# ITEMS IN VIRGINIA.

## HOME OF THE MOTHER OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

**Efforts to Purchase it Unavailing, and it Will Remain Here—Burglars at Work at Danville—News Gathered in All Parts of the Commonwealth.**

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 24.—[Special.]—The Chicago syndicate who were trying to buy the house in Fredericksburg in which lived the mother of the Father of his Country, will not now be able to pull it down, and move it, like the Libby prison, to Chicago.

This precious historic relic has been saved to us by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, aided by the Hon. J. L. Marye, whose time and talents were freely used in the effort.

In this house, which is a quaint old building the mother of Washington lived, it is said, for thirty years. Here she received her illustrious son and entertained his distinguished friends and associates. Here she died, and over her grave, which is near the town, the ladies of Fredericksburg are about to raise a suitable monument. Some additions have been made to the original house, but they are easily discerned, and the house as it was in Mrs. Washington's day may be restored.

The friends of the Association will have to bestir themselves to pay the price, $4,000, but there is no doubt they will do it.

## THE EPISCOPAL COUNCIL.

**Its Labors at Fredericksburg Concluded—An Interesting Session.**

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 24.—[Special.]—At the early service this morning, Rev. Henry B. Lee, of Charlottesville, preached a very able sermon.

The council met for religious services at 10 o'clock A. M.

Rev. G. Gordon Snead, of Fulaski City, read the service and Rev. P. Powers, D. D., of Richmond, preached a forceful and striking sermon on St. Mark xvi., 16: "He that that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

Rt. Rev. Alfred M. Randolph, D. D., in the absence of Bishop Whittle, called the Council to order. The secretary read the minutes of yesterday, which were adopted.

Rev. P. Powers, D. D., presented the report of the committee on the ninteenth canon, which treats of church discipline. The committee presented the following as the amendment to the above-named canon:

"Any member of the church, being a communicant thereof, conducting himself or herself in a manner unworthy of a Christian, ought to be admonished or repelled from the Lord's table by the minister of the parish or church, according to the rubric. Gaming, attendance on horse-racing and theatrical amusements, witnessing immodest and licentious exhibitions or shows, attending public balls, habitual neglect of public worship, or neglect of the holy communion, or denial of the doctrines of the Gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the church, are practices that all Christians should abstain from. This enumeration, however, shall not include all the subjects of discipline or admonition in the church.

In cases where it may be deemed inexpedient by the minister, or may be requested by the accused, the church wardens, or either of them, shall be summoned to assist the minister in ascertaining the facts of the case, provided that if such warden, or wardens, shall fail or refuse to act within two days, the minister shall proceed to act under the rubrics of the church.

Rev. H. B. Lee spoke in favor of the amendment, saying that the change would be a help to ministers, whereas as the canon now stands they find it difficult to enforce it. A minister was about to leave the diocese because he could not conscientiously continue his duties while that canon remained in force. Judge Barton thought that this Council had no right to pass laws on discipline. This, he thought, was the prerogative of the general convention.

Rev. Dr. Peterkin said that he reproached that the words of the canon as it now stands are directory and not mandatory.

Rev. Joseph C. Jones thought the canon ought to be changed and he said that it was easy enough to legislate here to bind other people's consciences. He did not believe that the canon ought to stand in the present shape.

Judge Barton moved that the whole canon 19, be referred to a committee, to report to the next council, with a view to its repeal.

Rev. James Grammer, D. D., said that the council had always exercised the right to pass canons on church discipline, and that without this help he felt that he would be unable to perform his duties properly.

Judge Barton said that he believed that the laity of Virginia would never submit to the exercise of discipline by irresponsible clergy.

Mr. Woodcrough wanted to know that if the church had a canon against theatrical entertainments, how it was that such entertainments were gotten up all over the diocese for church benefits.

The discussion being concluded, the chair stated that he had been for twenty years convinced that the whole subject of discipline and discipline belonged the Councils of the National Church.

He held a diocese had no right to interpret a Canon, for that belonged to a court of inquiry, and each diocese had a right to say how this inquiry shall be conducted. He favored the reference of the Canon to a committee.

On the vote being taken, Judge Barton's resolution of reference was adopted.

After some suitable remarks by Bishop Randolph, the Council was adjourned with religious exercises.

## LYNCHBURG.

**Railroad Changes Contemplated—Rich Vein of Lead Found.**

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 24.—[Special.]—Some important railroad changes are expected here in a very short time. One of the Norfolk and Western Roanoke corps of dispatchers, H. M. Hardcastle, has already been transferred here. The others, Messrs. Hix, Nicholson and Fisher are soon to come, and Lynchburg will then be made a point for dispatching trains eastward to Crewe and westward to Radford. The division superintendent, J. C. Cassell, will also remove to this city.

A. J. Williams, of Rice Valley, near Marion, has found a very large vein of lead ore, which yields about ninety per cent. of pure lead. The width of the main vein is from two to two and a half feet wide for a distance of 126 feet.

Mrs. John W. Rhor, died this evening. She was a excellent christian lady, daughter of W. C. Myers, of Christiansburg, and a long resident of this city.

## PETERSBURG.

**Friends of Hon. E. C. Venable—Prepared for the Census.**

PETERSBURG, VA., May 24.—[Special.]—The friends of Hon. E. C. Venable were much surprised to hear that the committee on elections had decided against him in favor of Langston. It is to be hoped, however, that the House will vote to sustain Mr. Venable. The partisanship of the House Committee on Elections in this matter has been much talked of here to-day, and severely denounced by Democrats. Mr. Venable is expected to arrive here from Washington this evening.

Captain R. P. Young, supervisor of census for the second census district of Virginia, told your correspondent today that on the morning of the second of June next, he would have two hundred and seven men at work taking the census of the district. Mr. Young when asked by THE TIMES' correspondent, what would be the total cost of taking the census in his district, said that it would be about $25,000.

The German Association of Chesterfield will have a grand pic-nic on Monday at Grossman's, in that county, a short distance from Petersburg. The pic-nic will be followed at night by a grand display of fire-works and a ball. Invitations to the picnic have been sent to several parties in Richmond.

The receipts of cotton at this port for the past week were 334 bales. The inspections of tobacco at the several warehouses for the past week were 41 hogsheads; receipts, 204 hogsheads; sales of loose, 21,310 pounds.

Fifteen deeds were admitted to record in the office of the Clerk of the Court during the past week.

It is understood that efforts are being made to have the gunboats now anchored near Richmond returned to City Point. A naval officer has already surveyed the river at City Point and is of the opinion the fleet should be there.

Mr. Hugh Cousins, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, in this city, is at Suffolk, in attendance upon the annual district conference of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Miss Mary Rogers, of Richmond, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. John Jackson, of Richmond, who has been on a visit to Mrs. Samuel J. Hurt, on Union street, has returned home.

Mrs. W. L. Holt, of Richmond, is visiting friends in Petersburg.

Miss Bessie Bryant, of Washington, D. C., is on a visit to Miss Elva May, on High street.

Rev. R. R. Acree, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who has been in attendance upon the Southern Baptist Convention at Fort Worth, Texas, has returned to the city.

A very delightful german was given at the Gray's Armory, on Bollingbrook street, last night. Among those in attendance were Miss Mary Berry, of Richmond, black net and natural flowers, Mr. James Robertson, of Norfolk, with Miss Bessie Berry, of Richmond, black net; la France roses. Mr. W. H. Lewis with Miss Effie Payne, of Norfolk, pink chord silk; flowers. Mr. Meade Doyle with Miss Jones, of Hampton, black net, gilt trimmings. Mr. R. M. Pleasants with Miss Pollard, of Lynchburg. Mr. George Guy with Miss Davis, of Farmville. Mr. Buffy Riddle with Miss Scott, of Warrenton.

Cockade Lodge, No. 16, Ancient Order United Workmen, was instituted last night. A. F. Colbert, grand recorder, of Baltimore; Dr. George T. Truitt, grand overseer, Pocomoke City, Md.; L. T. Dryden, deputy grand master workman, of Cresfield, Md.; were among those present. The following officers were elected and installed: William H. Harrison, past master workman; James T. Ashby, master workman; John Mes. Buchanan, foreman; Roger Atkinson, overseer; R. F. Jarvis, recorder; Joseph M. Burke, financier; R. T. Matteson, guide; J. L. Peyser, inside watchman; James H. Gray, W. H. Eanes and R. L. Kidd, trustees; Dr. S. A. Hinton, medical examiner. The insurance is $2,000.

Over fifty thousand dollars of stock in the Virginia Immigration Land and Improvement Company has been subscribed and paid according to the provisions of the charter. A general meeting of the stockholders is to be held here at 8:30 o'clock P. M. June 10th, for the purpose of organizing by nominating seven directors to the Governor of Virginia to be commissioned by him as provided by the charter of the company.

The board of canvassers met this afternoon and canvassed the vote as cast at the election held here on the 22d instant. The vote was found to be as already announced.

Last night, while the action of the Committee on Election of the House on seating Langston was being discussed, Mr. James P. Brady, a son of Colonel James D. Brady, remarked: "I would rather see the blackest negro in the District in Congress than a white Democrat." Mr. Charles Romaine, when he heard Brady's remark, told him that he could expect nothing better from him. Angry words followed, when Brady gave the lie to Mr. Romaine. Mr. Romaine resented the insult by striking Brady a severe blow. The parties were soon separated. This morning they were before the Mayor. Brady was fined $2 and costs for using unbecoming language which was liable to provoke others, and also fined Romaine $2 and costs, as in law no language justifies a blow.

## ALEXANDRIA.

**Tramps Chained to Lamp-Posts—The Shoe Factory.**

ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 24.—[Special.]—The tramps on the chain-gang now by mutiny, and are summarily chained to a lamp-post, a tree, or a telegraph-pole.

A number of Alexandria youths at the university have returned.

The shoe factory building is nearly ready for occupancy. The machinery has nearly all arrived and is being put in place. This is improved Philadelphia shoe machinery, and will cut out, sew and sole as many shoes in a day as any other plant.

Preparations are being made for a parade on the 5th proximo, during the session of the State Farmer's Convention. It will be very like the usual 22d of February affair; all the state councils and several companies will attend.

The following vivid hog story comes from Loudoun:

During the storm of last Monday afternoon lightening struck a tree in the orchard on the "Cotton" farm of Messrs. Norris Bros., a few miles east of Leesburg. Eighteen hogs, which would have averaged 200 pounds each, were huddled together under the tree at the time, seventeen of which, several of them fine breed sows, were killed outright, and the other one so injured that it will die.

The line Miss Helen M. Nevett, long teacher in the public schools, was buried from St. Mary's church this morning.

The venerable mother of Mr. George Phan, of Loudoun, died near Aldie recently, aged 90 years.

There is talk of booming this portion of the State now—that is, booming her right hard. It is said that Major Hunt, Sheppard is ready to start up with a syndicate to purchase a tract of land between here and the Double Bridge—the city to run gas, water mains and put up a school building and there.

Social circles here look towards an event of the season on Wednesday after next. It will be on Cemetery Hill, Miss May Herbert, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Colonel Arthur Herbert, and Dr. John Dalingerfield Hood being the principals. The ceremony will be performed at the Seminary chapel.

A large crowd was present at the entertainment given at the Midland Railroad reading-room, adjoining the depot, last night, and all went away highly pleased with the reception they met with, and the attention they received at the hands of those who have so successfully tried in making the undertaking a decided success. The building has been fixed up neatly and comfortably, with every convenience necessary for the purposes for which it has been devoted—bath, smoking and entertainment rooms having been tastefully arranged, while the upper story has been utilized into pleasant sleeping apartments. The railroad men, a large number of whom were present last night, highly appreciate the enterprise, and will avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them of whiling away some of their idle hours. The entertainment consisted of recitations, vocal and instrumental music, &c., at the conclusion of which the guests repaired to the refreshment room, where a collation which would have done honor to any occasion, had been spread, and where they were waited upon by fair hands who spared no pains to make each and every guest feel him or herself perfectly at home. The viands had been temptingly prepared, and were displayed in great profusion. About 10 o'clock the company bid adieu to their entertainers. During the evening several of the older employes who run the trains when the road was in its swaddling clothes, and before it had become so important a highway, put in their appearance, among them that veteran rider of the iron horse, Mr. Amos Woodward, who, after surveying the crowd, exclaimed, "Well! I don't see a single face I recognize," another generation having sprung up since he first grasped the throttle.

## NORFOLK.

**Methodist Laymen's Union—Blue Fish Biting.**

NORFOLK, VA., May 24.—[Special.]—The Methodist Laymen's Union are making elaborate arrangements for Rev. Sam Jones' meetings in Norfolk next month. There will be a choir of fifty voices to furnish the music at the services. At a meeting last night, the committees having in charge the various features of the work made favorable reports. Preparation meeting will be held in the new tabernacle a week before Mr. Jones commences his great revival. Norfolk is a seaport town, and not the quietest in Virginia, and Mr. Jones will have plenty of material to work on. Mr. Jones will bring Mr. Stewart as his assistant, and Mr. Excell for musical director.

There was a distinguished party of guests at the Princess Anne Hotel, Virginia Beach, yesterday. It consisted of Judge L. L. Lewis, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals; Judge Walter R. Staples, Judge Robert W. Hughes, of the United States Circuit Court, and A. P. Thom, Esq., and W. H. White, Esq., of Norfolk.

Some very large catches of blue fish are being made by the owners of seines along the coast. In Northampton county, several days ago, nine thousand pounds of these fish were captured at one haul. Fishermen say they have never before seen such quantities of these fish.

The German corvette Ariadne, which has been in port for several weeks, will sail from Norfolk next week direct for Germany. The ship has been out for three years, and during that time has cruised along the Atlantic coast from Newport to the West Indies. Her officers have been handsomely entertained since their stay in Norfolk, and have received hospitably aboard their ship.

Several large fishing parties are at Lake Drummond, in the Dismal Swamp canal, for a short stay. The sport in this noted fishing rendezvous is very fine at this time of the year.

At a meeting last night Pickett-Buchanan Camp, Confederate veterans, decided to go to Richmond to the unveiling.

**Blackstone.**

BLACKSTONE, VA., May 24.—[Special.]—Mr. J. W. Sullivan, about eighty-one years of age, in endeavoring to walk from his room across a passage to another, by some misstep, fell headforemost down the steps to the basement, breaking his neck and killing himself instantly. At the time of accident Mr. Sullivan was living with his son, Mr. J. M. Sullivan, a well-known builder and mechanic of this county.

Nearly all of the outbuildings on the farm of Mr. A. W. Scott, were burned last night about 12 o'clock. The fire is supposed to have been of an incendiary origin. No insurance.

Dr. E. G. Booth has been here for several days looking after his many investments in this section.

## LUNENBURG.

**Incendiary Fires—Lawyers Attending Court.**

LUNENBURG C. H., May 23.—[Special.]—The spring term of the Circuit Court for this county has been in session since the 17th instant. The court will adjourn to-morrow, Judge F. D. Irving presiding. Among the lawyers in attendance from other counties are the Hon. W. H. Woods, State Senator from Charlotte and Mecklenburg; Judge W. H. Mann, from Nottoway county, and R. Turnbull, from Brunswick. Among the local bar we notice: Messrs. I. B. Bell, W. J. Bragg, W. C. Nelblett, and Captain George C. Orgain. Colonel W. T. Adkins, of Boydton, one of the Governor's aides, and Mr. E. C. Goode, attorney of Boydton, were also in attendance the first day of the session.

The farmers are very backward in planting tobacco, owing to the dry cool weather.

Considerable excitement exists in the upper portion of the county, in the Pleasant Grove district, on account of several barns, and a number of valuable oat stacks, the property of Mr. M. Arvin of that district, being set on fire by an incendiary. The barns were discovered on fire in time to be extinguished, but the stacks were totally consumed.

The people of the neighborhood are very much "stirred up" about it, and it is probable that the grand jury may take the matter in hand. Some startling developments are expected, and already there are reports that heavy suits for damages, besides a criminal prosecution, may result.

**Wytheville.**

WYTHEVILLE, VA., May 24.—[Special.]—Major Pendleton, of Marion, has purchased of J. P. Shelby, nine acres of land to the north of Wytheville for $12,000.

The Hedgefield Land and Improvement Company, which purchased a valuable tract of land to the east of Wytheville, proves to be a strong crowd of business men principally from Baltimore.

The Lutherans here are adding much to the symmetry of their handsome brick church by the erection of a tower.

In the municipal election Mr. W. D. Foster was elected Mayor.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad Company will erect their new depot here very shortly.

## BALL ON THE ISLAND.

**The Players' Nine Too Much for the Virginias—Score 7 to 5.**

The game of base-ball at Island Park yesterday evening deserved a large attendance. There were scarcely a hundred people present, which included four ladies. Up to the fifth inning the contest was very interesting, and but few scattering hits were made on either side. The Players' nine in this inning seemed to "scatch on" to West, and pounded him for five runs. After this it was quite apparent that the Virginias were no match for their opponents, but still they made them play ball to win. The battery work on both sides was quite good. Quarles, of the Players, striking out sixteen men, and West of the Virginias, twelve. The following score tells the story in detail:

| PLAYERS. | A.B. | R. | B.B. | P.O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Foster, 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith, 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Luck, c | 4 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 3 |
| Lancaster, 2 b | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Quarles, p | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Segler, s. s | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Frank, c. f | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Gentry, r. f | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kramer, l. f | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 35 | 8 | 8 | 24 | 12 | 5 |

| VIRGINIAS. | A.B. | R. | B.B. | P.O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kahn, ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Fulbright, l. f | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| John Disney, 1st b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Sydnor, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| McDonald, 2d b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Lee Disney, 3d b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Nichols, c. f | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| West, p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hatcher, r. f | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 30 | 5 | 4 | 25 | 5 | 4 |

BY INNINGS.

| Clubs | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Players | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | —7 |
| Virginias | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | —5 |

Earned runs—Players, 1; Virginias, 1. Two-base hits—Green, 2; West, 1. Left on bases—Players, 3; Virginias, 1. First base on errors—Players, 2; Virginias, 2. Struck out—West 12; Quarles, 16. Wild pitches—Quarles, 1. Passed balls—Luck, 1. Umpire—Graves. Time of game, 1:45.

## NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

**Local Happenings That Require Little Space to Relate.**

The ladies of the Hollywood Memorial Association will hold a meeting at Miss Crenshaw's, No. 11 Main street, to-morrow at 5 o'clock.

The schooner Edwin Janet, from Harbour Island, one of the West Indies, was expected at the custom-house yesterday with a load of fruit, cocoanuts, conch shells, star-fish, sappa dollas, sea tobs, lily plants, coral, &c. The Edwin Janet passed Newport News Friday evening upward bound.

Colonel Robert T. Huburd, of Buckingham, president of the Orange and Boyneville Railroad Company, was in the city yesterday in the interest of his road. Northern capitalists are interested in the work, which, by their aid will, no doubt, soon be hurried to completion.

The case of W. W. Finney against the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical Society was on hearing in the Circuit Court yesterday. The damage claimed was $2,000, and was for failure to award space contracted for at the Exhibition.

At Corcoran Hall, at R. E. Lee Camp Fair, Miss Nannie Tyler, daughter of Mr. W. C. Tyler, was awarded a very handsome pair of eardrops, as the most popular young lady in that vicinity.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Grandison Anthony and Ellen Lewis, Willie O. Randall and Katie Chelsa, all colored, and of Richmond.

Mr. William Wagener rendered the date obligato to Miss Thursday's solo at the concert last week in a most finished manner.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

**People Going Away and Returning—Doing This and That.**

Miss Fannie Marshall, of Amelia county, is stopping with Miss Emma Tunstall, of Manchester.

General John B. Gordon, wife and daughter, of Georgia, General M. M. Ransom, of North Carolina, General Basil Duke, of Kentucky, and Colonel James G. Martin, of North Carolina, will be the guests of Mr. Jean F. Branch this week.

Miss Emma C. Hahr, of Atlanta, Ga., the brilliant young pianist, who delighted all who heard her playing at the Thursby concert on Wednesday evening, is now visiting friends in Petersburg, and will return to Atlanta to-morrow.

Rev. William M. Dame, Nelson P. Dame, George W. Dame, Jr., and J. C. Dame, all sons of that grand old soldier of the cross, Rev. George W. Dame, of Danville, were in one crowd here yesterday.

Misses Vertie and Addie Caugher, of Baltimore, will be in the city during the unveiling ceremonies, the guests of the Misses Higgins, north Nineteenth street; also their sister, Mrs. Joseph Higgins, of Atlanta.

Mr. N. E. Foord, of the editorial staff of the Baltimore Sun, is in the city, and called at THE TIMES office yesterday.

Colonel Frank G. Ruffin will reply to Dr. Thomas Nelson Page in next Sunday's issue of the TIMES.

Colonel and Mrs. R. E. Withers will be the guests of Mrs. Stephen Putney during the unveiling.

Major John Page, of Hanover, is visiting his son, Thomas N. Page, and will remain until after the "unveiling."

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

A large number of the members of the Suburban Press Association left Boston yesterday for an excursion to Virginia.

During a quarrel at 27 Mulberry street, New York, Frederick Romano, an Italian, shot his wife, his mother-in-law, and himself. The wounds of the women are serious, though not fatal. Romano will die.

ALGIERS, May 24.—The town of Sefron, near Fez-Morocco, has been ruined by floods. Fifty-three Jews and many Moors perished.

Among the passengers by the steamer Augusta, which arrived in New York yesterday, was H. Kempinski, an American citizen, who had spent eighteen months in an Austrian military prison.

A disastrous fire set by tramps has destroyed every house in the city of College, New Mexico, except the railroad warehouses and the depot building.

# SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS.

## RETROSPECT OF THE SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**Picturesque Description of Asheville—The Switzerland of America—What the Body Accomplished in Ten Days—All Worked Together.**

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 24.—[Special].—The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly has adjourned. Very few of the members had ever been in Asheville before, and the beauties of this "land of the sky" was quite a revelation to many of them. Exclamations of surprise and admiration were constantly heard on all sides, and this is not to be wondered at.

Asheville is remarkable in more than one respect. For beauty of situation, it probably has no superior in all this country. Western North Carolina has been termed "the Switzerland of America." How well it deserves this title we leave to European travelers to decide. As most of the members of the Assembly had never been to Switzerland they were very well satisfied with Asheville.

TELL US OF ASHEVILLE.

When these members and the other visitors return home some one will say: "Tell us about Asheville!" Describe Asheville! Who is equal to this task? All that any one can hope to do will be to give but a slight idea of its attractions. This is a city, and yet how unlike any other city. There are but few points within its limits where it appears to be other than a country village. This appearance is due to two facts—the hilliness of its site and its being built up in an immense body of woods. These things have produced two important results in the city.

BUILT IN THE WOODS.

The one is that there are and can be no straight streets. The stranger who, without a guide, tries to find his way about the place, finds the disadvantage of this to his sorrow. The other and a far more pleasant result, that of its having been built in the woods, is that almost every house is surrounded by a shady yard. These yards are not the least attractive features of this attractive place. Varying in size from the small city yard in a few cases, to the large country lawn in most instances, all are inviting and suggestive of repose and quiet, with the cool shade of the oaks, underneath which one grass grows green and luxuriant.

Owing to the attitude and consequent lateness of the season, but few flowers have yet been put into the ground. Almost every house is perched upon some eminence so as to have a fine outlook upon the romantic scenery.

Probably the best description that can be given of Asheville is to call it a "country city." For there are but few places even in the city where the first ideas suggested are not those of the country, and yet when one begins to look around he sees undoubted evidence that he is in a city.

IT IS A CITY.

However, if the visitor wishes to realize that he is in a city it will not do for him to look down as he walks or drives along the streets. A few, a very few, of the streets have paved sidewalks. There are no paved road-beds. One of the streets is being paved now; but a very general opinion is that this young city is like some people who will not learn from the experience of older people. It is trying what is almost an experiment. This street is to be paved, not with granite or stone of any kind, but with brick. Those who are interested claim that they have secured a brick that is much cheaper than stone, and that will last as long. A few years will show whether or not their claim is well founded. However, let not the stranger think he is traveling along country roads. If he will look up he will and that he is passing by some fine business houses, with plate-glass windows.

But, if he is not careful, while he is looking at these he may be run into by an electric car. Some one is a little dubious, and thinks this is a mistake. No, it is not a mistake. Asheville has a well-equipped and well-paying line of electric cars. Nor need the visitor fear that night will bring only gloom, for the houses are well lighted with gas, and when he goes out he will be met with the glare of the electric light from one or more of the towers, at the top of each of which are four very powerful carbon burners. A reservoir built high up on the side of one of the mountains near the town furnishes its inhabitants with a plentiful supply of good pure water, which has first been pumped up from the French Broad river.

THE FRENCH BROAD.

The very mention of the name of this river brings to mind the memory of the beautiful views which may be had all along its course. There are two of these near the city which are especially worthy of note. One is from the top of Richmond Hill, a short distance below the city. This is a very high point, and is reached by a long, steep and circuitous route, but the pilgrim is well rewarded for his efforts to ascend this mountain, it may almost be called.

From almost every point of the ascent a beautiful view may be had, and when the summit is reached a scope of country opens up to vision, which, for extent, grandeur and magnificence is rarely ever surpassed. The view spreads out in a panorama of beauty on all sides, and one is bewildered to know which way to turn.

The other point which shares with Richmond Hill the honor of being the finest view around Asheville, is what is known as "Connally's view." This is obtained from the yard of Mr. Connally's residence. While it is not such an extensive view as the other, there is not a more lovely one.

ASSEMBLY IN BRIEF.

Let us look briefly at this assembly as it appeared to an outsider. Dr. James Park, of Knoxville, was the moderator. A genial, strict and faithful presiding officer he was. The firm, prompt and decided manner in which he used the gavel caused some one to give him the sobriquet of "Battery Park." He occupied the same relation to the assembly that the Battery Park Hotel does in reference to the city, that of the most commanding position. The general verdict was he filled his position very well. As he sat in the moderator's chair he was well guarded and sustained by the clerks. On his right sat the stated clerk, Dr. Joseph R. Wilson, and on his left the permanent clerk, Dr. Farris, both venerable men, whose heads have long shown that the days of their youth are past. On either side of this venerable trio sat two of the temporary clerks, Rev. W. A. Alexander and Rev. E. A. Ramsey. These young men, in the prime of life, were able and efficient assistants to the elder officers.

NOTABLE MEN.

Standing near the moderator's chair and looking over the body as it sat ready for business, one could not help being struck with the number of young men who had been sent up to represent their Presbyteries, many of them being for the first time members of the Assembly. But all were not of the same age. There was the young man, who was scarcely able to support a beard; the man in middle life, among whose dark locks time was leaving his first white tracks, and there in the front sat godly old "Father" Jacobs, on whose head the flowers of Heaven seemed blooming.

ALL WORKED TOGETHER.

Notwithstanding the varying ages and experiences of the members of this body, yet they all worked well together. The regularity with which they attended the sessions showed that they had come there for the purpose of work; and work they did. At first there were morning sessions with popular meetings in the evenings, while the afternoons were left for the various committees to arrange and prepare the work to be brought before the body. But when the committees reported, the Assembly settled down to three long sessions a day.

ENCOURAGING REPORT.

There was the most encouraging news brought from all sections of the country, whether presented in reports or by individuals. All represent the fields of work as opening up in a most gratifying manner, and on all hands is heard the call for more men and means to carry on to completion the good work that has been begun, and to undertake new enterprises where the fields are white unto the harvest.

All the departments of church work are in a most encouraging condition, both at home and abroad. More men are consecrating their lives to God's service in the ministry than at any previous time in the history of the church. And the people are contributing more liberally of their means than ever before. In consequence of this, the church has been able to reach out and extend the fields of its operations farther than ever before. In addition to the immense home mission and evangelistic work, which it is doing within its own bounds, it has planted its mission stations on every continent in the world. This is the first church in America, and first Presbyterian Church in the world to send heralds of the cross to that part of the Dark Continent known as the Congo Free State.

AVOIDING POLITICS.

The Southern Presbyterian Church sedulously avoids all enactments in the sphere of politics; but it tenaciously holds to "the right of humble petition in cases extraordinary," a right handed down by their forefathers. The petition adopted in this instance proposes no particular measures to the governments to accomplish the desired end, leaving that to their own wisdom. The object aimed at in this movement is to awaken Christian sentiment in behalf of peaceful arbitration, and brings its influence to bear, simply through petitions, upon Christian governments.

A committee residing in Richmond, consisting of Drs. Campbell, Hoge, Kerr, and M. M. Gilliam, Esq., was appointed to bring this measure before the various churches. The success of the movement must depend in a great measure upon the efficiency of this committee, who have a laborious task laid upon them. Even the most sanguine cannot hope that all the bodies addressed will join in the movement. It may be expected that many will, and that others may afterwards fall into line.

Nor is it to be expected that the governments petitioned will be influenced to lay down their arms, even by the united petitions of all Christian churches; but this measure is looked upon by its advocates as one of the many influences that may be brought to bear to help in securing a great boon to the nations.

## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

**Monument to the Heroes of Mecklenburg.**

RALEIGH, N. C., May 24.—[Special.]—A special to-night announces the death of Rev. Dr. J. E. Mann, of the Methodist Conference of this State, which occurred last night at St. Louis, where he was attending the General Conference. He was one of the most prominent of the divines in the Conference, and was at the time of his death pastor of the church at New Berne. He was a leader four years ago in the movement to divide the Conference of the State, which measure was then defeated, but was a few days ago passed by the General Conference.

Governor Fowle has granted a reprieve until June 27th to Jordan Pritchett, sentenced to be hanged at Oxford, June 6th.

The directors of the Citizens National Bank will meet here Monday to elect a president to succeed Colonel William E. Anderson, deceased. It is probable that Dr. A. B. Hawkins, vice-president, will be elected.

An appropriation of $7,500 has been granted for a macadamized road from Wilmington out to National Cemetery, and work will begin at once.

A mass-meeting of citizens of Henderson has been called for Monday night to determine whether or not a petition shall be made to commissioners to order an election for the purpose of voting a subscription toward building a railroad from Henderson to some point in Nash county.

Rev. Dr. Hoge, of Wilmington, left to-day for Staunton, Va., where he will deliver an address before the Augusta Female Seminary of that place.

## RALEIGH.

**Special Train for Richmond—President Inman.**

RALEIGH, N. C., May 24.—[Special.]—Efforts are being made here to arrange for a special private train to be run to Richmond for the accommodation of a large party of society people who will attend the occasion of the Lee unveiling from this city.

A rumor has gained currency at Asheville that John H. Inman, president of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, is negotiating for what is known as the Sweeps property, at Asheville, for a site for a $200,000 hotel.

Two important murder trials are in progress in McDowell county. One is the case of a negro named Gossien charged with the murder of Jane Erwin and her child, and the other the case of William White for the assassination of John Yancey, Jr.

At a meeting of the directors of the Fayetteville and Albemarle Railroad held at Fayetteville, steps were taken looking for the extension of the line from Fayetteville on to Aberdeen, and a committee was appointed to carry out the plan.

Fishermen along Catawba river are catching fine German carp in large numbers, many of which weigh eight to ten pounds. The river was well stocked several years ago with young carp, which were secured from the United States Fish Commission.

The Fayetteville lew factory is being enlarged, and the capacity increased. This was found necessary to supply the demand in consequence of the entire failure of the ice crop the past winter.

A fine deposit of asbestos has just been discovered in the South Mountains, near Morganton.

The officers and employes of the Carolina Central Railway have had prepared a beautiful monumental shaft, to be erected over the grave of the late Superintendent, Colonel L. C. Jones.

## CHARLOTTE.

**The Coming Musical Festival—A Mecklenburg Monument.**

CHARLOTTE, May 24.—[Special.]—On June 13th and 14th the first annual North Carolina music festival will be held in Charlotte. This movement was initiated last fall by the Charlotte Philharmonic Society, and half dozen or more towns in the state have joined, and will send choruses. Among these towns are Salem, Greensboro, Salisbury, Statesville, Lincolnton and Davidson College. The festival chorus will number about 200 voices.

The celebrated Salem orchestra, the pride of the state, and a great credit to Salem, will be one of the features of the festival.

The soloists are all artists of fine reputation, and everything promises to be a brilliant and complete success. The soprano engaged is Mrs. Corinne Moore-Lawson, of Cincinnati. Another soprano is Miss Emma Leipheck, a North Carolinian by birth, but for several years a leading choir-singer in New York city. The great contralto, Miss Emily Winant, will also be there.

Mr. William Courtney, the New York tenor, who is remembered as the success of the Petersburg festival several years ago, will also be a soloist. The bass is Mr. Gustav Beneke. Miss Emma Hahr, who is so well known in Richmond musical circles, and Miss Linda Rample, both daughters of North Carolina, will be the pianists. There will be two afternoon and two evening concerts. The first afternoon there will be a piano recital; on the second, a miscellaneous programme. At both evening concerts the Festival chorus will sing. The large works given will be Cowen's cantata, "The Rose Pilgrim," Mendelssohn's 42d Psalm; Eaton Faning's "Liberty" (after Macaulay's "Virginius"); Fe Not Afraid, from "Elijah," and Handel's hallelujah chorus.

Charlotte, still resounding with its 20th of May celebration, is making great preparations for a very brilliant gathering of prominent musical society people from all parts of the State and from adjoining States.

During the twentieth-of-May celebration here a number of gentlemen organized the Mecklenburg Monument Association, and elected Major McDowell president. The object of the Association is to raise funds at once to build a monument to signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Already $2,000 are pledged, and to-day A. F. Brevard, of Lincolnton, and a descendant of Ephraim Brevard, one of the signers, gave $500.

Colonel William Johnston, A. F. Brevard and Robert Hayden are delegates from North Carolina to the Scotch-Irish Convention, which meets in Pittsburg May 29th. The former two leave to-morrow night; Mr. Hayden starts Tuesday night.

Rutherford College, at its commencement this week, conferred the following honorary degrees: Doctor of Divinity, Rev. L. L. Nash and Rev. R. H. Whittaker, of Raleigh; Doctor of Philosophy on Rev. W. B. North, and Master of Arts on Rev. C. A. Rose, Rev. R. M. Hayle and Hon. S. E. Jones.

## RAILROAD ACCIDENT

**Reported on the Vandalia Line, in Illinois.**

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—A terrible railroad accident is reported on the Vandalia Line near Troy, Ill. Trains with help and physicians have been sent to the scene of the accident. Reports are very meagre. The railroad people acknowledge there will be no train in over their road before noon to-morrow.

**Earthquake in Japan.**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The steamship Belgic, with advices from Hong Kong and Yokohama, arrived here to-day. According to the Japan Mail (newspaper) about one hundred earthquake shocks occurred on the Muyyake Island, in the Izu group, from April 17th to the 19th. Land slides occurred in various parts of the island and a number of houses were destroyed.

**Earthquake in Montana.**

BILLINGS, MONT., May 24.—There were three sharp shocks of earthquake here yesterday morning. A building where a dance was in progress was so badly shaken that some of the dancers were thrown to the floor. A loud noise accompanied the shock.

**Italian Immigrants Down with Small-Pox.**

NEW YORK, May 24.—The steamship Brimnia, which arrived here to-day with a lot of Italians from Mediterranean ports, is detained at quarantine on account of several cases of small-pox among her passengers.

**The Lee Monument**

Is beautifully engraved on Celluloid Tablets, which Miller & Rhoads are distributing free to their patrons during their great Relief sale.

# ONE OF REED'S TRICKS.

## HOW HE EXPECTS TO UTILIZE AN APPROPRIATION.

**Bloody-Shirt Wavers Frightened at the Idea of Confederate Flags in Richmond—A Specimen Ohio Idiot—Congressional and Washington Items.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—[Special.]—In the Senate to-day, the Naval Appropriation bill being under consideration, Senator Blair succeeded in carrying an appropriation for the navy-yard at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. When Chandler was Secretary of the Navy he pronounced that yard obsolete,