THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE FEMALE LAWYER'S BILL GIVEN A THIRD READING.

The Oyster Question--The Commissioner of Agriculture Bill Passed By--Appropriation to William and Mary College--Routine Work in Both Branches.

In the Senate, yesterday, the bill allowing women to practice law in the courts of Virginia came up as the special order. A large number of ladies were present.

Mr. Heaton said that he had understood that the bill was to be taken up only on a fair day. The weather without was a little cloudy.

Mr. Hurt said if he looked around within he would be forced to acknowledge that the scene was fair.

The reading of the letter from the husband of Mrs. Smith, at whose instigation the bill was drawn up, and the poetry that had been sent to the single Senator from Loudoun, was called for and complied with, after which Mr. Heaton proceeded to speak on the subject before the Senate. Mr. Smith wanted his wife to assist him in his practice in the Danville courts, and there was no reason why she should not. Mr. Heaton said he had been looking for a partner for some time, and he saw some prospects of success. [Laughter.]

Mr. Harrison said he thought the provision in the bill providing that a woman must be twenty-one years of age was unfair. He did not believe the women ought to be made to tell their ages.

Mr. Gordon said it was not right to make the would-be female lawyer the meat for amusement, but he favored the bill.

Mr. Yarrell spoke in favor of the measure. The speech of the occasion was delivered by Mr. Wood, of Charlotte. He said attention had been so much occupied with other matters that he had not had time to think about the bill. He disapproved of it. It is contrary to the laws of God and the devil. Why, gentlemen, when the devil tempted Eve he presented her with the apple. He didn't require her to climb the tree for it. In dust shalt thou eat bread was the sentence passed upon Adam, not Eve. He did not intend that Eve should work. Ah! These bachelors come here and want to pass laws to provide that when they get married their wives can support them. I ask the married men to stand with me in opposition for therein lies their safety. [Laughter. But the ladies already practice as much law as they ought to. They have their little domestic courts and methods of administering the law.

"But, my fellow Senators, here's the bitterest part of the measure. The right to practice law by women carries with it the right to select a legal partner. The idea of such a thing. The law which says what God hath joined together let no man put asunder. The idea of my wife practicing law with some other man! You bachelors ought to now be on your bended knees before some fair woman saying with "all my worldly goods I thee endow" and trying to establish a monopoly in her heart and a belt I be around her.

A vote was then taken, and the bill was ordered to its engrossment—ayes, 18; noes, 14.

Mr. Peters, the patron of the bill, would not vote. He said the remarks that had been made put him in a thoughtful mood, and though he had strongly favored the bill a few days ago, he now hesitated.

Mr. Heaton, of Loudoun, voted aye, and so did Mr. Barnes; both are leading lights in the Bachelors' Club.

OYSTER LAW.

Mr. Lovenstein, from the special joint committee appointed at the last session of the Legislature to inquire into the general subject of obtaining revenue from the oyster industry, presented a report, in which they say they made a careful and thorough tour of investigation of the oyster grounds of Virginia; visited and inspected the York, Potomac, Rappahannock, Piantitank, North and James rivers, Chesapeake and Mob Jack bays; and after careful consideration of the whole subject, they were of opinion that legislation is necessary in order to protect the interests of the State and her citizens engaged in this industry.

The committee also presented a bill amending the law in such particulars as they think necessary. The most important changes recommended are that the rent of oyster grounds surveyed and assigned by the State's appointed agents shall be one dollar per acre, instead of twenty-five cents as now; that there shall be appointed an inspector for each county, instead of this duty being discharged by the county treasurers as now; and that there shall be levied a special tax on all vessels engaged in this business.

The bill and report were referred to the Committee on General Laws.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

The bill relating to the election of the Commissioner of Agriculture engaged the attention of the Senate for nearly a half hour, and the subject is not yet finally disposed of. The question recurred on the adoption of the amendment proposed by the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, which originated in the House, striking out all of the Senate's amendment except that the commissioner shall be a practical farmer.

Mr. Harrison made an unsuccessful motion to have the bill passed by until Monday, and after some little discussion, the House amendment was rejected by the vote of 21 to 18. Mr. Harrison informed the House of the action of the Senate.

WILLIAM AND MARY.

The bill "to appropriate to William and Mary College the balance of the $10,000 appropriated by the act of March 5, 1888, which was not paid to the college by the Auditor of Public Accounts," came up on its engrossment as a special order.

Mr. Stubbs, the patron of the bill, spoke strenuously in its favor, and when he concluded the bill was ordered to its engrossment by a vote of 17 ayes to 11 nays.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

A letter from the Board of Education informed the Senate that the following appointments of superintendents of schools to fill vacancies existing for the term beginning July 1st, 1889:

Dr. William S. Christian, for the county of Middlesex.

John A. Herndon, for the city of Danville.

THE COLORED INSANE.

In the House Mr. Cabell, of Amherst, offered the following joint resolution, which was appropriately referred:

Be it resolved, by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring) that a joint committee of the two Houses, consisting of two Senators and three members of the House, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute; and further, to inquire into the practicability of utilizing the grounds, buildings and property now occupied and used by the said institute, and converting the same into an asylum for the cure and treatment of the colored insane, and it shall be the duty of the said committee to estimate as nearly as may be the probable cost of the proposed change, and to report their investigation within five days after the adoption of the resolution.

DANIEL'S ORATION.

Mr. Berry offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Hon. John W. Daniel's oration on the life, services, and character of Jefferson Davis, prefaced by the introductory address of the Hon. R. H. Cardwell, Speaker of the House of Delegates, be spread upon the journal of both houses, and that 2,000 copies of said oration be printed for the use of the members of the House of Delegates and Senate.

MARRYING UNDER AGE.

Mr. Magruder, of Shenandoah, introduced a bill to re-enact section 2218 of chapter 100 of the Code of 1887, in relation to consent of parent or guardian to the marriage of a party under twenty-one years of age.

The section revised reads as follows: If any person intending to marry be under twenty-one years of age, and has not been previously married, the consent of the father or guardian, or if there be none, of the mother of such person, shall be given either personally to the clerk, judge or mayor, or in writing subscribed by a witness, who shall make oath before the clerk, judge, or mayor that the said writing was signed or acknowledged in his presence by such father, guardian or mother, as the case may be, or in writing acknowledged before a notary public or any person authorized to take acknowledgments to deeds under the laws of this State.

SENATE ROUTINE.

Bills presented and referred: By Mr. Pleasants: Making appropriation for the enlargement of the Central Lunatic Asylum. [The bill seeks to appropriate $60,000 to sufficiently enlarge the asylum to provide quarters for 300 more patients.]

By Mr. Jones: To incorporate the Clifton Forge Company.

By Mr. Sands (by request): For the relief of Thomas P. Darracott from the payment of a fine of $100 imposed upon him by the County Court of Highland.

By Mr. Barnes: To incorporate the Newport News, Hampton and Old Point Comfort Telephone Company.

By same (by request): To incorporate the Newport News, Old Point Comfort and Norfolk Ferry Company.

By Mr. Pleasants: Resolutions of the board of supervisors of Prince George county in relation to appointments of detectives. (These supervisors ask to be allowed to appoint detectives when, in their judgment, their services are needed.)

Senate bills passed: To incorporate the Big Axe Coal, Coke and Iron Company.

House bills passed: To amend and re-enact sections 1, 8, 25 and 30 of an act approved January 31st, 1884, providing for a new charter for the city of Roanoke.

To authorize the county of Franklin to vote a subscription to the Roanoke and Southern Railway Company, and to provide for the payment of the same.

HOUSE ROUTINE.

Bills presented and referred: By Mr. Shepperd: To authorize the directors of the Planters' Warehouse Company, of Chase City, Va., to borrow money and secure same by deed of trust or mortgage on any real estate said company may own.

By Mr. Wilkins: To allow J. B. Wise to erect a wharf on Cherrystone creek, in Northampton county.

By Mr. Dabney: To amend and re-enact section 1 of an act entitled an act to authorize the sheriff of Albemarle county to execute process and serve notices in the city of Charlottesville.

By Mr. Preston: To provide for working and keeping in repair the county roads of Bottetourt.

By Mr. Gibson: To increase the pay of the county judge of Culpeper.

By Mr. Hankins: To allow the voters of Red Bank district, Halifax county, to vote on the fence law.

By Mr. Lightner: To authorize a deed for a portion of the land belonging to the congregation of St. James Church in Churchhill, Augusta county.

By Mr. Byrne: To release to Mrs. Margaret E. C. Waddell the claim of the Commonwealth for the maintenance of Ed. C. Cabell, a lunatic.

By Mr. Berry: To allow the qualified voters of Dranesville district, Fairfax county, to vote upon the question of amending section 2, repealing last clause of section 4 and all of section 5, chapter 73 Acts of Assembly, extra session 1887.

By same: Petition of George W. Hawkhurst and others against changing the boundaries of the corporation of Falls Church, in the county of Fairfax.

By same: Petition of W. A. Duncan and others to change the corporate limits of Falls Church, in the county of Fairfax.

By Mr. Hankins: For the relief of sureties of W. P. Carter, deputy treasurer, and A. R. Green, treasurer, of Halifax county.

By Mr. McGruder: To amend and re-enact section 2218 of chapter 100, Code of Virginia.

By Mr. Hackler: For the relief of H. T. Burnett.

By Mr. Boykin: To amend and re-enact section 14 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Franklin, Southampton county.

By Mr. Kendrick: To incorporate the American Fuel and Oil Gas Company.

By Mr. Hackler: To amend and re-enact section 3080, Code of 1887.

By Mr. Gibson: To amend and re-enact section 2757, of the Code of Virginia.

By Mr. Coleman: To incorporate the Tye River and Rockfish Valley Railroad Company.

Senate bills passed: To incorporate the Carroll Iron Company.

For the relief of C. M. Botts and Robert Mullen.

To incorporate the Norfolk and Washington, D. C., Steamboat Company.

House bills passed: To amend and re-enact section 852 of the Code of 1887 in relation to compensation to clerks of supervisors.

To incorporate the Roslyn, Arlington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railroad and Street Railway Company.

To amend and re-enact section 875 of chapter 38 Code of Virginia of 1887, in relation to compensation of superintendents of the poor.

To amend and re-enact section 913 of the Code of 1887 in relation to who are disqualified to be county supervisors.

For the relief of Mrs. Ann E. Melon, of Culpeper county.

In relation to the catching of oysters.

Touching an office for the Attorney-General at a cost not to exceed $400.

To incorporate the Virginia Princess Coal and Steel Company.

To incorporate the Virginia Land Company.

Placing a practical farmer at the head of the Agricultural Department.

To incorporate the Jeter Female Seminary at Farmville.

To incorporate the Rich Valley Railroad Company.

To amend the Code in relation to unlawful killing of partridges, relative to the duties of Harbor Commissioner of Portsmouth and Norfolk.

Incorporating the air line and draw bridge Company.

Incorporating the Pan American Railway Company.

In relation to working the roads in Frederick and Clarke County, relating to the trespass of stock in Clarke County.

In relation to poisoning animals.

In relation to acts of limitation and action thereon.

Concerning the term of the clerk of the County Court of Charlotte.

Giving P. D. Diver further time to collect taxes.

Incorporating the Fauquier and White Sulphur Turnpike Company.

In the Courts.

Supreme Court of Appeals.—Richmond and Danville Railroad Company against Payne. From the Circuit Court of Albemarle county. Reversed. Judge Lewis delivering the opinion.

Warwick against Warwick. From the Circuit Court of Henrico. Affirmed. Judge Lacy delivering the opinion.

Schonberger against the Commonwealth. From the Hustings Court of Richmond. Reversed. Judge Fauntleroy delivering the opinion.

Wallace against Minor, Botetout County against Burger, and Carter against Noland. Rehearing denied.

West against Gordon. Petition to put cause on privilege docket denied.

Vernon, &c., against Farmer's executor. Appeal and supersedeas awarded to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pittsylvania county, on the 5th of December, 1889.

Bolling against Bolling. Appeal and supersedeas awarded to a decree of the Hustings Court of the city of Petersburg, on the 24 day of February, 1889.

Pitts against the Frick Company. Argued by John F. Rixey, Esq., for the defendant in error and Judge W. L. Jeffries for the plaintiff in error and submitted.

Castleman against Berry. Argued by A. W. Armstrong, Esq., for appellant and S. Ferguson Beach, Esq., for appellee.

Police Court.—The continued case of John Cox, charged with stealing two gold rings, valued at $17.50, the property of Julia McMinniman, was called and dismissed.

Bettie Westley (colored), charged with being disorderly on the premises of Mrs. Julia Davis, and abusing Policeman Joyner while in the discharge of his duty.

The accused declared that Policeman Joyner had unmercifully beaten her while arresting her; that he knocked her out of the door and then beat her, after which she was taken to the station-house. The story of the witness was corroborated by another colored girl who lived next door and stated that Mrs. Apperson saw him beat her.

Justice Crutchfield continued the case until Mrs. Apperson could appear and testify. It was continued until to-day and summons was issued for Mrs. Apperson and other witnesses for the defence.

John O'Dwyer, drunk and disorderly in the street, fined $5 and cost.

John R. Leahman was fined $5 for injuring a horse belonging to James H. Sweeney.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Chancery Court.—Christian & Sands, special commissioners, to C. R. Kuyk, 99 feet on west side Randolph street, between Pleasant and Short, $1,155; Christian R. Kuyk and wife to Mary A. Matthews, 28 feet on Pleasant street, southwest corner Randolph, $560; D. C. Richardson, special commissioner, to W. T. Woody, 33 feet on east side Thirtieth street, near Clay, $1,005; Mary J. Turner to Melsena S., wife of John H. Smith, 19 5-12 feet on west side Eighteenth street, between Broad and Marshall, $500; Lucy T. and H. W. Tyler to Bettie W. Cosby, 20 feet on north side Leigh street, near Durham, $825.

Hustings Court of Manchester.—B. T. Crump, special commissioner, to B. Remke, 146 feet on north side Fifth street, between Porter and Bainbridge, $2,975; Nancy Green to Sarah, wife of A. L. Adamson, 41 feet on north side Porter street, near Fifteenth, $615; Charles L. Page to R. C. Broaddus, 33 feet on south side Porter street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth, $594; John Pickrell, special commissioner, to Maggie M. Pilson, 31 feet on south side Porter street, $558.

Henrico County.—Walton O. Phillips to Clara A. Phillips, 2 acres at southwest corner Williamsburg turnpike and National Cemetery road, $1,400; J. B. Wiggins to G. J. Hundley, lot on Gilbert street near New Reservoir, $1,000.

Prescription for Grip.

A lady of Norfolk has some anxiety about the health of her husband, who has been in this city several days. Anxiety has found relief in the following bit of poetry, which she sent him yesterday:

Little grains of quinine,
Little drinks of rye,
Make la grippe that's got you
Drop its hold and fly.

This may quickly help you,
If you'll only try;
But don't forget the quinine
When you take the rye.

PAYING THE PIPER.

BELLES AND BEAUX REST AFTER THE COLONIAL BALL.

What a Busy Supper Committee Accomplished—General News of the City—Burial of Mrs. Randolph—Manchester Matters—Town Notes.

Many of the belles and some of the beaux of Richmond were not seen on the promenades yesterday. They were recuperating after the exhausting pleasures of the Colonial Assembly, which did not come to an end until 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The excitement of the dance, the music and the beautiful surroundings had suffocated the sense of fatigue as long as they lasted, but when the merry-makers had reached their homes they gladly welcomed the chance for repose.

The chief topic of conversation in many quarters yesterday was the brilliant success of the ball in every respect, in spite of the rain. It is estimated that six hundred and fifty tickets carrying one all over the house were sold, and one hundred admitting to the gallery alone. When the amount thus realized is added that derived from the sale of reserved seats and boxes, the statement can be confidently made that a right round sum will remain for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, after all expenses have been met.

The highest praise is given to the various committees for their effective work, and the general comment was most favorable regarding one particularly—the supper committee. While the crush was great, and at times caused an over-demand for plates, cups, spoons and other necessary appendages to a gratifying supper, everybody was satisfactorily served.

For this credit must be given to the committee, who not only were present in the supper-room until half-past 2 o'clock in the morning, but who had been making preparations for two days. The committee consisted of Mrs. Thomas A. Brander, chairman; Mrs. James B. Pace, Mrs. Isaiah H. White, Mrs. Clay Drewry, Mrs. D. L. Lynch, Mrs. W. G. Ferguson, Mrs. Lewis Burwell, Mrs. Robert W. Powers, Mrs. Jock Ellerson, Mrs. Powhatan Breeden, Miss Kitty Stiles, Mrs. E. O. Nolting, Miss Mattie Harris, Mrs. George W. Mayo, Mrs. Edward Mayo, Mrs. Walter Martin, Mrs. R. T. Colston, Miss Camilla Scott, Mrs. Thomas Neal, and Mrs. John Potts.

The association is also gratified at the courtesy of several florists of the city who furnished designs and loose flowers. They were Messrs. Harvey, Hammond, Catlin and Turner. The ladies were assisted greatly in decorating the place by George W. Anderson & Co.

An idea of the work done by the ladies may be had from an inspection of the following components of the menu prepared: 1,080 fried oysters, 14 gallons of coffee, 300 croquettes, 300 oyster patties, 35 gallons of salad, 5 cold turkeys, 4 hams, 7 tongues, 3 bushels of sandwiches, 10 gallons of raw oysters in blocks of ice, a saddle of mutton, 300 stalks of celery, 4 gallons of oil, 8 dozen eggs, 25 gallons of ice-cream, 300 Charlotte Reusses, 20 pounds of assorted cake, and fruits of various kinds.

EIGHTH STREET TUNNEL.

A New Ordinance Prepared for Submission to the Council—Council Matters.

The tunnel under Eighth street has assumed fresh vigor. The Richmond and Chesapeake Railroad Company obtained its charter some time ago, and along with it came the right to tunnel Eighth street. The scheme held fire for some time and seemed about to die, but it now comes to the front with renewed life.

A sub-committee from the Committee on Streets made a report last night to an adjourned meeting of the committee, and this report was presented in the shape of an ordinance, which the Committee on Streets will recommend to the Council for adoption.

Mr. Oliver W. Barnes, a well-known capitalist from New York, has taken hold of the enterprise, and, together with some of our leading progressive men, is working the matter up.

The ordinance referred to indicates that work will be commenced during the next month, and that a bond of $100,000 will be given to insure the completion of the work; that it must be done under the sanction of the Committee on Streets, with Col. Cutshaw, City Engineer, as adviser, and all safeguards that may be necessary will be thrown around the work, so far as the rights of property-owners and the city's interests are concerned, along the line of Eighth street. This ordinance will be presented at the meeting of the Council next Monday.

The Committee on St. John's Burying Ground, met last night and ordered paid, sundry bills. Mr. Mann was appointed a sub-committee, to appear before the Finance Committee, and ask for a suitable appropriation to cover the expense of placing an iron railing around the cemetery, on its Broad street boundary.

The Committee on Second Market and the Committee on Water also held meetings last night, but nothing of unusual import dignified the proceedings.

To-day there will be meetings of the Committees on Electric Light, Police and Cemeteries.

RESERVOIR MISSION.

The Corner-Stone of the New Chapel Laid With Much Ceremony.

The corner-stone of the Reservoir Mission Chapel (an offspring of the Grace-street Baptist Church), on the corner of Cary and Meadow streets, was laid yesterday evening with imposing ceremonies.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher, the pastor of the Grace-street Baptist Church, presided. He gave a brief history of the work and told how the young men of the missionary society had labored earnestly and devotedly in the old school-house near by, and through their efforts the funds for the erection of the church had been raised.

Dr. W. W. Landrum, of the Second Baptist Church, read appropriately from the Bible, and Rev. S. A. Clopton, of the Clay-Street Baptist Church, offered an earnest prayer.

Brief congratulatory and encouraging addresses were then made by Dr. George Cooper, of the First Baptist Church; Dr. S. A. Goodwin, of the West End Baptist Church, and Dr. Landrum.

At the close of the religious service a box containing a list of the names of the members of the society and Confederate and Federal money was placed in the inclosure of the corner stone by Mr. L. W. Phillips. A number of students of Richmond College assisted in the singing.

The chapel, when completed, will be one of the handsomest in the city. It is located on an eminence, and pleasantly surrounded. It will be completed by next May.

Sunday-school service will be held in the school-house while the building is in progress, and Rev. Mr. Hart will preach.

PRAYING FOR DIVORCE.

Mrs. Edward Geese Says She is Afraid of Her Husband.

Mrs. Annie Geese, of 715 Brook Avenue, who with her husband, figured in a case before the Police Court the other day, in which Edward Geese was charged with assault and battery, has brought suit for divorce, and Judge Fitzhugh of the Chancery Court, has entered on her petition, a decree adjoining and restraining the husband or his agents and attorneys, from molesting or interfering with his wife.

In her bill she cites that she married Edward Geese in Washington city October 26, 1882, at which time she was individually possessed of considerable property, and alleges that her husband persuaded her to deed to him the real estate, personal property, money, etc. The proposition as to real estate she first refused, but finally yielded to, and gave him money and set him up in business; that he squandered the money and failed in business; that on several occasions she had to ask the law's protection for fear he would kill her; that after being convicted recently of beating her, and being bound over for good behavior, he threatened to murder her, and went home and began to remove her effects, and that she is now completely broken down and under the treatment of two physicians.

THE EXPOSITION GROUNDS.

Another Appeal to be Made to the Council Concerning Them.

The Executive Committee of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical Society held a meeting yesterday at the Merchants' Bank. Present: Mr. Ashton Starke, president; General Joseph R. Anderson, Colonel A. S. Buford, Mr. John P. Branch, Dr. R. A. Patterson, Mr. Normand Smith and Mr. Joseph Bryan.

Mr. Starke read the bill passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, authorizing the society to sell the Exposition Grounds. After which the following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That Mr. N. W. Bowe, real estate agent, is hereby authorized to advertise and sell at public auction the property of the Virginia State Agricultural Society; that he shall at once have a plot made of the grounds with the extension of streets shown, and that the sale be made by lots or in parcels, as Mr. Bowe shall deem for the best interests of the society, subject to the further control and directions of the executive committee; and that the sale be made at the earliest practicable day.

The following resolution was read and adopted after quite a lengthy discussion:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Agricultural and Mechanical Society, earnestly desiring that the valuable property of this Society shall not be sold for the payment of its debts, for reasons already made manifest, therefore we make the final appeal to the Board of Aldermen of the city of Richmond that it will reconsider and take such action as will avert this calamity to this city; that the president of the Board of Aldermen will call a meeting at the earliest possible day to consider this matter.

Mr. N. W. Bowe, in whose hands the property has been placed for sale, and Mr. Starke, the president of the society, read several propositions from parties and organizations for certain portions of the grounds. An offer from another city was also submitted looking to the removal of the society's property to that place, at which the State fairs or expositions are to be held.

BURIAL OF MRS. RANDOLPH.

Sketch of the Life of the Mother of the Assistant Bishop of This Diocese.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary M. Randolph, the venerable mother of Bishop A. M. Randolph, were held yesterday by Bishop Whittle at the residence of Bishop Randolph, Third street, at 2:30 P. M.

The remains were taken on the 3:45 Chesapeake and Ohio train to the old Randolph home, at Eastern View, in Fauquier county, accompanied by her sons, Right Rev. A. M. Randolph, Rev. Buckner M. Randolph, W. F. Randolph, Esq., and Beverley Randolph, Esq.

Mrs. Mary Buckner Thruston Randolph was the widow of Robert Lee Randolph, of Eastern View, Fauquier county, Va., and was in the eighty-first year of her age.

She was a daughter of Colonel Charles Magill, a member of the Winchester bar and an officer in the Revolutionary war; and her maternal grandfather was Colonel Charles Mynn Thruston, an Episcopal minister, who raised a corps of elite young Virginians in Gloucester and adjacent counties, and joined General Washington in New Jersey, where, in a daring and brilliant attack upon a superior number of Hessians, he was severely wounded, and for which he was complimented and promoted on the field by the commander-in-chief.

In 1862; Mrs. Randolph, then a widow who had sent her sons to face the foe, was driven from her home by the Federal invaders, who utterly destroyed the beautiful seat of ancestral grace and hospitality; but ever since the war she has clung lovingly to the dear ruins, and entwined around them the clustering sympathies and affections of the many warm hearts in which she has been cherished with tender and reverent devotion.

Her mind was strong, cultured and refined; her spirit gentle, kind and absolutely self-denying, and her long career upon earth was a living ministry of fidelity to duty, devotedness to family and friends, the love of God, and faith in the redeeming grace of the Saviour; who, in her early days, spoke to her the Words of Life, and in whose death her sins were all dead.

She has left five children—Captain William Fitzhugh Randolph, who commanded the body-guard of General T. J. Jackson; Mary, the wife of Edward Carter Turner, of Fauquier; the Right Reverend Alfred Magill Randolph, assistant bishop of Virginia; the Reverend Buckner Magill Randolph, rector of Emmanuel Church, Henrico county, Virginia, and Beverley Randolph.

MANCHESTER MATTERS.

Death of Dr. S. L. Ingram's Mother—Talk of Buying the Bridge.

The news reached Manchester yesterday of the death, in Lunenburg county, of Mrs. Alice L. Ingram, mother of Dr. S. L. Ingram, of Manchester, aged eighty-nine years. Mrs. Ingram was in remarkably good health for her age up to several weeks ago, and could read with ease. She was the wife of the late Captain Sylvanus Ingram, who was an officer in the war of 1812. Her children are Dr. S. L. Ingram, of Manchester; Dr. Thomas Ingram, of Lunenburg; Mrs. Roberta Ingram, of Chesterfield; Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Amelia Rudd, of Lunenburg.

It is understood that the bill authorizing the city councils of Richmond and Manchester or either to purchase Mayo's bridge will be introduced in the Legislature today. Ex-Mayor Taylor, who is preparing the bill, said yesterday that the bill would be ready to-day. He thinks it will be advisable for both cities to purchase Mayo's bridge and make it a free bridge, and the bill will not make the purchase compulsory but simply give the cities, or either of them authority to buy the property if they desire.

At a meeting of Sisterhood Branch, No. 1099, Order Iron Hall, held at Owen's Hall, the following officers were installed: Past Chief Justice, Mrs. Willie A. Robinson; Chief Justice, Miss L. Eva Dornin; Vice-Justice, Miss Agnes A. Ely; Accountant, Miss Verlinda P. Tennille; Cashier, Mrs. Etta A. Roberts; Adjustor, Mrs. Ellen V. Lipscomb; Prelate, Mrs. Emily P. Harrison; Herald, Mrs. Bertha A. Lipscomb; Watchman, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Dornin; Vidette, Mrs. Sarah J. Carwiles. Trustees: Mrs. Hattie H. Cottrell, Mrs. Josephine W. Brandis, and Mrs. Catherine E. Broach.

The water in the river is quite low for this season.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council will be held to-night.

The Richmond and Danville Railroad Company are repairing their dry kiln, which was recently damaged by fire.

Clerk DuVal has issued a marriage license to Mr. H. T. Wingo, of Chesterfield, and Miss Zenade Campbell, of this city.

Mr. Robert Nelson, the newly appointed City Engineer, will enter upon his duties on the February 1st.

Mr. Lorenzo Lipscomb, sign painter, will submit a proposition at the next meeting of the City Council to number the streets.

Workmen are making rapid progress in the painting of the electric-light and telephone poles on Hull street.

Ex-Mayor John E. Taylor had several capitalists from Pittsburg in Manchester Wednesday afternoon showing them around. They are largely engaged in the iron and coal industry in the North.

CHURCH WORK.

The Baptists to Build and the Methodists to Alter Their Edifices.

The members of the Grace-street Baptist Church have decided to build a new church instead of remodeling the old building.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher, the energetic pastor, has succeeded in raising nearly $20,000 for the building, and the work will begin soon. The new church will be on the site of the old one, on the corner of Grace and Foushee streets.

The congregation of the Clay Street Methodist Church will in the near future make some notable improvements in their church. The old building will be altered and made the equal of almost any in the city. Drawings for the building have been submitted. Those who are taking an active part in the movement are: Rev. W. H. Atwell, the pastor; Messrs. G. J. Hunt and F. S. Dalton and others. The improvements will cost about $10,000.

Given Control of the Hotels.

An agreement bearing the date of September 2, 1889, between the late Colonel Joseph L. Carrington and Mr. W. S. Carrington, was filed in the Chancery Court yesterday. The contract gives Mr. W. S. Carrington absolute control of the Exchange Hotel and Ballard House until the expiration of the lease—June 1, 1891. The agreement provides that the provisions shall not be revoked by the death of Colonel J. L. Carrington, notwithstanding that there may be anything in the will to the contrary.

Personal Mention.

Messrs. S. W. Travers, J. G. Tinsley and Isaac Davenport, who are interested in the chemical works, have expressed to Mayor Ellyson their willingness to do all in their power to abate the nuisance at that place, and all expressed regrets at the occurrence of Tuesday night last.

Mr. J. H. Wilcox, editor of the Portsmouth Daily Progress, is in the city. He comes as one of the representatives of the the Board of Trade of his city in opposition to the proposed Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line.

Mr. W. W. Jones, treasurer of New Kent county; Captain S. S. Dinwiddie, of Russell county; and Mr. H. J. Reinmund, of New York, were at the Capitol yesterday.

Captain W. H. Green, general superintendent of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, is in the city.

C. W. Throckmorton, of Danville, qualified to practice in the Chancery Court yesterday.

Mr. John B. Anderson, of Danville, is in the city.

Notes About Town.

Mr. Colonel Tom Green and daughter, of New York; the daughter and grand-daughter of Colonel Fred Skinner, who came on to attend the Colonial ball, returned home last evening.

Mrs. Belle Brown Morriss, who died yesterday in Petersburg, was a daughter of the late D. A. Brown, and a sister of J. Thompson Brown, Jr., and Leroy E. Brown.

The Rev. J. J. Lafferty will lecture tonight at Seventh-street Christian Church on "Luck and Pluck." The admission will be twenty-five cents.

A civil service examination will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, on Ninth street, on Tuesday, February 4th, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Mr. J. Hampton Hoge has a fine raccoon which is as tame as a dog. He has named the animal "Mechanicsville."

AN APPEAL FOR AID.

PETITION OF FARMERS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY.

A Printed Statement Circulated Showing Their Condition Resulting From Failure of Crops Due to the Heavy Rains.

The following appeal to capitalists and wealthy citizens of the land was received by mail last night by THE TIMES. On the back of the appeal, which is printed, is this sentence: "Anything you can do for the poor of our county through your valuable paper will be appreciated. W. Samuel Goodwyn."

"In the name of charity, humanity and mercy, we, the undersigned petitioners, farmers of the county of Greensville, State of Virginia, ask your attention to this summary account of the destitute condition of ourselves and families; a condition of want brought about by no negligence or lack of industry on our part, but by a total failure of our crops.

"The seed was sown, the usual expenditure of labor and money for securing a yield and harvest was applied, but the continuous rains of the summer and fall wrought ruin and destruction to the agricultural class of this country as effectually as if they had been swept by a Johnstown flood or lived in the track of a Western cyclone, and the result is a complete paralysis of money and labor, with want of bread, the necessaries of life, and black despair following in the wake of such a stroke to off class.

"The cry for bread has already gone up, and as the winter advances a wail for warmth will add an accompaniment of woe and suffering. The people of this land have always responded promptly and liberally to every call for help from their suffering brothers, and we, your earnest and urgent petitioners, beg you to turn not away from the cry of women and children for aid and breathe a sigh of pity only, but turn to your abundance and from it send assistance to this unfortunate yet worthy class of your countrymen.

"Buoyed with hope that our prayer for aid will be speedily responded to, we beg that all contributions will be sent to W. Samuel Goodwyn and E. L. Turner, Emporia, Va., who will distribute the same according to our necessities.

THE LIST OF SIGNERS.

J. F. Williams, R. P. Morris, B. F. Pearson, J. B. Tucker, James Hobbs, T. E. Williams, A. M. Brantly, John Hill, L. D. Vaughan, Samuel White, Charles Westmoreland, A. A. Rowland, Benjamin Spain, H. W. Cowey, Cyrus Tyler, Jessee Jarratt, Henry Watts, John T. Wyche, Elijah Tyler, J. J. Pettaway, Cain Rufin, Isaac Spencer, George N. Tomason, Billy Green, A. R. Wells, Henry Copeland, Collier Ferguson, James Ferguson, James Robinson, Allen Jones, Claiborne Jones, William Epps, Thomas Cabiness, A. P. Woodruff, Sam. Jackson, Stephen Garner, Anthony Hobbs, Epps High, Davey Pearson, G. C. Robinson, Henry Walker, John Wells, Edward Smith, Goodwyn Pearson, Manson Wyche, W. L. Word, J. F. Williams, Broddie Morgan, Henry Squire, N. H. Ferguson, N. Y. Allen, Hartwell High, Mrs. S. C. Mitchell, F. M. Collins, Gus Cain, T. P. L. Hobbs, N. L. Gordon, J. F. Robinson, Grant Wyche, Edmund Smith, A. G. Moore, J. H. Moss, Jim Atkins, Aaron Rork, R. H. Rork, W. H. Young, John E. Clark, William E. Newsom, Abner Blunt, H. B. Williams, F. M. Clarke, W. G. Watson, John L. Stevenson, Ridley Coper, J. W. Gandle, J. P. Porch, A. W. Howard, E. C. Allison, James H. Hamlin, W. J. Slaughter, J. H. Newsom, M. A. Thorpe, R. H. Harrison, A. W. Vick, George R. Crump, H. K. Connor, W. H. Hubbard, J. W. Rowell, J. M. Jordon, J. G. Morris, J. H. Morris, J. N. Tillar, Wm. Barlow, E. S. Jones, J. E. Graham, N. J. Harkins, T. P. Long, A. E. Morris, T. J. Rowell, Moses Parham, Junius Scott, Herod Lundy, J. Westley Hall, John Epps, Henry Wyche, Henry Powell, Willis Turner, A. W. Bradley, J. W. Feild, James W. Grizzard, Lewis Tyler, J. H. Pepper, William A. Buckner, Wyatt Spencer, W. H. Purdy, D. L. Harvey, James W. Hobbs, W. L. Pearson, C. L. Thomas, Emmet Rork, W. J. Wright, George Pepper, W. A. D. Taylor, Davie Avent, J. N. Edwards, Henry Vincent, James Atkins, Sr., Mike Carpenter, Peter Avent, R. C. Southall, J. E. Morgan, Wm. Whitfield, Geo. W. Sealorn, J. H. Murfree, Isaac Epps, Fred Crier, Sterling Tucker, W. Lewis, A. T. Williams, Jesse Cun, Jesse Corey, Solomon Edwards, J. H. Robinson, W. A. Dickinson, Wm. Tyler, J. F. Allen, D. W. Collier, T. W. Newsom, Charles Taylor, W. A. Blunt, William Faison, Ransom Smith, Henry Thomas, A. B. Morgan, F. J. Wren, Drew Hewitt, J. F. Johnson, Ben Ruffin, J. J. Mills, J. H. Styles, Dillard & Turner, W. C. Dogle, T. W. Buckner, F. H. Hobbs, Robert Waitts, W. H. Morgan, J. D. Davis, R. M. Robinson, Nat. Pelham, W. W. Buckner, B. H. Newsom, Jean & Tomlinson, J. B. Manning, John Chambliss, Stith Jones, W. D. Fisher, John Stokes, Fed Vincent, Lewis Jones, Israel Givens, Nat Taylor, George Chambliss, W. C. Mason, Jim Mason, Stith Jones, Richard Dunn, Nick Spencer, F. W. Cole, C. D. Abernathy, A. B. Thomason, John Wible, W. F. Collier, Richard Arnet, Henry Brown, John S. Spencer, W. T. Newsom, P. P. Bowen, John L. Ivey, G. W. Newsom, H. N. Allen, Farmer & Mitchell, George D. Allen, James H. Harrison, Thomas Taylor, William Cary, J. M. Rork, J. F. Ferguson, Henry Williams, J. A. Robinson, J. F. Johnson, James Robinson, Peter Robinson, R. W. Ferguson, G. A. Hinchey, W. H. Woodruff, T. S. Wright, Holland Cooke, Manson Mabry, George Pearson, Davey Mayes, H. M. Garner, Thomas Hill, Robert Hidley, Jim Cain, Peter Cain, Ed. Wilkins, Ransom Malone, Albert Jones, Charles Avent, George Rives, Edmund Mason, William Vincent, Richard T. Pace, Henry Mason, Sandy Wyatt, J. J. Garner, P. W. Pollard, C. W. Saunders, J. H. Chambliss, S. R. Jean, W. T. Brantly, W. F. Chilty, Richard G. Grigg, George W. Field, A. B. Batte, B. F. Jarratt, Doc Avent, Joe Roberts, Harry Rork, William Stith, J. S. Wells, Stephen High, W. H. Newsom, William Wyche, Henry Phillips, L. M. Spencer, B. F. Wells, James W. Webb, Epps Arrington, Edward Davis, Claiborn Cain, W. L. Robinson, Bob Howell, W. F. Hobbs, S. W. Garner, H. P. Morgan, E. H. Allen, D. A. King, E. Edwards, J. E. Pollard, W. B. Allen, B. S. Ray, Irey Tisdale, Gilbert Tyler, F. H. Cleeton, J. H. Broadnax, Thomas Cox, Solomon Parham, J.