much fun and laughter. A very fine selection, "Anthony Over Cæsar's Dead Body," was read by Mr. S. T. Brown of Philadelphia.

And we would not fail to mention our beloved pastor, Rev James H. Randolph of the Richmond Theological Seminary, who so beautifully and gracefully rendered us a fine solo, "Only Remembered." The programme then came to an end

Addresses were then delivered by Revs. Randolph and Albert Johnson, Afterwards the names of several pupils who stood at the head of each class during a written examination held by their teacher in the month of March 1897 were called, and received Diplomas of Honor, namely, Allonia Morris, Maudie Roane, Sue Nora Brown, Anthony Hill, Albert Johnson, Perry Harvey and Addie Jones

Our teacher is due great credit in working so faithful among us, and we trust her return in the near future.

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HARTFORD NEWS

HARTFORD, CONN., April 18 '97

The Ladies' Auxiliary Sumner Club, Number 1, will have a special sermon preached to them Sunday Evening, by Rev. L. H. Taylor, at the A. M. E. Zion Church, Pearl St.

Mr. Robert MacCombs left Thursday for Charleston, S. C., where he will wed Miss Susie Dent at the Centenary Church, afterwhich Mr. and Mrs Mc ombs will leave by train for New York City where they will spend a few days and returning to 293 Pearl street, Hartford, their future home.

Bolden's Drum Corps is going to Boston, Mass., on decoration day to take part in the dedication of the Shaw Monument. This is the champion of modern drum corps in the state and everybody feel confident that the boys will hold their own wherever they may go They have held the championship for years.

Mr. William Grant of Collinsville, was in town last week.

Mr Charles Booker, the barber is located at 209 Pearl street, where he will be pleased to see his customers and friends.

Mrs Belle Holden of New Haven was the guest of Mrs. Morris Mitchell, Easter Sunday.

Mr Samuel Holden expects to move to Windsor this spring.

Mrs B. Christian has been confined to her bed the past week.

Mr. E S Cambridge had a severe spell last week and remains the same at this writing

Mrs. William Herb, who had a stroke of apoplexy a few weeks ago, is at the Hartford hospital in a very critical condition.

Mr. Levi I. Harder is confined to his room suffering with quinsy.

Mrs. L. Holmes of Walcot street is confined to her bed.

Mr Thomas Brooks of village has been confined to his bed the past week with pleurisy.

Miss Dimple Edwards, who has been ill with scarlet fever, is able to sit up

Little Rena Taylor has had the chicken pox, but is better

Mrs P Henry Mills and son are visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. James Grant and children are visiting in Essex County, Va.

Mr. Robert Brown has gone to Lauretta, Va, on a business trip.

Mr Charles Cleyett of Springfield, Mass., was in town last week

Bishop Hood preached at Pearl St. Church Sunday Eve.

Mr Fitz Lovell, late of Paris France, is looking for house centrally located to open an Afro-American hotel. Any information concerning such will be thankfully received at 209 Pearl st

Misses Estelle Mitchell, Bessie Taylor, Mr. William Jackson of this city and Miss Nellie Larkins of Meriden, were the guest of chief and Mrs Wyndant Pharoah, of West Hartford, last Friday.

The members of Sumner Club No. 1 expect to give a large smoker in the near future at which time they expect to entertain the majority of the colored male citizens of this city.

If satisfactory arrangements can be made Connecticut will have a space in the PLANET and we can read what is going on in our principle towns by subscribing to the Richmond PLANET Terms: $1.00 per year in advance.

G. GRANT WILLIAMS.

From Berkley.

BERKLEY, VA., April 20, 1897.

Last Sunday was a lovely spring-day and all the girls were out on their shape. The churches had special Easter services

The Methodist ministers have returned from the Conference Rev. I. L. Butt has been returned to the Trinity A. M. E. Church This is his four h year at this church

Rev. James H. Garner, late pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church has gone to Newport News to the regret of his late flock and the public generally. The Reverend has endeared himself to the people of Berkley.

The sisters of the First Baptist presented their pastor, Rev S E. Griggs a fine suit last week. It is said that the reverend will soon be married, and will take his better half the Baptist State Convention. We give this as a rumor.

Rev. E. M. Lassiter, of Mount Zion Baptist Church was at his post last Sunday. He had a very large congregation, both morning and afternoon. The reverend seems to be making his mark very high

Hon R. G. L. Paige is constructing a handsome building on the corner of Liberty and 10th streets. He will soon start up business there

Mr. A. Hathway has opened a nice barber-shop on Liberty street.

Mrs Virginia Walker was out last Sunday, after several weeks illness.

Those young men that congregate on the corner of 9th and Liberty street on Sunday mornings had better be careful, or the attention of the police will be called.

Rev. J. M. Powell, of the 9th Street Baptist Church had a large congregation last Sunday morning. He preached an able and instructive sermon from St. Matthew 28:6:—"He is not here, for he is risen etc." Subject "A look in the sepulchre."

Rev Dr. Sherwood has put out his "shingle" in town as a regular practicing physician. So now we have lawyers, doctors and merchants of our own race. Next we want is a druggist It would be a good investment for the proper man.

The Mount Zion Baptist Church will be dedicated next Sunday. Rev. S E Briggs, B. D., will preach the dedication sermon at 3 p m. All of the Baptist ministers in town have been invited to be present.

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SOCIETY COLUMN.

CONTINUED.]

thy Master, W. H. Trent; Senior Warden, W. A. Johnson; Junior Warden, J. H. Minor; meets 1st Monday nights.

It is hoped that the lodges will lay out their work for the second meeting, that the brethren might not keep up so late, some of us having to get to work so early.

☞ Anynews for column address the PLANET.

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ODD FELLOW NOTES

The mass-meeting suggested in the notes of last issue is an excellent scheme for arousing enthusiasm among the members of the order. We recommend that it take place before the thanksgiving sermon in order that the members, both old and young will be aroused.

The committee in charge of the Thanksgiving celebration held its meeting last Monday night at Richmond hall, 3d street A large number was present and much business was transacted.

The officers and members of Invincible Lodge, number 2674, are requested to meet at their usual place of meeting Tuesday night, April 27th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

The place occupied by Odd Fellowship in the hearts of the community cannot be filled by any other organization

Young men are beginning to believe it an honor to be connected with the order, and well they should, as the most respected citizens are members.

Peerless Lodge, number 3643, holds its meetings on the first and third Friday nights in each month We have been informed that these meetings are well attended, and the members well versed in the principles of the order.

There seems to be a little carelessness on the part of some members, in fact, a good many concerning the necessity of attending lectures. Some no doubt think they know it all, others think it useless to take the time to learn Both of these, however, are sad mistakes and should be buried. Every lodge should have one lecture a month and the members should be thoroughly drilled in the secret work.

Richmond Patriarchie will be somewhat happy when they are informed that the committee in charge of the Thanksgiving exercises have decided to have music.

Every Odd Fellow, of course, will be in line on the 2d of May.

Chesapeake Lodge, number 1596, of Hampton, Va, was instituted October 27, 1873. Its meetings are held on the 1st and 2d Mondays.

Piedmont Lodge, number 1601, of Gordonsville, Va., was instituted November 10, 1873. Its meetings are held on the 1st and 3d Mondays at Odd Fellows Hall.

Pocahontas Lodge, number 1601, of Farmville, Va, was instituted January 12, 1864.

Westville Lodge, number 1619, of Mathews C. H., was instituted February 9, 1874. Its meetings are held on the 1st and 3d Mondays.

Hermon Lodge, number 1636, of Berkley, Va., was instituted July 13 1874 Its meetings are held on the 2d and 4th Tuesdays at Samsritan Hall.

Freemen's Pride Lodge, number 1643, of Portsmouth, Va, was instituted November 7, 1874. Its meetings are held on the 1st and 3d Fridays at Norcom Hall, Lincolnville.

The Fulton Household, No. 1079 will convene next Tuesday at 4:30 P. M. All members are hereby notified Mrs Hester A. Scott, M. N. G.

Mount Erin Lodge will have their Thanksgiving sermon at Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church the first Sunday in May at 3:30 P. M. All are cordially invited. The Fulton Household will accompany the Blue Lodge. A good time is expected.

EXCELSIOR

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation, No 5, Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. Office of Supreme Chancellor, No. 527 E Gwinnett St.,

SAVANNAH, GA., April 15, 1897.

To the Supreme Lodge Officers, Supreme Representatives, Members of the Supreme Lodge, Grand Chancellors Deputy Supreme Chancellors, Chancellor Commanders and all members of the Lodge—Greeting:

Know Ye, that by authority of the Supreme Lodge Constitution, article 4, the Supreme Lodge is required to meet bi-centially at such a place as shall be designated by the said Supreme Lodge.

Therefore, be it known, by the power vested in me, the Supreme Lodge is called to meet in its Ninth Bi-ennial Session in the City of Columbus, Ohio, August 31, 1897, in the Castle Hall of Pride of the West, number 5, and Prosperity, number 8, at 12 o'clock m. (noon) of the above date.

Article 2—The Grand Chancellor of each Grand Jurisdiction will file with the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Sir J. K. Robinson, 3468 LaSalle-street, St. Louis, Mo., their returns and per capita tax not later than August 15th.

Article 3—To avoid a repetition of the action of some Grand Lodges relative to their per capita tax, the Representatives of Grand Lodges will not be permitted to exercise their full rights in the Supreme Lodge, unless the said returns are in the hands of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

Article 4—Each Grand Chancellor will require the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of his state to make out the annual returns on blanks which will be furnished, and upon application approved by the Grand Chancellor, the said returns shall be forwarded to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, together with the credentials of the duly elected representatives not later than July 30th.

Article 5—All Deputy Supreme Chancellors are requested to forward their commissions to this office not latter than August 15th.

Article 6—Notice having been given that Three Hundred ($300.00) Dollars will be given in prizes to the Uniform Department, it is therefore hoped that the Uniform Rank Department will be encouraged to take active part in making this the grandest session known in the history of Pythisinism The railroad commission has assured the Supreme Chancellor that reduced rates will receive prompt consideration as soon as the time, which is three months before the Session, arrives for such consideration.

Article 7—All Supreme Lodge Officers and members expecting to attend the session will notify Sir Henry Williams, number 216 Brier street, Columbus, Ohio, and all Commanders of Divisions intending to take their Divisions or other uniformed officers will address, Sir J. W. Adams, number 79 East Gay street, Columbus, Ohio, Brigadier Generals, Commanders and other officers will have the kindness to give this matter prompt attention and at the proper time.

Article 8—The Supreme Chancellor is glad to state that New York State has been entirely reclaimed and is again within the fold, and the untiring efforts of Sir H L Jones, Grand Chancellor, has been fully rewarded. There remains now but one state to unify, viz, Illinois Through the assistance of the Almighty God and work, a ray of hope has at last, in that state, risen above the clouds of despair and we trust we we meet in August all chaos and confusion shall be driven away and a banner of Pythianism presented to you upon which glistens nothing but the bright light of the noonday sun.

Yours in F C and B.,
JAMES O. ROSS,
Supreme Chancellor;
C. K ROBINSON,
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

FROM CLIFTON FORGE

Religious, Personals and Race Pride.

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., April 19, '97.

Easter being one among the prettiest Sundays we have had since 1897, our churches were well attended.

The First Baptist Church was beautifully decorated and Rev. Reid preached one of his best sermons from I Corinthian 15:14

The Second Baptist Church was tastefully decorated with floral designs and artistic drawings. Rev Johnson preached one of the most pathetic sermons we ever listened to from St. John 5:14 The Rev. showed very plainly why we should "Search the Scriptures." At the conclusion of the service three persons were received for baptism.

Mrs. M. A Penn has just closed her school at Gala and is now in Clifton Forge to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Emma Brown.

Mr. H. M. Boyd has just returned from Hot Springs to rest up for a few weeks.

Mr Samuel Leftrich left last week for his post at the Hot Springs, Va.

Mrs. J. W. Sellus closed her school to night with a very grand exhibition

Mrs. Bettie Lee of Natural Bridge, Va., passed through a few days since enroute to Covington, Va.

The C. & O. Railway Company has commenced work on the new depot and hotel which will be built one mile nearer town. The plan of this building will make it one of the finest hotels in this sections and the depot will be one of the grandest between Clifton Forge and Richmond, Va This is some of the good times the people want, an opportunity to make an honest dollar.

Mr. W. T. Branch is planning a trip to Boston, Mass., on his wheel. Several from Low Moor, Va., will join him

Mrs M. J. Chambers and Miss Marcella Boone of Covington, were in town on Easter Sunday.

We sometimes wonder why every colored family in Virginia do not read the Richmond PLANET. It is a luxury to the poor and the rich can have no better.

So many colored people want their friends to know they are doing well and yet they are too stingy or bias to buy and pay for a good race journal. If you want people to know you live and fill some useful space in life, read the PLANET.

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PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

—Rev J E Cook, presiding elder of the Third District of the Virginia A. M E. Conference call d on us. He has enjoyed great success, and has added to his district from 600 to 1000 members by the increase of territory under his jurisdiction.

—Rev. Scott C. Wood, editor Petersburg Weekly Herald called on us, and spoke in glowing terms of the work.

—Mrs Amanda West, 921 West Catherine Street is confined to her bed. We hope her speedy recovery.

—Mr. A. B Bell of Evansville, Miss, writes that much suffering and loss of life have been caused by the flood in Mississippi river.

—We received an invitation to the marriage of Mrs L W. Galloway to Mr. William F Ford at San Francisco, Cal., April 29, 1897.

—Mrs. J. B. Bannister, Miss Willie F. Harris, and Miss S. J. Briggs of Petersburg, Va., called on us

—Mr. W. Milton Tyler was in the city a few days ago stopping with his brother. While here an entertainment was given in his honor by a friend of this city, instead of by his brother as stated in the issue week before last. He left on the following day for his home.

—Mrs. Florence Clark and Miss Ella Freeman were in the city during Easter, the guests of Misses Lizzie G and R. B. Yancey.

—Miss St. Helena Braxton has been lying very ill from chronic pneumonia for the past four months at her home, 164 Congress St. Brooklyn, New York. She was formerly of Richmond, Va.

—Mrs Martha Pettiford of Baltimore, Maryland is stopping at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Threatt, 38 West Leigh St.

—We are glad to know that Mrs. Royal Threatt is much improved

—Mr. and Mrs. J. R Fields, of Philadelphia, formerly of Richmond are well pleased with their present received on March 12th, little Harold, weighing 10½ pounds The mamma and little one are doing well, at 1218 Lombard St., Philadelphia, Pa.

—1st Lieut. W. H Anderson, Commissary of Subsistence of 1st Battalion having been appointed Captain and Adjutant by Major J. B. Johnson passed the required examination Tuesday, 20th inst. The board consisted of Adjutant General C J Anderson Assistant Inspector General, Colonel Jo Lane Stern and Colonel W. M Hodges, 3rd Regiment

WE received an invitation to a Progressive Whist Social given by Mr. THOMAS L. EDMONDS, April 9th, at 515 W. Franklin St.

—Mr W. T Brown of Philadelphia visited King William Courthouse on a flying trip, and left for Richmond, April 5, in company with Miss H. C. Morgan. He then left for Philadelphia, feeling greatly pleased with his trip

—Mr J. C. Claiborne, of Newport News, Va., called on us.

—Reverend A. S Thomas, pastor of the Sharon Baptist Church will preach a special sermon to-morrow morning; "Revivals on a drag and why?"

GLEASON AND THE HORSE.

It is necessary for any man wishing to handle horses successfully to the self-possessed, determined and to give some attention to the horse's natural habits and disposition. There are doubtless a great many men in this country who have made a study of man's great friend, the horse, but none are so conspicuously successful as Professor Oscar R Gleason, the world's renowned horse trainer and tamer. It would not be claiming too much for his system to say that, by its use, any horse may be broke (regardless of his being previous spoiled) so as to make him perfectly docile, and even safe for family use.

Prof. Gleason does not waste his time in mysterious tricks. His principles are those of a universally applicable system for the better training of horses for man's use, producing absolute docility. The three fundamental principles are, First, control; Second, kindness; Third, a proper appeal to the horse's understanding, associating mastery with kindness, rebuking wrong and awarding the right.

We have secured a limited number of Professor Gleason's great Horse book, which has always sold at $1.50, for which we offer with every subscription with this paper. See advertisement in another column.

AN ADDRESS ON LYNCHING.

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impossible) grasping the sword and pike and sallying forth to be revenged on his savage tyrants.

THE SWORD OF RETALIATION.

Me think I see the sword, the terrible sword of retaliation suspended by a single hair over the nation. The Afro-American, whose political information is far superior to that of his brethren in the West Indies may yet meditate revenge. These tragic scenes are already opened to my imagination, and I fancy that I hear the yells of infuriated depredators mingling with the shrieks and groans of their expiring victims, while the eastern winds convey the mingled echo from the distant settlements of the south If none but the lynchers of the south were to suffer in the event of such a crisis the case would not be so tragical; but the warfare will be general and nothing will satisfy either race, but the extinction or extirpation of one or the other

Columbus the first discover of St. Domingo was not only an enterprising adventurer but a humane person; but the Spaniards who followed him were monsters of cruelty, which their brutal conduct in destroying the original natives will abundantly demonstrate Thy massacred no less than three million of men, women and children, who were shot like birds in the air, hunted and torn to pieces by blood hounds like beasts of the forest till they were extinct. Thus we see in the example of St. Domingo and Hayti, and lately as we all know, Cuba. These are in the most obvious and convincing manner melancholy effects of such wicket policy. Indeed it is utterly impossible for a reasonable and an intelligent African "any more so than any other people" to be in many respect favorable to the government, that is the implacable enemy of the nation with which he is identified, in open hostility with all his countrymen, and of all his color

If he is reconciled he is in fact a tory and worse than a tory, a traitor. Consistency and virtue are the primar pillars of civil government. Take these away and they begin to tend to their fall.

MUST CHANGE ITS POLICY.

The government therefore should change its policy and by exhibiting the spirit of justice and triendship, secure the love and support of the colored citizens

I am well aware that the language of some will be that the alarmist see danger which never will be realized and have no existence except in the writer's enthusiastic brains. This was the language of the Ante-deluvians the Armenians, the Thebans, the Assyrians, Trojans, Egyptians Corinthians Babylonians, Macedonians, the Jews who were the particular favorites of Heaven and even the Romans who were the conquerors of them all prior to their overthrow, and I might add many nations even in modern times, particularly the Swiss and Batavian republics who were hurled into the labyrinth of despotism and degradation at the movement they were expecting to see their liberties consolidated on the most substantial basis Their histories, the uncertainty of human greatness and the vicissitudes of human life which await the most prosperous nation when immersed in the sink of popular degraudation.

A PERTINENT QUESTION.

Why do the American people talk of barbarism and oppression which is inflicted upon the Armenians, Phillipians and Cubans? Look at the colored citizens of America whose brothers and fathers having given freely their lives for the independence of America and the restoration of the federal union, and who are oppressed and murdered as beasts, and the government they have been so loyal to can't or wont protect them.

What oriental nation ever encouraged or supported such cruel oppression of human flesh and kept so many of their fellow countrymen in groveling bondage as the Americans have and do now support and keep. None to my knowledge ever did.

Look in the name of wonder what possible reason can any man assign for inhumanizing any part of the human race, when God says all men are created equal Is it on account of their color? Is there any certain standard of color of universal authority? Who established this standard? Do you despise them because their color is not the same as yours? Have they not the same reason to despise you because of your color? Does not the pale face appear as unnatural in Negro land as a black face in Norway?

Were their color inferior to yours? whom should they or you blame for it. Is not the one as much the work of God as the other? Have not they and you one common Maker? Can we vilify any part of his work without reproaching himself? Is it on account of their form and features? What vast difference is there between theirs and yours? If any, on which side lies the advantage.

WHAT MUST BE DONE?

If you wish to effect a country's revolution in the minds of your injured fellow citizens, you must first cause them to unlearn what they learned in "the times that tried men's souls" you must destroy their memories; you must draw a veil before the intellectual eyes to screen the tragical end of slavery oppression in Hayti and the United States; you must consign every copy of the Rights