

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 9.

The dilapidated building on the South East corner of King and Henry streets, known as the "old Castle" has at last met the fate of all mundane creations, its end. The Superintendent of Police has razed it to the ground. This house was built about the year 1805 or 1806 by Mahlon and Jonathan Scholfield, and was called at that time "Scholfield's Castle." It was originally flat-roofed, covered with a composition of pitch, sand &c., but in 1815 the roof was raised in the middle and shingled. In it, at different times, have been conducted grocery, hardware and flour stores, and immediately preceding the commencement of the late war it was used as a Coach-factory. During the war lager beer, and various other refreshments were furnished there, and, at one time, it was used as a sort of theater. It was well built, though awkwardly planed, and but for continued alterations would have stood for a century longer. At the sale of Scholfield's property, in 1815, or thereabouts, it was bought by the late Joseph Mandeville, and when his estate was sold, in 1850, William N. McVeigh and Jordan Wheat were the purchasers. Mr. McVeigh's portion was confiscated early in the war, and became the property of a Mr. Seals, and Messrs. Wheat and Seals have lately disposed of the entire building and lot to the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, to be used, as we are informed, for the erection of a depot.

While thus antiquarianising we will mention that the large frame Hay House, at the foot of Duke street, north side, lately sold by the Government, and now being pulled down, stands on the site of the barracks of part of General Braddock's Army, built it is believed when it was here in the year 1755. The building was standing in 1784, when a late venerated gentleman, the oldest inhabitant of our city, was a boy, ten years old. The present Auditor has a plan of the old barracks.

This winter quite a number of cattle, on the outskirts of the city and the surrounding country, have died quite suddenly, giving rise to the fear that the disease which carried them off was epidemical, and also that the disease might be the Rinderpest, which has prevailed among cattle so fatally in Europe.

We learn that the Veterinary Surgeons, who have been called on to treat the diseased cattle in this vicinity, have found that most of the illness results from a disease of the lungs, contracted by the animals from the severe winter, and this disease being a difficult one to cure when the animal is not in prime order, quite a number have been lost. Besides this disease there are other affections, originating from the want of proper care, (shelter as well as food,) some of which have proved fatal this season, and in one or two instances some of the dairymen have lost very heavily.

WE MUST PREPARE FOR CHOLERA.—The first week of the last winter month has passed. With the approach of warm weather we will have good cause to apprehend the presence among us of the Asiatic cholera. Alexandria is in its usual line of progress, and has never escaped its visitation when it has prevailed in this country. We have sounded the alarm and endeavored to stimulate our city authorities to the adoption of adequate precautionary and hygienic measures.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. Keen, Gray and Gilmer, of the Senate, and Baldwin, Marshall, Grattan, Pendleton and Joynes, of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Virginia Legislature to communicate to President Johnson the joint resolutions endorsing his reconstruction policy, passed by this city yesterday evening, in the Keyport, on their way to Washington.

Maj. Gen. C. L. Stevenson, of the late Confederate States Army, who has been stopping at the Mansion House, in this city, for several days past, on business connected with the National Express Company, left yesterday for points farther South.

The Secretary of War has directed to be sold 20,000 cords of seasoned wood, mixed pine and oak, in quantities of from one quarter to ten cords, \$6 per cord in Washington, and \$5 in Alexandria.

Mr. George Hamilton, of Brandy Station, Culpepper Co., who had a horse stolen from his stable last week, recovered him yesterday in this city.

Baltimore Annual Conference, M. E. Church.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Conference met this morning at 9 o'clock in the M. E. Church South, on Washington street, and was opened with religious services—singing the 131st hymn, and a most fervent and eloquent prayer in behalf of peace, tranquility and harmony, the blessings of God upon our country, the President of the U. S., the church of Christ in general, and especially upon this Conference; and upon the people of Alexandria.

Appropriate passages of scripture were also read, and after singing by all present, Bishop Early explained the passages read, urging a Christian feeling, and a rooting out of all evil from our souls, an abandonment of things temporal, and a striving for things eternal.

When the Bishop had concluded his remarks, Rev. Mr. Tebbes offered up a suitable prayer after which Conference and the congregation united in singing an appropriate hymn.

The Bishop cited the instance of the conversion of several persons in Western Virginia during a religious gathering, and appealed to those present to present themselves before the altar and ask forgiveness for their sins and seek salvation; and called upon Dr. Bond to pray, which that gentleman did, in a most eloquent and effecting style, which was earnestly responded to by his hearers.

The congregation was invited to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock for the purpose of uniting in religious exercises.

The Secretary called the roll of the Conference, after which the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The names of those who have withdrawn from the Conference, and those who have died since 1861 were read:

The following are the names of those who have died:

- Joshua Wells, T. H. W. Monroe,
- Henry Smith, James N. Sipes,
- James Turner.

Mr. Brooke desired to state that he favored the amendment suggested by the Bishop yesterday, but thought that the word "adhere" would accomplish all that was desired. He wished to make this correction of the report in the Gazette, although the inference drawn by the report was correct.

The Bishop authorized the members to pay over the contributions for necessitous cases to Rev. Mr. Etchison.

On motion of Mr. Martin, Rev. W. G. Coe was appointed statistician, for the purpose of receiving statistics of the Conference.

The Conference then proceeded to the examination of characters of effective elders, when the name of Rev. Mr. Register was called, and his character passed. The character of the following were also passed:

- Revs. Messrs. Leggett, Tebbes, L. R. Jones, J. F. Bean, E. G. Jamieson (continued as supernumerary) C. A. Joyce, J. S. Martin, J. J. Engle, W. R. Stringer, H. A. Gaver, W. D. Rippetoe, (supernumerary relation granted) Thomas Hildebrand, J. N. Gray, J. M. Grandia, J. S. Gardner, P. H. Whisner, J. W. Ewan, L. C. Miller, and J. P. Etchison.

When the name of J. E. Wassen was called his character was commended, but his case passed over. The Conference then continued the examination, and the characters of the following were also passed: L. B. Nixon, J. B. Chittum, P. S. E. Sixeas, L. Butt, S. H. Griffith, J. H. Temple, (supernumerary relation continued) James Beatty, S. Smith, H. Hoffman, (supernumerary relation granted,) S. B. Dolly, J. L. Snyder.

When the name of J. L. Snyder was called, it was announced that had gone to Europe, but his character was passed and he was continued on the roll.

Examination continued, and the characters passed of T. Briley, E. R. Veitch, Robert Smith, J. C. Dice, G. R. Jefferson, (supernumerary relation granted) A. P. Boude, J. E. Armstrong, R. R. S. Hough, L. Lenz, W. S. Baird, W. G. Eggleston, J. W. Wolff, E. F. Hetrick, J. W. Tongue, J. H. March, E. L. Kregloe, J. H. Waugh, B. Hough, J. H. Wolff, C. L. Torreyson, S. S. Roszell, F. H. Richey, A. Robey (not an elder and cannot pass in such relation), Jas. E. Bean, Novill Wilson, (supernumerary relation granted), J. W. Kelly (on the supernumerary list—location granted), G. G. Brooke, Dabney Ball, J. Landstreet, P. B. Smith, Samuel Rodgers, S. F. Butt, W. G. Coe, David Thomas, David Shoaf, Geo. Stevenson, John Poisall, J. P. Hall, Elias Welty, Samuel Kepler, Francis M. Mills, David Trout (supernumerary relations continued), W. V. Tudor, J. L. Gilbert (Mr. G. explained that he had been acting with the moiety of the Baltimore Conference, but had always been in heart with this body, and had so declared to the moiety conference), A. W. Wilson, J. W. Bull (Mr. B. has had no appointment since 1861, though he has been with the moiety of this Conference during the time—referred to attempts to destroy him, body and soul, by a portion of the Conference, of which this is the majority. Mr. Thomas spoke in favor of Mr. B.—referred to his speech in the moiety conference "that he believed in the divinity of

slavery as much as the divinity of Christ" for which he had been thrown out of the church though there was naught against his character—regretted the speech, but it was only unfortunate and not meant as irreverent.)

When the name of Mr. Roszell was called, that gentlemen (as is the custom) did not retire, as he said it was unnecessary as there was no objection to him. The Bishop asked: do you decline to retire on account of old age and infirmity. Mr. Roszell (pulling his grey beard)—I am getting old. The Bishop—then you are excused on account of old age and infirmity—(laughter.)

A. B. Dolly's name called—explained his refusal to hold connection with the moiety Conference, but took a charge in Charles County, because he wanted work and knew that his principles met the views of the people there.—He had served his people as an independent minister. His charge wants two ministers.—Had always adhered to the Staunton Conference. Character passed.

W. H. Wilson's character passed, as were those of Francis A. Mercer and E. F. Busey. A. W. Wilson was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

C. G. Linthicum's name was passed over for a while.

The Chairman of the committee on the third question, "who are admitted into full connexion?" made his report, whereupon Geo. H. Zimmerman, A. A. P. Neale, Wm. McDonald, Addison Weller, Jos. Crickenberger and C. L. Dameron, were admitted to full connexion and elected as Deacons. Some question as to the character of Mr. Dameron was answered satisfactorily.

At the suggestion of the Bishop, who said that before applicants could be admitted they must be examined; on motion of Mr. Martin, the votes by which those elected as Deacons, were reconsidered, and Messrs. Zimmerman, Neale, McDonald, Weller, Crickenberger, Dameron, David Harris, J. T. Maxwell, I. W. Canter, J. T. Keen, J. T. James J. R. Van Horn, Geo. H. Williams, B. F. Ball and C. W. Cooper, were then called up before the altar, and after a lecture from the Bishop, who was very plain in his language and quite severe on long winded sermons; explained their duties, after which they were publicly examined, and then dismissed, and the examination of character continued:

David Harris was admitted to full connection and elected a Deacon.

M. J. Balthis, R. N. Pool and J. T. Maxwell were continued on trial.

Rev. G. A. Smith, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Revs. Messrs. Bates, of the Methodist Protestant, and Leftwich, of the Second Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Conference and invited to take seats within the bar.

Rev. Mr. Duncan, Editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate, addressed the Conference, extending to them a cordial Christian greeting. The step they had taken would prove a redemption of Christianity from radicalism, and hoped that it might lead to the formation of a conservative Christian platform, free from all charges of sectionalism. He greeted the members of the Conference individually as members of the Methodist Church South, and threw open the columns of his paper for their use and to advocate their welfare. Mr. D. adverted to his former pleasant pastoral relations in this city, also to the fact that there were those who disliked very much to see this union of the Baltimore Conference with the Church South. At the conclusion of Mr. Duncan's remarks, which were well received, the usual committee notices were given.

It was announced that Rev. Mr. Duncan would preach in the M. E. Church South and Dr. Bond in the Baptist Church, to-night at 7 1/2 o'clock.

The Bishop then pronounced the benediction and adjourned the Conference till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

COMMERCIAL.

The Markets.

ALEXANDRIA.—Flour, market quiet but steady; Family \$13@15; Extra \$10.50@11.25; Super 9 25@10.00. Wheat, receipts light; altogether by Railroad and wagons: White 190@215; Red 175@195. Oats and Rye; quotations nominal. Corn, demand fair, white 83@85c; yellow 81@84. Groceries are in fair demand and firm. Provisions dull and unchanged: Old Shoulders 15c; New ditto 16c; Sides 18c; Hams 25c.—Butter dull at 35@38c. Eggs 28@30c.

BALTIMORE, February 8.—Beef cattle offerings 1,100 head. The market to-day opened very flat, and rates gave way 1@1c. Closing prices, however, as compared with last week show an advance of one-half cent, which is accounted for by the very superior quality of receipts.—Hog receipts moderate. The market closed dull at 13@14, net, for common to prime. Hogs in small lots for packing taken at 13 1/2. Sheep steady and a good supply; ordinary to good 5@7c gross; very good and extra 7@7 1/2c.

NEW YORK, February 8.—Cotton dull and declined 1c; sales at 46@47, chiefly 46. Flour unsettled; high grades 25c higher, medium firmer, unbound declining. Wheat dull and declined 1@2c. Corn declined 1c. Pork heavy. Lard firm at 15 1/2@18 1/2c. Whiskey dull. Sugar firm and quiet.

COME AND SEE.
JUST RECEIVED.
Fresh Roll Butter.
Pure Buckwheat Flour.
Choice Honey Syrup, at reduced prices.
J. GRIGG,
Feb 9-1w No. 117, King street.

ELECTION NOTICES.

To THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA.—HUGH LATHAM will be supported for the office of Mayor of Alexandria city, at the coming election by [Feb 9-1c] MANY VOTERS.

JAMES FADELEY will be supported for the office of Superintendent of Police, at the ensuing municipal election, by Feb 9-1w* MANY VOTERS.

WM. W. Book will be supported for the office of Superintendent of Police, at the ensuing municipal election, by MANY VOTERS, Feb 9-1w

To THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA.—I announce myself a candidate for the office of Collector of Taxes for the Northern District. If it be your pleasure to elect me, I promise to use my best endeavors to give general satisfaction. Respectfully, GEORGE H. MARKELL, Feb 9-1c

To THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA.—I announce myself a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Gas. If it be your pleasure to elect me, I promise to use my best endeavors to give general satisfaction. Respectfully, JAMES T. CRUMP, Feb 9-1c

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Clerk of the Market, at the ensuing election, Feb 9-1c THOMAS WHITTINGTON.

GEORGE L. DEETON will be supported at the coming election, for Clerk of the Market by Feb 9-1c MANY VOTERS.

WESLEY AVERY will be supported for the office of Collector for the Southern District of Alexandria, at the election to be held on the 6th of March. Feb 8-dt*

ORANGE & ALEXANDRIA R. R.

On and after MONDAY, February 12th, two daily trains will run between Washington and Lynchburg, connecting at Gordonsville, with Va. Central R. R. trains to and from Richmond as follows:

MAIL TRAIN.

Leave Washington daily (except Sunday) at 6.45 a. m., and arrive at Lynchburg at 5.45 p. m.
Leave Lynchburg at 7 a. m., and arrive at Washington at 5.35 p. m.

EXPRESS TRAIN.

Leave Washington daily (including Sunday) at 6.05 p. m., and arrive at Lynchburg at 6.00 a. m.
Leave Lynchburg at 6.30 p. m., and arrive at Washington at 6.10 a. m.

Both trains making close connections at Lynchburg for all points south and south-west, and at Washington for north and north-west. First class sleeping cars will be attached to the night trains.

This road is attractive, not only for its comfortable accommodations but for the fact that it passes the now historic localities of Fairfax, Bull Run, Manassas, Briston, Catlett's Rappahannock, Culpeper, Orange and Gordonsville, places of imperishable interest in the popular mind.

Through tickets to all points south and south-west may be had in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and at the offices of the road in Washington and Alexandria.

W. H. McCAFFERTY, Genl. Superintendent, Feb 9-1c

VIRGINIA:—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Alexandria county, on the 5th day of February, 1866, David G. Watkins, plaintiff against Ann M. Nutt, defendant—in debt and upon attachment.

The object of this suit is to recover ninety dollars, with interest thereon from the 24th day of September, 1860, till paid. The defendant, Ann M. Nutt, not having entered her appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that she is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect her interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this county. A copy teste. JEFFERSON T. CORY, Clerk. BRENT & WATKINS, A. Q. Feb 9-1w

GREAT CHANGE AND A SPLENDID CHANCE FOR PURCHASERS.
CHARLES A. GLADRE'S CLOTHING HOUSE, 109, King street, is now selling out its entire stock of Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Goods, at less than cost, to make room for an entire new stock of Spring and Summer Goods. The above is only to be sold at a sacrifice up to March 1. Come early and secure great bargains. Yours respectfully, CHAS. A. GLADRE, Feb 9-1w

SUGAR CURED HAMS.—Another lot of those choice Sugar-Cured Hams, weighing from 8 to 14 lbs., received to-day and for sale by J. C. MILBURN, Cor. Cam. & Royal sts. Feb 9-1c Opposite the Market.

FOR SALE.—The undersigned would respectfully inform his friends that he has a fresh lot of very fine MILCH COWS and CALVES, which can be purchased at 30% price—street, on the best terms. Feb 8-3c WM. GRAY, (Butcher.)

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING under the name of ROBERTS & HUNT, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Those indebted to the late firm will please settle their accounts without further delay, and those having claims will present them for settlement to either of the subscribers. Jan 31-d1m ROBT. F. ROBERTS, EDMUND HUNT.

THE MILLING BUSINESS, AS CARRIED ON by the late firm of Roberts & Hunt, will hereafter be conducted by EDMUND HUNT. Old Customers promptly supplied and patronage solicited. Jan 31-d1m EDMUND HUNT.

NEWSPAPERS, for Wrapping Paper, for sale at this office. Nov 17-3c