A MAY MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

THE MOZART ASSOCIATION'S FIRST GRAND ATTEMPT.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra, Mme. Steinbach-Jahns, the Famous Singer; the Gesang-Verein Virginia, and a Mixed Chorus of 285 Voices.

To-night will begin Richmond's first musical festival under the auspices of the Mozart Association. The Boston Symphony Orchestra, the finest organization of its kind in this country, will make its debut in this city, with Mme. Steinbach-Jahns as the vocalist. This will be the symphony night. To-morrow will be chorus night, and the Gesang-Verein Virginia, sixty voices, Charles L. Siegel, conductor, and the festival chorus, 285 voices, Clarance A. Marshall, conductor, accompanied by the orchestra, will be heard. Here are the programmes for the two entertainments:

SYMPHONY NIGHT.

Overture, "Euryanthe," Orchestra.
Aria from "Freischutz," Mme. Steinbach-Jahns.
"Bal Costume," Rubinstein.
Ballet for Orchestra.
Songs with Piano—Mme. Steinbach-Jahns.
Symphony in A (Italian), Mendelssohn. (Allegro Vivace-Andante Connoto-Moderato-Salterello.)

CHORUS NIGHT.

Overture, "Tannhauser," Orchestra.
Chorus, "Unfold ye Portals," Festival Chorus and Orchestra.
Aria from "Tannhauser," Mme. Steinbach-Jahns.
Suite, "Peer Gynt," Grieg, Orchestra.
Male Chorus, "Siegesgesang," Abt, Gesang-Verein Virginia.
Ballade and Polonaise for Violin, Vieuxtemps, Mr. Kneisel.
Marcir and Chorus "Hail Bright Abode," Wagner, Festival Chorus and Orchestra.

THE CONDUCTOR.

The conductor of the orchestra is that famous young Kapellmeister, Mr. Arthur Nikisch, one of the leading and most important conductors in the world. He comes from Szent-Miklos, a small town situated in the principality of Liechenstein. He is thirty-five years of age. His father occupied the position of head steward and auditor to the prince, and was himself an enthusiastic musical amateur. In earliest childhood, the boy showed such an extraordinary talent that his parents determined to educate him as a musician. He began his studies with the violin; and he mastered this instrument with such ease and so completely that, at the early age of eight, he appeared in public with most extraordinary success,—in fact the young prodigy received a genuine ovation. His first studies in harmony and organ-playing were made under the direction of the organist Prechaczka, in the neighboring town of Buschtowitz; and in all branches the lad made such remarkable progress as to enable him to enter the Royal Conservatory in Vienna at the unusually early age of eleven. There he remained for eight years, and then applied for and was appointed to a desk at the Royal Opera. After that his rise was rapid. Under his care and direction the Leipzig Theatre orchestra has gained a European fame, which entitles it to an equal or even superior place to the Gewandhaus orchestra. A performance of the colossal Ninth Symphony in 1882 is said to have been the most magnificent ever given; while the superb manner in which he conducted the concerts of the last "Tonkunstler-Versammlung" in 1883 brought him a profusion of orders and decorations from all over the country. He also conducted on many occasions in the Gewandhaus as Reinecke's substitute, and has also given many remarkably successful concerts with his own theatre orchestra. More especially noteworthy, however, is the manner in which he conducted the recent monster concerts of the Liszt Society. With them, he achieved a success which caused all the noted German critics to acknowledge that Arthur Nikisch is one of the most brilliant and talented living conductors, both in the theatre and on the concert stage.

THE ORCHESTRA.

The orchestra was originally made up of the best available players of Boston and New York. Year by year it has been strengthened by the acquisition of superior performers wherever they could be found, until now it is everywhere conceded that no such company has ever been brought together. In its ranks are representatives of the leading orchestras of Vienna, Leipzig, Berlin, Paris and London. At the head of the violins, as concert master, is Franz Kneisel, who plays a solo to-morrow night, and he is supported by C. M. Loeffler, T. Adamowski, and a corps of players, every member of which is a solo artist. At the first desk of the 'cells sit Anton Hekking and Leo Schulz; on the flute and oboe will be heard Mole and Sautet, who came two years ago from the Opera Comique, Paris. Other prominent players among the wind instruments are Xaver Reiter, first horn; Pierre Mutler, first trumpet, late of the Lamoureaux Orchestra, Paris, and Goldsmith, the first clarionet.

THE GESANG-VEREIN.

The Gesang-Verein Virginia will sing with the following voices, accompanied by the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Charles M. Siegel:

First tenors: W. Ebel, Chas. Lundin, G. Loth, H. Greener, Ed. Moll, H. F. Miller, Chas. Phillips, M. F. Richter, S. Steinlein, P. Stumpf, and F. Will.

Second tenors: W. Herbig, P. Klein, H. Boltz, H. Bromm, Chas. Closs, C. Schaaf, J. Spilling, Herm. Schmidt, O. Ostergreen, O. Spott, A. Volkmann, and E. Stumpf.

First basses: M. Briel, B. Brauer, T. Ebel, F. C. Ebel, A. Hartung, Aug. Moll, G. Klein, L. Kaufmann, T. F. Koehler, C. F. Koehler, L. Bromm, M. Lindner, C. O. Loth, H. G. Miller, G. Runge and W. Zimmermann.

Second basses: W. Dietz, Chas. Ganser, O. Lohmann, Th. Keck, E. Lundin, A. Nickel, B. Haase, H. Ebel, C. Dietrich, M. Schaaf, H. Schmidt, Chas. Poindexter, A. Volmer, A. Wolff and Chas. Haase.

FESTIVAL CHORUS.

The festival chorus is an amalgamation of several smaller choral societies and members of church choirs, &c. Mr. Clarance A. Marshall will conduct the numbers. The chorus is composed as follows:

Sopranos: Miss L. Arnold, Mrs. J. Harvie Blair, Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mrs. Bigelow, Misses Mary Bass, Lucy Beech, Lula Bethel, Effie Bethel, Kate Brennan, Lily Bishop, Kate Brewn, Mrs. James Calder, Mrs. W. R. Cook, Mrs. Thomas Christian, Misses Eliora Chapin, Ferdie Davison, Lula Dunstan, Mollie Drinard, M. D. Deuzler, Mrs. M. B. Ebel, Misses Fannie Eaton, Katie Ebel, Lena Ebel, Louisa Ebel, Mrs. W. E. Fitzwilson, Miss Jennie Fergusson, Mrs. W. J. Gilman, Mrs. P. F. Greenwood, Misses Fannie Gwathmey, Bettie Goode, M. L. Garnett, D. Gibbs, Mrs. A. C. Harding, Misses L. G. Henning, Eva Harris, Mollie Harrison, N. F. Harrison, Josie Harris, Selma Hempl, Mrs. E. Jenkins, Mrs. B. C. Lockerman, Mrs. J. Lundin, Misses Kate Lee, Mattie Landrum, Bessie Lee, E. Latham, Mrs. Dr. Michaux, Misses Viola Minor, Annie Meyer, Ledie Martin, B. Martin, Salie Montgomery, Bessie Nichols, Mrs. D. W. Pugh, Mrs. W. S. Quarles, Misses L. M. Quarles, E. Quarles, Ellie Pumphrey, Lizzie Pumphrey, Emma Palmer, C. W. Pulliam, H. G. Pulliam, Annie Perkins, Fannie Powers, Mamie I. Puser, Anne Poole, Mrs A. H. Raynal, Mrs. M. B. Ramos, Mrs. D. S. Redford, Mrs. L. Ramstetter, Misses Mollie Redford, Ida Robinson, Bertha Robinson, Kate Richardson, Laura Richardson, Emma Roberts, Estelle Shackleford, Emma Staude, Janie Steel, Mrs. Dr. Taylor, Misses Lena Thilow, Hattie Tinsley, Lizzie Vandew, Mrs. E. Leslie Watson, Mrs. W. M. Wren, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Mrs. L. Weil, Mrs. S. E. Woodfin, Mrs. N. F. Worth and Miss Alice Whitcomb.

Contraltos: Misses Lizzie Adams, Kate Beckwith, Jessie Bailey, Annie Bailey, Blagelow, Clara Betsel, Mrs. B. A. Clement, Misses A. B. Carrington, Annie Calder, Calder, Maria Connor, Mrs. H. W. Greener, Mr. A. S. Gwathmey, Misses May Greener, E. Goodwin, J. R. Heuning, Mrs. O. E. Jones, Mrs. Lett, Mrs. S. G. Lett, Mrs. Dr. Marcy, Mrs. J. London, Misses London, A. Martin, Martins, Cora Martin, Minnie McMahon, Zelie Minor, Mrs. F. H. Hunnicutt, Misses A. Pumphrey, L. Phillips, Lula Powell, Odie Perkins, A. Robinson, Mrs. F. R. Stover, Misses Minnie Taylor, Mattie Traylor and Georgie C. West.

Tenors: J. M. Brereton, C. C. Chapin, Isaac Cocker, Clinton R. Carter, Alexander Cruickshank, Alvin Davis, W. S. Danforth, Jack Fergusson, Conway H. Gordon, W. S. Henning, George R. Hovey, John R. Hooper, A. B. Jones, R. E. Jones, E. J. Kempken, J. L. Lewis, Walter Mercer, F. C. Minor, W. F. Moesta, R. L. Moody, M. V. Moon, L. P. Poole, Jannie Pleasants, F. H. Plumacher, S. S. Perkins, H. L. Reese, H. L. Reese, Jr., S. J. Reisenstein, Frank Sewell, J. J. Spilling, E. H. Spott, C. J. Schumann, D. Wherry, Fred Wells, C. D. Wilks, J. C. Williams, Jr. and J. Leslie Watson.

Basses: Frank Anthony, E. Burnett, J. Harvie Blair, Luther Bethel, Thomas Bethel, Robert Bailey, E. O. Blenner, James Calder, W. F. Crump, C. G. Crump, W. R. Clements, E. Carter, B. F. Cosby, Albert Cleversoil, R. W. Cardwell, C. W. Cardwell, J. C. Drinard, Nathan Doll, Jno. J. Finnegan, H. W. Farmer, S. C. Flemming, Scott Gibbs, Geo. D. Gaines, P. F. Greenwood, Dr. T. N. Garnett, William J. Gilman, R. R. Harrison, A. C. Harding, James Harris, Charles W. Hunter, George O. Jones, F. S. Jones, A. C. Jones, C. O. Koeh, W. A. King, Mr. Lett, M. Leitch, N. S. Morton, Dr. David McCaw, Frank Morrissey, B. W. Nunnally, Charles Pollard, S. T. Pulliam, H. E. Pusey, O. D. Phillips, Frank Perkins, E. W. Powers, Phil. Powers, J. E. Quarles, W. S. Quarles, J. W. Quarles, A. R. Raynal, J. M. Ryan, George Richardson, Robert Gwathmey, F. R. Stover, J. Louis Sullivan, G. H. Tompkins, W. A. Twynam, William F. Tyree, August Wanderlehr, Shepherd Webb and S. J. Young.

REHEARSAL.

The orchestra, seventy men, will arrive in the city this afternoon, and go at once to Ford's Hotel. After dinner there will be a full rehearsal. The stage has been arranged, with seats, in amphitheatre style, and the orchestra pit has been boarded over. The orchestra will sit in front. The first row of seats, to-morrow night, will contain the leading sopranos. Behind them in the centre, will sit the Gesang-Verein, dividing the sopranos and contraltos, with the tenors and bassos in the rear.

The Mozart Association especially requests that the audience will be seated by 8:30 o'clock, the hour for the performance to begin. Realizing that it will be extremely disagreeable for late comers to enter during the rendition of a number, the doors will be kept closed until the number is completed.

MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS

The City Council's Tribute to Her Husband Acknowledged.

City Clerk Ben. T. August has received the following letter from Mrs. Jefferson Davis, written to the City Council, acknowledging the receipt of their resolutions adopted in respect to the memory of her honored and lamented husband. The resolutions were communicated by the clerk soon after their adoption, and were sent her through the Southern Express Company. Her letter of reply is addressed to the City Council, dated, "Beauvoir House, April 27th, 1890," and reads:

"I have received your resolutions and thank you for the handsome dress in which you have embodied them, and most sincerely for the noble tribute you have paid to my husband. These are more gratifying, because some of your members were our neighbors, when we hoped everything and feared nothing, and the reverses and disappointments we sustained drew us closer together. Believe me, the affection you express for him who served you gladly while he could, and loved your State and city sincerely while life lasted, brings such comfort as is now possible to me and mine. I note your resolutions as to the disposal of the revered remains. My friends, do not press me for an answer now. I cannot decide the question yet, but can only say I will do what seems to our family and friends the best, when we come to determine the final place of interment. One of my dead rests with you, and most tenderly have you cared for and tended the little grave, and the grateful memory is ever present with me.

Please accept, singly and collectively for yourselves and the beloved city you represent, the best wishes and sincere thanks of yours faithfully, V. Jefferson Davis."

PRISON REFORM.

How the Association Propose to Start the Move.

The Prisonment Association of Virginia bids fair to be an assured success. The citizens of Richmond are deeply interested in this noble attempt to ameliorate the condition of the youthful criminals of the State, and if a universal effort of the people of the State is made in behalf of the movement a home will soon be erected where young criminals can be properly cared for, and discharged convicts who exhibit any desire to reform and become good citizens can be aided and encouraged. Some time ago the association was organized with Major Robert Stiles as president, ex-Judge D. C. Richardson first vice-president, Colonel R. F. Beirne second vice-president, Rev. W. B. Williams secretary, and Mr. John A. Lancaster treasurer. Since then, through the efforts of these men, the move has met with every encouragement, and it is quite probable that in about a month's time the association will begin practical operations. Mrs. Russell has donated a tract of land in Henrico county about four miles from the city, which will be utilized for a home for the care of youthful criminals.

A meeting of the executive committee of the association was held Wednesday evening. There were present Messrs. John L. Williams, Overton Howard, Thomas Potts, R. A. Dunlop and the president and secretary, members of the committee also.

The president was authorized to take a committee of several members on a visit to the tract donated by Mrs. Russell, to inspect the buildings and examine into its adaptiveness as a home for juvenile offenders. There is now on the place a mill and a comfortable dwelling, and it is believed that, by the expenditure of a few hundred dollars, the place may very soon be made ready for the accommodation of twenty-five to fifty boys. More land and more buildings will be added as occasion may require.

CUPID'S CAPTIVES.

Mr. Lancaster Gets a Bride in Charlotte County.

"Greenfield," the home of the Reads for many generations, presented a scene of unusual loveliness, on Wednesday morning April 30, when Mr. John A. Lancaster, and Miss Agnes E. Read, were made man and wife; the Rev. Dr. McIlwaine, of Hampden Sidney, officiating. The groom is a resident of Richmond, and is private secretary for Mr. R. A. Lancaster, his father. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late William W. Read, and is a great favorite with the people of Charlotte. Possessed of great beauty, she combines with it all the qualities of head and heart, which go to make the perfect woman. Owing to a recent affliction in the family of the bride, only a few of the nearest of kin were present on the occasion. The presents were numerous and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster left on the evening train, for Niagara and other Northern points.

Mr. Walter L. Kidwell and Miss Nettie May Crook were married in Washington Wednesday morning by the Rev. Dr. George H. Corey, of the Metropolitan Methodist Church. Mr. Kidwell was formerly of Richmond, now clerk in the Richmond and Danville offices at Washington. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Robert N. Crook, of Alexandria.

In the Courts.

Police Court.—William Berry, cursing and abusing Mrs. Ida Wolf. Discharged.

Emma Jordan (colored), disorderly on the street. Security required in sum of $100 for thirty days.

Otto Fraysler, assaulting, cursing, and abusing Emma Miller. Fined $2.50.

M. Bowers, drunk. Attachment issued.

William St. John, drunk. Fined $2.

Ben Bailey (colored), assaulting and beating his wife, Dora Bailey. Discharged.

Grandison Taylor (colored), drunk. Fined $2.

John Gordon (colored), disorderly and throwing rocks in the street. Continued May 3d.

Thomas Mitchell, drunk. Fined $2.

James Green, leaving his team on the street. Fined $2.

T. Sears, soliciting passengers at the Union Depot. Fined 2.

Samuel Pride, interfering with Policeman John S. Talman while in the discharge of his duty. Fined $5.

Alice Baker (colored), feloniously entering the house of Sallie Fox and stealing one lot of clothing. Guilty of petit larceny and sent to jail for three months.

George Weldon (colored), stealing one lot of clothing the property of William Leftwich. Continued till May 3d.

Ben Bailey and Alice Patrick (both colored), charged with misdemeanor. Fined $20 each.

James Sutherland, trespassing upon the premises of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway. Security in the sum of $100 for thirty days.

Charles Dunbar, feloniously entering the house of Pattie Barnes and assaulting Pattie Barnes and Sarah Dickenson. Fined $10.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Chancery Court.—James D. Carneal to Elvira, wife of Richard Johnson, 15 7½-12 feet on south side of Moore street, between Harrison and Norton, $600; same to John H. Anderson, 15 7½-12 feet on same, between same, $600; same to W. A. Noel, 17 1-12 feet on same, between same, $600; same to Chas. H. Markes, 16½ feet on same, between same, $600, Catherine Cohn's trustee, to Mollie R., wife of J. M. Moyers, 39 feet on south side of Pleasant street, between Nineteenth and Mosby, $800, John Hunter, Jr., to Binford Anderson, 25 feet on south side of Kemper street, near Randolph, $181.25, C. M. Nimmo's devisees to Truman A. Parker, 98½ feet on east side of Fifth street, between Cary and Canal, $5,500, Thomas E. Stagg to Samuel F. Padgett, 35 feet on east side of Twenty-sixth street, between Marshall and Broad, $1,050, Maria E. Walker to Eliza M. Montgomery, 25 feet on north side of Floyd street, between Morris and Harvie, $4,100, Charles K. Willis to W. R. Grant, 29 feet on Williamsburg avenue, $775, Mary W. Wooldridge's trustee, to Charles W. Pollard, 22 feet on east side of Twenty-fourth street, between M. and N., $700.

County Court.—Reuben Gornto to Newton Lipscomb's executor, 20 feet on west side of Twenty-eight street, between S. and T., $700, Richmond Male Orphan Society to River View Improvement Company, 102¼ feet on south side of Amelia street, near Colorado avenue, $2,600.

Death of Mrs. Colquitt.

Mrs. M. A. Colquitt, widow of Joseph H. Colquitt, died at her residence 329 West Grace street yesterday morning. Mrs. Colquitt was a most estimable lady, and had many friends, who will be pained to learn of her death.

Mrs. Colquitt was seventy-three years of age, a devoted Presbyterian, and though not one of the original members of Dr. Hoge's church, she was present when Dr. Hoge was installed pastor.

ON THEIR OWN GROUND.

RICHMONDS DEFEAT THE MARYLANDS AT ISLAND PARK.

The Visitors Fail to Hit Quarles—Luck and O'Rourke the Players—Mr. A. Donati was Hit—Kelley Umpires—The Score in Full.

The first game of ball between the Marylands and Richmonds took place yesterday at Island Park, beginning at 4:30. The Richmonds were first to the bat, and before two innings were over it was clearly demonstrated the game belonged to the home boys. Throughout there was a lack of enthusiasm, but the Richmonds showed up splendidly in their fielding. The main trouble with the visitors was their inability to hit Quarles. Six innings had been played before a hit cheered their somewhat gloomy countenances, but only two runs relieved the blankness of the score card.

Another great difficulty seems that their manager became dissatisfied too often, and with the playing of the Marylanders moved them around too much. This contributed in no small degree to their great defeat; but as the first man who caught was suffering from a wounded finger his change was excusable. It was one of the best clubs in that respect ever seen here. The members can play any position with equal merit.

HOME RUN.

Stanhope led off as a batter yesterday. He started in by making a home run, in the second inning a base hit, eighth inning two base hit, and in the ninth a single. Housekeeper also did well, making a three base hit in the second inning, and bringing in two men.

Quarles pitched his usual excellent game. He was a great puzzler to the Marylands, and was ably caught by Luck. Yesterday was Luck's debut with the Richmonds, and he fully sustained his reputation as a catcher. He throws to the second beautifully, and moves with more quickness than the average catcher.

F. O'Rourke also appeared with the Richmonds for the first time. He acquitted himself very well, but needs practice with the other players. He had been made captain of the team, and as a coacher he is a decided rival of Harris.

ACCIDENTALLY HIT.

In the commencement of the seventh Mr. Donati was struck by a ball from McGuans, the pitcher of the visitors. He suffered considerably for a short time, but was almost well when the game closed. Kelly, as soon as Mr. Donati was hurt, took the position of umpire, and occupied the office with fairness and dignity. The following score tells the story:

RICHMONDS.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Foster, l.f.	6	2	2	0	1	0
J. O'Rourke, s.s.	6	2	1	3	2	1
Stanhope, c. f.	6	4	3	1	1	0
Housekeeper, 1st b.	5	1	2	7	0	0
Smith, 3d b.	5	1	2	3	1	0
F. O'Rourke, 2d b.	5	1	1	1	1	0
Quarles, p.	5	2	1	0	2	0
Luck, c.	5	1	2	3	2	0
Brooks, r. f.	5	1	1	0	1	0
Total	48	15	15	18	11	1

MARYLANDS.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hoy, r. f.	4	1	1	0	0	0
Lyston, 1st b., c&p.	4	0	1	3	1	0
E. McGuans, s. s.&p.	4	0	0	0	4	0
G. McGuans, p.&s. s.	3	0	0	0	1	0
Dickerson, 2d b.	3	0	0	1	4	1
Jones, l. f.	3	0	0	0	0	1
Gantz, c.&1st b.	3	0	0	9	0	1
Sands	3	0	0	0	2	0
Slade	3	1	1	1	0	0
Total	30	2	3	17	10	3

SCORE BY INNINGS:

Clubs.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total.
Richmonds	2	5	0	0	1	0	2	1	4	—15
Marylands	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	—2

Home runs: Stanhope. Three base hits: Smith, Housekeeper and Foster. Two-base hits: Stanhope and Lyston. Left on bases: Richmonds, 5. First base on balls: Richmonds, 7; Marylands, 2. First base on errors: Richmonds, 2; Marylands, 1. Struck out: Richmonds, 8; Marylands, 7. Passed balls: Gantz, 2. Umpires: A. Donati and Kelley. Time of game: Two hours.

The Marylands and Richmonds play again this afternoon, the game commencing at 4:30 o'clock. Their reserve men will be put on, and it is very probable the game will be a close one.

MANCHESTER NEWS.

Meetings Held in Three Wards to Elect Officers.

Meetings were held in three of the four wards last night, for the purpose of electing officers and members of the City Central Committee. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the meeting of the First ward Democrats was not held. They will meet to-night at Crump's coal yard. The Second ward men held a meeting in the Mayor's Court-room. Mr. Arthur W. Small acted as chairman, and he was subsequently elected ward superintendent. Mr. William Kide was elected secretary, and Messrs. Joseph Butler, Andrew Hooker and A. J. Gallagher, members of the City Central Committee. The Fourth ward Democrats re-elected their old officers, as follows: D. L. Toney, superintendent; D. J. Weisiger, secretary, A. J. Bradley, treasurer; Messrs. D. L. Toney, J. T. Jewett and John E. Utz, members of the City Central Committee. The Third ward Democrats held a meeting at Owen's store, on Hull street, and elected Mr. J. J. Blanton ward superintendent; Messrs. Thomas Smith, S. S. Patch and William Pitt members of the City Central Committee. After the election speeches were made by Messrs. William Pitt, J. Q. Holt and W. F. Harrison in regard to the primary plan, an animated discussion took place.

Miss Edna Bradshaw sealed her vows at the altar of the Bainbridge-street Baptist Church yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock to Mr. Oscar T. Smith, Rev. S. R. Thornhill officiating. The church was brilliantly lighted by electricity, and the ushers, Messrs. Charles H. Sims, W. B. Moody, R. C. Williams and T. L. Owen, preceded the bride. The latter entered the church on the arm of her maid of honor, Miss Eula Holt, and was charmingly attired in a fawn colored traveling suit and diamonds, the gift of the groom. Following the bride was the groom with his best man, Mr. W. M. Yerby, of Durham. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Smith took the train for Durham, their future home. At that city last night, they were tendered a reception, and to-night the Young Men's Christian Association, of which the groom is President, will give an entertainment and reception to the newly-wedded couple. The bride is a well known and very popular young lady of Manchester, and the groom is equally popular, and well known in his native city, where he is a druggist.

Wednesday night, in the presence of a large number of friends, at the residence of Mr. S. E. Nunnally, on Ninth street, Miss Emma Nunnally was pledged in wedlock to Mr. John W. Ferris, Rev. J. J. Clopton officiating.

The continued case of Tucker's administrator against the city of Manchester was called in the Hustings Court yesterday. Owing to the absence of Dr. T. R. Dorsett, who is indisposed, the case was continued until to-day.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church has appointed to-day as a day of fasting and prayer for the cause of missions.

In the Hustings Court Wednesday afternoon the jury in the case of Albert Burton, against Walter J. Charleton, brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The case involved the ownership of a cow.

Owing both to the wet weather and Ward meetings the Chamber of Commerce did not meet last night. There was not a quorum present.

Miss Sallie Turpin, of Powhatan, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. W. Weisiger, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Minnie Pierson, of Greensboro, N. C. is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. M. Moore, Ninth and Decatur streets.

THE BOOK TRUST.

Meeting of the State Board of Education—No List Made.

A meeting of the State Board of Education, was held yesterday morning in the office of the State Superintendent of Education. All of the members were present. The meeting was held to arrange for the adoption of the school book list for the coming four years.

This change from the old list in favor of the "book combine" did not receive a formal adoption, and it is more than probable that it will not receive the approval of the board when the final adoption is made.

After a free and spirited exchange of views, the Board decided to postpone the matter indefinitely, but it is probable that the adoption will be made about the latter part of May or the first of June. The Board, as a whole, has not agreed upon any of the books, and any contracts that may have been entertained individually are unofficial, and are not recognized by the State Board.

The matter as it now stands is unsettled. The contract for the present list expires on the first day of August next, exactly three months from yesterday, and it is the opinion of the board that they have ample time to make up the list for the book firms to get the books ready for the fall schools.

Superintendent Masse left the city yesterday afternoon for Fort Worth, Texas, to attend the Southern Baptist convention, which meets in that city next Thursday. He will probably not return until the latter part of this month.

The Board was in session only a short time, and the announcement that no adoption had been effected will be quite a surprise to the numerous persons in the city and throughout the State, as well as elsewhere, who are greatly entrusted in the exciting contest that is raging before the Board between "monopoly and anti-monopoly."

COLONEL A. L. RIVES.

Talk with the Superintendent of the Panama Canal.

Colonel A. L. Rives arrived in the city yesterday from Panama, by way of New York. Colonel Rives is General Superintendent of the Panama Railroad, the line that connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, a road which has an eventful and interesting history running through forty years.

Col. Rives is well known in Richmond. He married here, held a high position of trust in the Engineer Bureau of the Confederate State's government, and was first vice-president of the Richmond and Danville Railroad. He has scores of friends here, who will gladly welcome his presence among them, and who will congratulate him upon his evidences of good health.

In regard to the Panama road, the Colonel said, that there was nothing new to report. The road is in fine condition, and readily responds to the heavy demands made upon it, as a public carrier. The health of the employes on the road, is excellent. Out of the large number on the rolls of the company, not one occupied a berth in the general hospital.

Touching the Nicaragua Canal Colonel Rives remarked that just at this time there was nothing new to tell. "Of course I have my individual opinions, but I do not care to describe them at length. All eyes are now turned to Paris, whither the commission went for the purpose of formulating their report. I have just arrived from Panama, and that you know is not a celebrated place for news. I think, however, that the chances for the successful accomplishment of the work on the canal were never brighter than they are at present."

NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

Local Happenings That Require Little Space to Relate.

Work on the two brown-stone houses on Franklin street, corner Henry street, is being pushed. One of the houses is Major James D. Patton's and the other is Mr. A. E. Donnan's.

A book reception will be given at the Women's Christian Association, No. 609 East Main street to-day from 12 to 3. Contributions of books are requested from booksellers and all persons who are willing to aid the free circulating library connected with this institution.

Judge O. O. Gwathmey writes to THE TIMES that, at the request of bar and citizens, he has changed the time of holding the County Court of King William county from the fourth Monday to the fourth Tuesday.

An evening of illustrated song, for the benefit of the Woman's Christian Association, will be given at the Mozart Academy on the night of the 23d of May.

The committee on reception of the Massachusetts' Press Association will meet in the Chamber of Commerce rooms this evening at 6 o'clock.

F Company Association will have their semi-annual re-union next Tuesday at Warwick Park.

Mr. William E. Christian, formerly of Richmond, but now of New York, is in the city.

Mr. William Simpkins has taken the McGuire cottage at Bon Air for the summer.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Going Away and Returning—Doing This and That.

The condition of Mr. H. E. C. Baskerville this afternoon was about the same as yesterday, no change being perceptible.

R. L. Simpson, formerly stenographer in Associated Railways, has accepted the position as chief clerk to Sol. Haas, traffic manager Richmond and Danville Railroad. Mr. Simpson has been engaged in railroad service for several years, and is well known.

Mr. Brisbain died yesterday at Mr. G. K. Montgomery's, 1016 west Grace street, where he had been stopping. His remains will be forwarded to New York to-day.

Dr. George B. Steel, who has been confined to the house for several days by sickness, was able to ride out yesterday.

Mr. L. T. Christian has been elected captain of the Walker Light Guard, First Regiment.

Mr. J. C. Jones, of Milboro station, has returned home from Florence, Ala.

NEGLECTED YOUTH.

Alexander Hogeland will Speak on the Subject.

Mr. Alexander Hogeland, president of the Boys and Girls National Home and Employment Association, arrived here yesterday from Baltimore, and next Sunday he will deliver an address in behalf of neglected, dependent, and truant youth. Mr. Hogeland has been very successful in this move in the several cities he has visited, and he hopes to start a branch office here—a sort of intelligence office to aid newsboys, bootblacks, &c., in getting better employment, and to take bad boys and cure them of their bad habits.

Working and Waiting.

The committees charged with the conduct of affairs, at the unveiling of the Lee statue are working manfully in the matter of raising funds. Yesterday the renewed interest felt by the public was shown in the liberal contributions that were given in response to appeals.

A letter was received by Colonel Archer Anderson yesterday, which stated that the heavier portions of the Lee statue were on the deck of the ship Othelle and would be transferred to the Pennsylvania railroad, by to-day. This if done, will insure its arrival here in a day or two. Proper authorities waited on Netherwood & Barry yesterday, and were informed that these could promptly respond, when called upon to take the statue from the cars. It was said yesterday that they could get from Norfolk all material needed for hoisting purposes.

Pickett Camp Meeting.

A meeting of George E. Pickett Camp, Confederate Veterans, was held last night at Smith's Hall, on Fifth street. An invitation from R. E. Lee Camp to participate with them at the unveiling of the Lee Monument was received, and ordered to be acknowledged by the quartermaster. The committee for entertainment on the 29th was increased. The committee on arrangement for entertaining the Confederate visitors on the 29th reported progress, and every effort will be made to give the old veterans a hearty greeting. Comrade R. Taylor Scott was present, and favored the camp with a short address.

The Parlor Rifle.

Wednesday morning Mr. George H. Poindexter's horse and buggy was passing Fifth and Main streets, when the horse suddenly became lame in his left forelegs. The driver thinking that he had run a nail into the frog of his hoof, drove back to the stable, where the horse was examined, and it was decided that the animal had been shot. The ball entered his leg at the ankle joint.

A few days ago one of the large plate-glass windows in Wood & Cowardin's flat, on Main street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, was broken by a ball from a parlor rifle.

The Meeting of Sunday-School Teachers.

The meeting of Sunday-school teachers, for the study of the International Lessons, will be held this afternoon at 6 o'clock, in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association. The building is being put in readiness for occupancy again, and it is hoped that by the first of next week the association will be able to move from its temporary quarters.

The men's meeting next Sunday afternoon will be held in the building, and will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Fair.

A Baby Found.

Yesterday morning a dead mulatto baby was found in an alley between Seventh and Eighth streets and Clay and Leigh streets. The coroner was notified, and after holding a post mortem examination, buried the child.

The Governor on a Visit.

The Governor and Mrs. McKinney will leave the city to-day on a short visit. Mrs. McKinney will stop over in Williamsburg, and the Governor will dine in Norfolk with his friend, Mr. K. C. Murray. He will be absent from the city until next Monday.

Boston Symphony Orchestra.
SEVENTY PERFORMERS.
MOZART ACADEMY TO-NIGHT.

HOOPER NOT FOUND GUILTY

CHARGE OF ROBBERY AGAINST A MAIL CARRIER.

Counsel Raised the Point that the Prisoner Could not be Held to Account for Failing to Deliver a Decoy Letter.

Mr. A. S. Hooper, the Richmond letter carrier, who was arrested on the 20th of August, 1889, charged with secreting and embezzling a decoy letter, prepared by United States Postoffice Inspector G. Waddy Wilde, addressed to Miss Sarah Lewis, No. 9 Marshall street, was acquitted in Judge Hughes' court yesterday.

At 10 o'clock the case was called, and by that time the room was filled with spectators, who came to hear the prosecution. Shortly after 1 o'clock, Hon. George D. Wise, counsel for the defense, accompanied by the accused and his two brothers, Messrs. A. J. and John Hooper, walked into the court-room, and were pretty soon joined by District-Attorney Borland and Assistant Bristow. Judge Hughes ascended the bench on time, and asked the counsel if they were ready to proceed with the trial. The counsel were ready, and the trial began by the District Attorney announcing the case to the jury, and stated that the prisoner pleaded not guilty.

INSPECTOR WILDE.

The first witness was Inspector G. Waddy Wilde, who said: "On the 19th of August last I placed eight one dollar notes in a letter, sealed it and addressed it to Miss Sarah Lewis, No. 9 west Marshall street, the residence of Capt. J. H. O'Bannon. I also wrote a letter to the person to whom the letter was addressed, signed the name of Phillip Morse, enclosed the notes in it, and sealed it in this letter. I placed the necessary number of stamps to register the letter and turned it over to the register clerk, Mr. Leroy S. Edwards, and instructed him to give it to Mr. Hooper for delivery, as the number was in his route. The letter was purported to have been mailed in Canton, Penn. Miss Lewis did not reside at No. 9 west Marshall street. It was the residence of Captain O'Bannon. I immediately went to the residence where the letter was addressed, and waited to see if Mr. Hooper would deliver it. He came, but did not deliver the registered letter, and threw a postal card in the door addressed to same lady.

SIGNED FOR IT HIMSELF.

"I came back to the postoffice, and in company with Mr. T. D. Cogbill, I asked Mr. Hooper if he delivered that registered letter, and told him the address. He replied that he had. I told him that I knew he had not delivered it, for I was there and wanted for it. Mr. Hooper then said that he had lost the letter, and when asked how it came to be signed for in his receipt-book, he replied that he did it himself. I went with Mr. Hooper's house the following day and found the decoy letter in the pocket of the coat that he wore the previous day. When I opened the letter in the presence of Mr. Cogbill only seven of the notes that I placed in there were found, and I identified the remaining notes as the ones that I placed in there, as I had marked them by placing a dot after the word treasurer. It was then that I arrested Mr. Hooper."

At this juncture the letter containing the notes was exhibited, and after examining them, the witness identified the notes and the letter.

The defense here raised the point that the letter was a decoy one—not a regular letter, and that, therefore, the prisoner could not be held to account for not delivering it, and further, if the letter was a regular one, the witness had no right to open it.

The other witnesses for the United States were inspector T. D. Cogbill, Mr. Leroy S. Edwards and Captain J. H. O'Bannon, all of whom corroborated the testimony of Mr. Wilde.

THE DEFENSE.

The first witness for the defense was Captain Lewis F. Bossieux, whose evidence consisted of a high testimonial as to the character of the accused. Witness had known him for years, and had never heard of the slightest charge against him as to his honesty and uprightness. The defense introduced the following witnesses, who testified that the accused had always conducted himself in an upright and gentlemanly Manner: Rev. J. B. Hutson, Judge Samuel R. Witt, Mr. Joseph Hall, A. L. Carter, C. C. Tinsley, Messrs. Chamberlayne, Jones and Lewis.

Messrs. A. J. and John Hooper, brothers of the accused, testified that their brother was aware of the fact that a decoy letter had been placed in his mail by the