

WORK OF THE CHAMBER.

GOOD REPORT FOR THE PAST YEAR.

President Purcell Offers His Resignation. Statements of Vital Interest to Every Citizen of Richmond—New Members.

The annual meeting of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday evening at 6 o'clock, President John B. Purcell in the chair.

After the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting the president submitted his annual report as follows:

At the close of this our twenty-fifth year I beg to submit to you the reports of the treasurer and secretary. They give you a detailed account of the affairs of the chamber, and I respectfully commend them to your careful consideration.

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patent fact that our interests are identical and that the legislative action of one section is equally hurtful to all. The day for petty jealousies among cities has past. The telegraph and rapid transportation makes all of our cities practically one community, and wholesome legislation must bring prosperity to each. Only the selfish and bigoted have fears of rivals in the race where each has equal facilities and no obstructions or impediments to trade. The combined influence of such an organization wielded for the common good will be of untold advantages to all.

WHOLESALE GROCERS. In this connection I can point to the valuable work done by the Wholesale Grocers' Association of this city, also the organization of the Virginia and North Carolina Wholesale Grocers' Association. The formation of these and of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association indicates a purpose on the part of the trade of the South to assert the rights and importance of its manufacturing and trade centers and is worthy of emulation by other branches of business. In these days of large moneyed monopolies it is necessary that the weak should combine for their better protection and support by combining that power which as individuals they would be unable to exert.

I regret that we cannot report an increase of our membership for the year. While we have gained many valuable new members, many of those who had joined within the past year have failed to continue their membership. Our efficient committee on resident members are now engaged in another effort to bring in new members. It is to be regretted that so many of our substantial citizens fail to realize the good work done by the Chamber. They profit in all our work, but do not assist by becoming members. The fee of \$10 per annum is small compared with the good accomplished and the labor bestowed by the active members.

CAUSE FOR CONGRATULATION. The past year has not been as gratifying as its predecessors in all respects, but we have cause for congratulation notwithstanding. Our bank clearances have increased, and money has been exceptionally easy. Collections which at first were not satisfactory have greatly increased and the average is as good as heretofore. The low price of cotton has curtailed business in cotton sections, but in the grain and tobacco sections business is doing better. The collapse of land loans has caused a depression in some sections, but in our city we have been free from this and the prices of real estate are strong and advancing. The increase in the State's appraisement of the real estate of the city last year was over four million dollars. Building operations, which fell off during last summer, have revived this spring and we have for the coming summer and fall indications of more building than for many years. The most gratifying revival of business to be seen in the city is in the building of business buildings, which have grown so rapidly that where there were no warehouses a year ago we now have five in full and successful operation.

THE NEW BUILDING. It is my pleasant duty to report to the Chamber that the financial arrangements have been completed for the construction of the Chamber of Commerce building. In pursuance of your general instructions and authority vested in the board by the General Assembly of Virginia, we have purchased and paid for the property at the southeast corner of Ninth and Main streets fronting 100 feet on Main street and running back 100 feet to an alley, which cost us about \$25,000. We are about to contract for the erection of a seven-story stone and brick building to cost about \$150,000, and the money for its erection has been obtained from citizens of the city on a mortgage bearing a low rate of interest for forty years. Work will be commenced at once and the building completed in sixteen to eighteen months. I congratulate you on the success of your enterprise, begun amid so many difficulties and discouragements, and the encouragement received from sources on which we had relied for help and encouragement. This building will stand as a monument to the enterprise of our citizens of all classes, for among its contributors a great majority are men of small means. Its completion will mark a new era in the history of the architecture of our principal business street. It will be the only perfectly equipped office building in the city, and will encourage the development of greater conveniences in the construction of modern offices.

Our thanks are due to the members of your building and finance committees for the time and labor bestowed upon all the details of their work. I cannot refrain, in speaking of our building, from alluding to the liberality of our public-spirited fellow-citizens, Major Lewis Ginter, without whose timely help we could not have completed our original design. He has not only contributed by his means, but has sustained us by words of encouragement that were highly gratifying to your committee.

NEED OF FUNDS. The report of the treasurer shows how urgent are our needs at all times for funds with which to carry on our work. It is necessary to properly carry out the work that we should be able to command the services of the best talent in the city. I again suggest the importance of devising some scheme by which our annual dues will be equitably apportioned, with a view to the increase of our revenues. I return my thanks to your board of directors, who have diligently assisted me in our work, and also to the committees of the Chamber for the prompt and decisive manner that has characterized their deliberations. To our efficient secretary, Mr. Dunlop, I am under lasting obligations for his intelligent, prompt and efficient assistance. I have valued his courtesy and attention to duty displayed by his clerks, Messrs. Luxford and McCann.

IN PRESENTING the report of our treasurer, Mr. Dunlop, I take pleasure in expressing my thanks to him for the prompt and courteous discharge of the duties of his office.

THE CHAIR. I have concluded now the third year of my service as your president, and I surrender to you the charge committed to me. I feel sensibly my shortcomings and inability to fully measure up to the responsibilities of the honorable office you have conferred on me. I can only beg your indulgence, if I have failed to carry out your fullest desires.

IN SEVERING the official ties which have so pleasantly subsisted between us, I trust to be always found ready to do my full share in the future as an humble worker in the ranks. JOHN B. PURCELL, President.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT. The report of the treasurer, showing the receipts and disbursements for the year, was submitted and read by the secretary to the meeting. Mr. Montague, the treasurer, being unavoidably absent. At the suggestion of the president the report was received and referred to the board of directors to be audited by them.

THE NEXT BUSINESS in order being the election of officers, Colonel Purcell announced to the meeting that as he had served the Chamber three terms and imperative reasons existed why he should not be relieved of the duties of the office of president, he had resigned the chair and he had received nominations for that office.

Mr. Edgar D. Taylor said that he sincerely hoped Colonel Purcell could be induced to reconsider that decision, and he placed in nomination for re-election the incumbent, Mr. Purcell. Mr. S. H. Hayes then suggested that as the members of the Chamber were doubtless unprepared for the announcement by the president, that it might be well to postpone the election of that officer for thirty days for the purpose of giving the members an opportunity to canvass the subject, if Colonel Purcell could not be induced to serve the Chamber for another term.

Mr. R. B. Lee expressed the opinion that it would be unfortunate to hold an election in July, as so many members of the Chamber would be absent from the city at that time, and he therefore suggested that the election be postponed for three months.

Judge Christian then moved that the election of all the officers be postponed until the date of the quarterly meeting, which will be held July 14th, and that this annual meeting should adjourn to that date. The motion was carried, and the officers should be elected at the regular meeting.

Mr. Everett Wadley expressed the hope that the president would consent to serve at least for one more term, as the Chamber was now engaged in the most important work it

had ever undertaken, that though the president had expressed the hope that he might be relieved from the responsible duties of his position, that in looking upon the pictures of his predecessors in office which adorned the walls of the Chamber it would be regretted that all of them had not a gray hair to be found in those of the incumbent, who, it was hoped, would live for many years, have ample time to be relieved of the duties of his present office and to rest in the future.

Mr. West suggested that it might be well to appoint a committee of seven to nominate officers at the July meeting. Mr. A. D. Lancaster and Judge Christian suggested that this would be unnecessary, as the Chamber had, in nearly every instance, elected its executive officers without the assistance of such a committee, though one was generally appointed to nominate the board of directors.

NEW MEMBERS. Mr. West called the attention of the Chamber to the meeting which would be held on the 23d inst. by the Virginia State Board of Trade for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization of that body, and upon motion of Mr. Everett Wadley the Chamber formally resolved to join the State Board of Trade and to send three delegates to the meeting to be held at Old Point on the 23d inst.

The following new members were then nominated by the committee on resident members, and elected by the meeting: D. J. Anthony, W. C. Armistead, L. Borchers & Co., A. L. Bradburn, J. B. Braxton, J. B. Braxton, R. S. Christian, F. J. Craigie, J. C. Dickerson, W. B. Freeman, B. A. Gaines, Walter R. Higham, William Henry Jones, A. Le Masurier, Richard W. Maury, Nowlin & Co., Old Dominion Building and Loan Association, Pleasant and Hall, E. H. Pinnermacher, James L. Redd & Son, John C. Robertson, Charles A. Rose, J. E. Rose & Co., Sydney & Sheppard, Maurice W. Thomas, W. A. Upright, George S. Vashon, Edward J. Willis.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE. Many Subjects of Interest Discussed by the Methodists.

The second day's session of the West Richmond District Conference was called to order at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, Presiding Elder Dr. Brown in the chair.

After religious exercises, conducted by Rev. F. M. Edwards, the minutes were read and approved. On nomination by Rev. R. H. Mullen, the pastor, Apple Grove, West Glouceland circuit, was chosen as the place for holding the conference. Several visiting clergymen were present and introduced to the conference, among whom were Rev. H. C. Tucker, missionary to Brazil, Rev. J. W. Stiff, of Smithfield, and Rev. J. P. Woodward, of Manchester.

Captain Richard Fry made the Sunday-school report and offered appropriate resolutions. Interesting addresses were made by Revs. F. M. Edwards, E. P. Parham, P. Whitehead and Messrs. W. A. Shepard and G. I. Hunt.

The general subject of education was brought forward by Captain Fry and was devoted wholly to the interest of Randolph-Macon College. The college is at the head of the Methodist educational work in Virginia, and with a most able faculty is second in position to no college of similar grade in the South. Addresses were delivered by Captain Richard Fry, Revs. Dr. Whitehead and J. T. Lumpkin.

Under the report of missions as brought forward by Rev. R. H. Mullen, Rev. H. C. Tucker of Brazil made a very interesting and eloquent address on his work in that country as agent of the American Bible Society and a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South). Rev. Mr. Tucker is the son-in-law of Bishop Granbery, and during his six years in Brazil has been one of the most successful missionaries in any field. A very pleasant incident was the singing of the familiar Gospel hymn, "Showers of Blessings," in Portuguese, at the conclusion of which the whole audience joined in the chorus in English. Mr. Tucker and wife have been in this country for several months, visiting and lecturing, and expect to return to Brazil about the 15th of July. The discussion on missions was continued by Rev. Dr. Whitehead, Rev. R. H. Mullen, Rev. R. H. Bennett, O. F. McDowell and R. H. Whitlock.

Resolutions offered by R. H. Whitlock were passed approving and commending the work of church extension in this city as conducted by the Sunday-School Society and the Layman's Union, which work is soon to include the erection of several new churches in addition to those already built at Washington-street and Howard's Grove.

Professor Shepard, of Randolph-Macon College, submitted the report of the committee on quarterly conference records. The following were elected delegates to the Annual Virginia Conference which meets in Norfolk in November next: Ro. E. Richardson, M. A. Cogbill, R. H. Whitlock and G. I. Hunt, with the following alternates: W. A. Shepard, T. F. Cooke, George C. Smith and J. J. Mills.

A report on finance, recommending the raising of the church funds by regular weekly or monthly contributions, was presented by M. A. Cogbill and adopted.

A SWEETLY solemn noon wedding took place at the residence of Mr. W. J. Whitehurst, on south Third street, yesterday. Miss Nannie Hunt Campbell was the bride. Mr. Ernest Cecil Gunther was the groom, in an impressive manner. Rev. W. W. Landrum, D. D., of the Episcopal Church, officiated.

The parlor was beautifully decorated with maidenhair ferns, palms and daisies. Mantels were banked with those graceful plants, and between the windows of the front parlor a bower-like arrangement made a fitting background for the couple and clergyman. Only the nearest relatives of the happy pair were present.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was tendered by Mr. W. J. Whitehurst, brother-in-law of the bride. It was a dainty repast, complete and charming, and the health of the couple was drunk with many good wishes.

GAME FROM HONG KONG.

BOTH TEAMS PLAYED CELESTIALLY.

The Contest Between the Doctors and Lawyers Continued for Three Hours—The Score Was a Wonderful Production.

Lawyers and physicians. Ball game. Island. Park. Yesterday afternoon. Great crowd. Bridge thronged. Grandstand. Pretty girls. Dainty gowns. Spirited. Sailor hats. French cambrics. Russet shoes. Jane Harding veils. Coloring fluttering. Gloved hands. Pencils. Borrowed from sweethearts. Score cards. Funny—very. Bleachers. Usual gang. "Yellers." Comanche howlers. Act as umpires. Unfortunate—very. Six hundred people. Good cause. Stuart Monument Fund. Charitable—very.

Half-past four. Game commenced. Colonel Jo. Lane Stern, orator. Stood in chair. Grandstand. Players outside. Caps off. Read telegrams. Published below. Very funny. Crowd laughed. "Londer." From bleachers occupied. Orator man. Looked at him. Told him to go somewhere. Hot place—very.

Funny game. Commenced. Lasted three hours. Tiresome—very. Eight innings. Should have been six. Plenty. Spectators left. Tired. Hungry. Tea-time. Physicians. Looked. First inning. Four runs. Four hits. Lawyers. One run. No hits. Goals. Egg. For Doctors. Next inning. Run for Lawyers.

MADE A SPURT. Third inning. Lawyers. Made spurt. Happy. Worked hard. Twelve men. At bat. Mathews led. Went out. Tried to steal second. Couldn't. Sands. Base on balls. Wild pitches. Passed balls. Scored. Potts. Hit to left. Same as Sands. Scored. Page. Fly. Pitcher. Out. Maury. Base on balls. Stole. Error third. Another run. Autrum. Base on balls. Third on hit. Scored on another. Mitchell. Two bagger. Scored on hit. Wickham. Base on balls. Stole. Hit and error. Scored. Maury. Two bagger. Hit. Scored. Mathews again. Stole. Hit. Scored. Sands. Hit by ball. Out at third. Potts. Left on base.

Physicians. Fourth inning. Made spurt. Seven runs. Good playing. Six hits. Well bunched. Telling effect. Fortunate—very. Too one-sided. Before. More even. More pleasant. Unfortunate scorers. Don't like game. Too long. Not professional. Work man to death. Chinese ball. Nice game. One man. Hit ball. All run. Play in Hong Kong. Celestial—very. Scored. Maury. Yesterday. Railroad time-table. Same thing. Less sensible. Gibbering maniacs. Score ball games. Foolish—very.

Teams. Costumes. Lawyers. Red and White. Sills to second. Sad trousers. Backer. Taylor. Catcher. Trainers. One leg. Flat knee. Other near ankle. Funny. Half Mast Proceeding. Amusing. Femininity. Grand Stand. Physicians. Ambulance Corps. Astute—very. Look Wise. Wear glasses. Pockets. Prescription blanks. Aztec. Well prepared. Emergency.

SCORE BY INNINGS. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8. Lawyers. 1 1 8 7 6 6 5 8—42. Physicians. 4 0 4 7 5 0 1 1—22.

THE TELEGRAMS. The telegrams read by Colonel Stern were as follows: The one from Sitting Bull, who died some time ago, was scorched in transit.

LONDON, June 9, 1892. To Judge E. C. Minor, care Ned Waddill, Richmond. Manua wants me to go to bed. I never could sleep while any sort of game was going on, you know. Telegraph me the result of your expense. Give my kindest regards to Aunt Phyllis. I see a great deal of his Uncle Jack.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9, 1892. To Judge E. C. Minor. You can't imagine how anxious I am. BENJAMIN HARRISON.

LOWELL, MASS., June 9, 1892. To Judge E. C. Minor, Richmond via City Point. I am watching both sides with great interest. BEST, F. BUTLER.

WASHINGTON, June 9, 1892. To Judge Minor, care Billy Cullingsworth. I am sorry Meredith and Guy are not in the game. Tell them they shall be on the Washington nine next year. GROVER CLEVELAND.

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OFFICE CHIEF OF POLICE, 8 NORTH TENTH STREET, RICHMOND, VA., MAY 23, 1892. NOTICE—ON AND AFTER JUNE 10, 1892, the police will report the owners of dogs found on the streets without medals and muzzles. Fine is from \$10 to \$25. FOR J. J. Chief of Police. my 11-10