IN ANNUAL MEETING

The Y. M. C. A. Elected New Directors Last Night.

LADIES' AUXILIARY BOARD ORGANIZED

Members as It Now Stands—The Exercises Sunday—Preparations for the Event—Boys' Gospel Army—Other Young Men's Christian Association Notes.

Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock about two hundred members of the Boys' Gospel Army met in the hall of the association and rehearsed the hymns to be sung at the anniversary at the Academy of Music on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting had a surprise train in the manner of a short talk by Mr. Charles Mahamet, a converted Arabrain, who is visiting in Norfolk. He amused the boys with many stories of the peculiar habits of the Arabians.

At 5 o'clock a business meeting of the junior department was held, at which the following junior officers were elected by ballot: Arthur Clay, president; Harry Day, first vice-president; Harry McCoy, second vice-president; Pressley White, secretary; Charlie Howard, treasurer; Sam LaBlanc, sergeant-at-arms. These officers are elected for a term of six months, and with two other members of the department, to be chosen later, will constitute a junior Board of Directors, who will arrange the affairs of the Junior Department under the direction of Assistant Secretary Ambrose Page.

At 6 o'clock the first meeting of the yoke fellows band of the Junior Department and Boys' Gospel Army was held, and several matters pertaining to the work of the band were discussed and a meeting fixed for next Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock the annual meeting of the association was held in the parlor, with Mr. Robert Tait, president, in the chair. The meeting was opened with a very fervent prayer by Mr. L. A. Coulter, State secretary.

The president then called for the report of the treasurer, which was read by Mr. Ambrose age, which was of a very encouraging nature, showing that an enlarged work was done over last year.

The president made several statements of interest to the members, including the fact that the Ladies' Auxiliary had been organized with Mrs. Z. Cecil as president; Miss Linda Starke, first vice-president; Mrs. L. Lankford, second vice-president; Miss Fannie Keeling, third vice-president; Mrs. G. K. Goodridge, secretary and treasurer. The Auxiliary, with officers as above stated, will meet regularly and perform such duties in connection with the association as they deem advisable.

The committee on anniversary, Mrs. W. H. Barnard treasurer, reported the arrangements for the anniversary completed, as advertised on the programmes and in the daily papers, and that a most successful service was anticipated, to be held at the Academy of Music next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to which the public are invited.

The committee on nominations proposed the following names as members of the board to serve three years, which were duly elected: Messrs. W. D. Reynolds, L. Sheldon, Alfred Clay, W. D. Southall, T. S. Southgate and Barton Myers. These gentlemen, together with the following, will constitute the board for the next three years: Messrs. M. Winston, D. Etheridge, W. W. Vicar, E. J. Whitehurst, W. H. Barnard, H. H. Rumble, C. C. Couper, J. L. Buntting, Robert Tait, F. D. Pickerton and W. B. Roper.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the annual meeting a short meeting of the Board of Directors was held, at which the following officers of the board were elected for a term of one year: President, Robert Tait; First Vice-President, Barton Myers; Second Vice-President, W. D. Reynolds; Third Vice-President, H. H. Rumble; Recording Secretary, C. C. Couper; Treasurer, W. H. Barnard.

JUDGES HUGHES AND WADDILL.

Two Brainy Jurists Complimented by the Richmond Times.

The Richmond Times of yesterday says editorially:

"The retirement of Judge Robert W. Hughes from the bench, after a service of more than a quarter of a century, is an event which will attract merited notice in the legal world. Possessed of a mind of high order, which was naturally of a judicial turn, he had added to his legal knowledge and wide culture a rich experience which enabled him when he was elevated to the bench to discharge its duties with wonderful facility—a facility which increased as his term extended.

"In laying down his office 'while his eye is undimmed, and his natural strength is not abated' we believe that Judge Hughes' mantle has fallen upon worthy shoulders. Although Judge Waddill is a Republican he had practically the unanimous endorsement of the Richmond bar, very few of whom are of that political faith, and it is interesting to note that he and Judge Hughes, while both are Republicans, are not in accord on the currency question. But Judge Waddill is undoubtedly an able lawyer and a man of high character. He will not carry his politics on the bench, and will, we are sure, discharge the duties of the position with ability and fidelity."

DECK HAND DROWNED.

Charles Morris, of Philadelphia, a tugboat deck hand, was found to be missing by his captain about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. He probably fell overboard and was drowned.

AMUSEMENTS.

"A CAVALIER OF FRANCE."—Mr. Louise James will appear at the Academy of Music on Thursday, matinee and night, March 17th, appearing at the matinee in Shakespeare's play of "Julius Cæsar." As Brutus, the character he assumes, Mr. James has already won great praise, and to lovers of Shakespeare a genuine treat may be promised.

On Thursday night he will produce an entirely new play and one which comes here with the prestige of a most pronounced success. For the past few years theatre-goers have shown a decided preference for plays of the romantic drama, such as "The Prisoner of Zenda" and "Under the Red Robe." These plays are less sombre than the old classic tragedies and have a good deal of comedy, which is calculated to send the audience away in a happier frame of mind. It was to keep in touch with this sentiment that Mr. James and his progressive managers, Wagenhols & Kemper, procured the rights of the production of "A Cavalier of France." It is the work of Mr. Espy Williams, of New Orleans, a dramatist who is already becoming well known by his other plays, "Parthasins" and "The Man in Black," the latter being a dramatization of Stanley Weyman's novel of that title.

"THE REAL WIDOW BROWN."—From rise to fall of curtain in "The Real Widow Brown," the jolly musical comedy success, which will be seen at the Academy of Music Friday night and Saturday matinee, there is not one dull moment. The entertainment is bright and lively, and consists of everything that is late and popular in the line of music, dances and specialties. It is just the sort of high-class merriment which never fails to drive away dull care. The melodies are tuneful and sweetly rendered, while the fun is of a clever and refined order. "The Real Widow Brown" is scoring a substantial success on the road.

AMONG OUR COTTON MEN.

Weather in the cotton section unsettled.

New Orleans future contracts declined 5 points. March, 5.61. Estimated receipts for to-day are from 7,500 to 8,500 bales, against 3,702 bales last year and 3,824 bales in 1895.

Liverpool spot market declined 1-32d.—3⅜d. Futures closed steady, declining 1 to 1½ points on old crop and ½ point on new.

Bar silver in London declined 1-16d. per ounce—25 3-16d.—against 29⅝d. last year.

Receipts at the United States ports yesterday were 20,149 bales, against 9,199 bales last year and 20,384 bales in 1895.

New York spot market declined 1-16c. Middling easy at 6 3-16c. Futures closed steady, declining from 6 to 8 points. May, 5.99 to 6.00; August, 6.06 to 6.07; October, 6.02 to 6.03. Sales, 167,400 bales.

Spot cotton in New Orleans declined ⅛c. Middling easy at 5⅝c. Sales, 4,000 bales. St. Louis declined 1-16c. Middling, 5⅝c.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTICES

Second Presbyterian church—The pastor, the Rev. Dr. W. S. Lacy, will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Young people's prayer meeting at 7 p. m.

First Presbyterian church.—The Rev. Edward Mack, pastor, will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Westminster League prayer meeting at 6:45 p. m.

WOOD YARD BURNED.

Buildings, Stock and Machinery of the Virginia Coal and Wood Company.

The alarm turned in from box 35, corner Queen and Chapel streets, at 12:15 o'clock last night, was caused by the burning of the plant of the Virginia Wood and Coal company, located at the end of Bute street extended. The uptown department was promptly on hand and soon had two streams playing on the fire. The wood shed and engine room burned quickly. Several cords of wood piled about the yard were also burned. The loss and insurance could not be learned last night, but the former was estimated at nearly $500.

WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast and General Conditions For To-day.

Washington, D. C., March 11, 1898.

RAIN

For Virginia: Threatening weather, with showers; southerly winds.

For North Carolina: Threatening weather, with showers in the eastern portion; southerly winds.

PORT CALENDAR.

Sun rises, 6:19 a. m.; sun sets, 6:10 p. m.; high water, 11:35 a. m. and 12:00 midnight; low water, 5:47 a. m. and 5:48 p. m.

METEROLOGICAL DATA.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau, Norfolk, March 11.

The following observations are recorder for the past twenty-four hours:

Maximum temperature	70
Minimum temperature	48
Normal temperature	48
Departure from normal	plus 11
Departure from normal since January 1st	plus 64
Rainfall in 24 hours	0
Rainfall since March 1st	1.60
Mean humidity	92

J. J. GRAY, Observer.

AFFIRMED THE JUDGMENT.

(Alexandria Gazette.)

As stated in the Gazette of Tuesday, judgment was affirmed in the Court of Appeals in Washington on that day in the case of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat company vs. Samuel B. Davis. Action for damages was brought for an alleged libel published by authority of the steamboat company. The alleged libel is contained in a letter written by John Callahan to K. C. Murray on August 23, 1893. It appears that Captain Davis was, prior to August, 1893, employed by the company as captain of the steamer Washington, and that he was discharged by Mr. Callahan, acting as superintendent and manager of the company. Murray was a friend of Davis and wrote to Mr. Callahan in regard to the matter, and the alleged libel is contained in the reply of the manager for the company. The court held that the letter contained gross charges against the plaintiff as to his efficiency in the capacity as commander of a vessel. Judgment in the sum of $4,000 is affirmed in the opinion written by Justice Alvey.

THE BALTIMORE ASHORE.

(Baltimore Sun.)

During dense fog yesterday morning while bound from Norfolk for Baltimore the Southern railway steamer Baltimore piled up on Thomas Point bar, about half way to the lighthouse. The steamer Danville, bound up from West Point, pulled off the Baltimore, but failing to remove her, took off the passengers and their baggage and came to port. Baker & Whiteley's big tug Britannia, Captain Dunn, was sent to the assistance of the Baltimore and hauled her off at 5 p. m. She arrived and discharged cargo and sailed on her return to Norfolk at 10 o'clock.

ROBBED OF A WATCH.

Mr. R. V. Mullen reports that his house, No. 460 Mariner street, was entered yesterday morning about 2 o'clock by a white man and woman, who stole his watch and $2.50 in cash. They awoke him. They fled, taking their booty with them.

SAILING OF THE FOOTE

The Fast Little Torpedo Boat Goes Out Under Full Steam.

SHE IS BOUND FOR KEY WEST

And Will Stop Nowhere Else on the Journey—A Prophetic Rumor Recorded by a Washington Paper—The Explosion of the Maine Predicted.

The torpedo boat Foote was to have left at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, but did not do so on account of high winds off Hatteras. The weather being propitious yesterday, at 9 o'clock she left the yard and proceeded to Old Point, where she anchored for about two hours.

She left Old Point at 11:40 under full steam, and in one hour passed out of the capes.

The vessel took on coal for a trip to Key West, and has orders not to stop until she reaches that point.

CURIOUSLY PROPHETIC.

A Significant Item Published Two Weeks Before the Maine Explosion.

Curiously prophetic was the following item clipped from the Washington Times of January 31st, published fifteen days before the Maine explosion:

"The startling report is current here that the Spaniards have a network of torpedoes in the Havana harbor, and the Maine could be blown to bits at any time.

"The rumor goes into detail and says that every foot of the harbor is mined, drawn off into squares, and each square connected with a numbered keyboard on land, so that it would only be necessary to press the button communicating with the torpedo under the Maine to destroy the battleship with her thirty-one officers and 343 men.

"Not much credit is given to the report by the Government officials here. One said: 'I do not think there is anything in it. The torpedoes could hardly have been laid in the harbor without the knowledge of the fact reaching us. The German warships are also in the harbor, and it is not likely that they would have gone there if it was such a death trap.'"

DIED.

HELL—In this city, at the residence of parents, No. 801 Church street, Friday, March 11th, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., MAGGIE MAY, infant daughter of Joseph and Annie L. Bell, aged 7 months.

The funeral will take place from above residence THIS (Saturday) MORNING at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend. It

For Mayor

Geo. H. Dawes.

Subject to the Democratic Primary.

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MEETINGS.

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the ALBEMARLE & CHESAPEAKE CANAL CO. will be held at the office of the company, in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, at 12 o'clock m., on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1898.

By order of the Board of Directors.
D. S. BURWELL,
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AMUSEMENTS.