# DEATH OF "UNCLE LARRY"

*CLOSE OF THE LIFE OF REV. J. B. LAURENS YESTERDAY.*

**One of the Best Known Methodist Ministers in the State—The Head of the Rosebud Organization.**

ASHLAND, VA., May 17.—Special.—Rev. J. B. Laurens died at his home last night at 2 o'clock. For a number of years he was an invalid and a great sufferer, and it was during the latter part of the past week that his last spell of illness came upon him.

Mr. Laurens, or as he was lovingly called "Uncle Larry," was born in Fauquier county, Va., in 1827. He served as a soldier in the Mexican war, and as an officer in the Confederate forces of the late civil war. He was a member of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and served a number of charges.

HIS PARENTS.

Mr. Lauren's father was a Frenchman and his mother was Ruth Ricketts, of Rappahannock county, Va., and a Methodist. He was baptized in infancy in the Catholic Church by the priest of his father. His parents died before he was five years old. Before twelve years old he joined the Methodist church in Winchester under the preaching of Rev. Norval Wilson. He went into the Mexican war and while there his faith decayed. He was renewed in Christian life at a camp meeting in Rappahannock county in 1850, and a few years thereafter entered the university. During the late war he was agent for the Soldiers' Tract Society and for two years agent of the Preachers' Relief Society. He married in 1856 Miss Coke, of King and Queen, a lady of superior mind and energy who has ministered to him with untiring love during his affliction.

It is as "Uncle Larry," the organizer and head of the "Rosebuds," a missionary organization composed of the Methodist children of Virginia, that he is better known throughout the State. Confined to his room, he had of late years been conducting the affairs of this society.

HIS LAST DAYS.

Many of his old friends called to see him in the last few days and tender farewells were spoken. Rev. G. H. Ray, D. D. (one of his classmates), who, in company with Dr. W. G. Starr and others, visited him on Tuesday, says: "We found him very feeble, but rich in faith, happy in suffering, and waiting for the Master's call. Brother Laurens has wrought in sufferings these forty years, and will leave an impress for good on the Church he has served with such constant devotion and endurance. Already the fruits of his labors are seen in the increased amounts raised for missions in the Virginia Conference. The children of the Church rise up to call him blessed, and the present adult generation has been trained to larger gifts to God under the touch of his hand. This reflection is a source of great comfort to him as he lingers in the glow of the sunset. Thousands of prayers are ascending to God for his recovery. He is resting on the promises, hopeful, courageous, trusting. It is a privilege beyond the common walks of life to be in his chamber."

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from Duncan-Memorial chapel, and the interment will be in the Ashland cemetery. It was "Uncle Larry's" expressed wish that as many members of the Rosebud Society in Richmond as could would attend his funeral, each wearing a small rosebud.

DR. LAFFERTY'S TRIBUTE.

Dr. Lafferty, in his sketches of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has the following to say of Rev. John B. Laurens: "Mr. Laurens had in him the aptitude for organization and the magnetism for leadership in the church enterprises, but these qualities lay largely dormant till favoring conditions developed them. Indifferent health had fettered his zeal all along his itinerant life till it disabled him entirely in 1877. He retired from the active field. A friendship of years between the conductor of the Advocate and himself brought to that paper his discretion, good will and energy, till disturbing maladies confined him within his own doors and made the use of the pen irksome. While connected with the Advocate he turned his attention to the children and, starting with a mite contribution, made in the family of Rev. Thomas H. Campbell, of our conference, he nourished this tiny plant till its broad boughs bore fruit among the heathen beyond the Pacific, and also in the land of the Aztecs, and among the red men of the West.

MUSTERING THE INFANTS.

"The story of how this broken soldier of the militant Church mustered the thousands of infants of our homes into the band of the 'Rosebuds' has become a thrilling household tale in our bounds. The recruits at first were few and the finances were counted in nickels and coppers. By inviting their little letters to the children's department of the paper; by exhortations, short, apt, and simple; by wise organization; by personal visits and addresses; the Church saw with a glad wonder a children-crusade for Christ that seemed started by magic and moved by magnetism. The gifts ran up to an annual sum of thousands of dollars, but the value of the missionary education among the boys and girls of the Church of the future cannot be reckoned in coin or currency. The name of 'Uncle Larry' is known as widely as any bishop's in the Church and his achievements as the head of the 'Rosebuds' makes an engaging page in our annals. In these last years he has been not only a confirmed invalid, but a victim of excrutiating pains. His body is emaciated till tendon and bone come to the eye everywhere in his anatomy. The gnawing of the nerves is the pastime of his hungry disease. On such a frame the gravest venture of modern surgery was attempted. Before the knife brought to view the cavities of his body life only hung by a thread. It went abroad in print that this extreme experiment would be made. This evoked a thousand prayers for a safe issue. The voices of the babes and sucklings came up before God.

"Uncle Larry was spared. From his bed, amid unceasing torments to joint and marrow, he conducts the affairs of forty thousand children at home, and their missionary matters in distant lands."

*NEW YORKERS AT LEXINGTON*

**Col. J. T. Terry and Party Making a Tour of the Shenandoah Valley.**

LEXINGTON, VA., May 17.—Special.—Col. Thomas C. Prince, division superintendent of the Valley Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, representing Col. Thomas King, vice-president of that corporation, who was detained in Baltimore by business, arrived here last night in the president's private car "Annapolis," on a special train, having in charge Col. John T. Terry and wife, Rev. Roderick Terry, D. D., and J. T. Terry, Jr., of New York, who are making a tour of the principal points of interest in the Shenandoah Valley. The party came over the Baltimore and Ohio to Shenandoah Junction, where they took the Norfolk and Western to Luray, visiting the caverns; then to the Natural Bridge on yesterday, where Col. H. C. Parsons extended the distinguished party the courtesies of the place. They came here over the Norfolk and Western and the Chesapeake and Ohio.

While in Lexington the party visited the Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University, the tombs of Lee and Jackson, and were much pleased with what they saw. They left to-day for Hagerstown, and from there they go to Gettysburg to view the battlefield.

Col. Terry is a director in a number of the big roads of the West and Northwest; in the system of trunk lines extending from Detroit to the Mexican line; is a director of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and a man of large means. It is hinted he is looking over Virginia to place some big investments for self and financial associates.

Judge Allen, of Botetourt county, was here to-day to consult with the leading men of thought, looking to a movement for the extension south to Roanoke of the Valley Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

William E. Granger, a former well-known citizen of Richmond, and a prosperous and popular business man here during the past four years, has gone back to his old home, where he will locate.

The second game of a series of three between the Washington and Lee University and the Virginia Military Institute, which was dated for next Saturday, has been posponed on account of the sickness of one of the University men.

Mr. Wm. A. Anderson has been elected delegate to the Episcopal Council, which meets in Roanoke, Va., June 7th, by the vestry of Grace-Memorial church, with E. M. Pendleton as alternate.

There will be an important change of schedule on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad Sunday next, which will affect all trains on the Valley Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio coming into this point.

*A. P. HILL CAMP COMING.*

**Capt. McCabe Expects to Bring 130 Men in Uniform to the Unveiling Here.**

PETERSBURG, VA., May 17.—Special.—Captain W. Gordon McCabe, commander of A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans, of this city, told me to-day that the camp expected to carry over to Richmond on the 30th instant about one hundred and thirty men in uniform to attend the unveiling of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. The superior drilling of this camp while on their last visit to Richmond attracted a great deal of attention, and was much complimented.

The best sale of shipping tobacco made here this season was that sold at Centre warehouse to-day by Mr. J. C. Robinson for Mr. Thomas W. Walker, of Brunswick county. It brought $15.25 per hundred pounds. There was about three hundred pounds of it.

Intelligence was received here this morning of the death of Mr. Thomas F. Dugar, a former citizen of Petersburg, who died suddenly in Baltimore last night. He was for some years traveling salesman for D. Rosenstock & Co., of this place. He has three sisters here. Mr. Dugar married a sister of Mr. W. E. Drummond, of Petersburg, who survives him with three children.

Mr. C. M. Gilliam, who for sometime past has been holding a clerkship in the office of Mr. Robert Gilliam, clerks of the courts of this city, left this morning for Washington, D. C., to accept a position with Mr. J. C. Addison, a wholesale stationer of that city.

Sheriff Watson received a letter today from the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, informing him that William Hendricks, a negro who was sent to that institution for felony, would be released on the 23d of June next. Hendricks is wanted here for stealing a cow, and an officer from this city will be at the penitentiary to take charge of him as soon as he is discharged.

Mr. E. J. Armstrong, of the firm of Armstrong & Steer, was thrown from his buggy oposite his residence this afternoon and seriously injured.

*HIGHWAYMAN SENTENCED.*

**Politics in the Fifth District—Republicans and Populists.**

MARTINSVILLE, VA., May 17.—Special.—County Court has been in session this week; five cases tried and four convictions. The most important cases tried were the Commonwealth vs. Cap. Mitchell (colored), for assault with intent to rob. This is the case reported some time since. J. S. Thomasson was attacked by this negro on his way home from town. The negro struck him three times with a rock, and demanded his money. The prisoner was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. The judge immediately passed sentence, no motion having been made for a new trial.

The people here are very much stirred up about local and national politics on account of the extremely hard times and the exceedingly low prices for their tobacco. The Third party leaders are trying to form a fusion with the Republicans, but I have heard Republicans say: "Anything rather than the Third party."

If the Republicans bring out a candidate the late postmaster, Mr. C. W. Jones, as I told you in my last letter, will be hard to beat for the nomination, he being the most popular man in this section. Mr. Swanson will be certain to get the nomination on the Democratic side. He has distributed his patronage in such a way as to completely hold and bind the leaders.

*TRIAL OF H. G. WADLEY.*

**Efforts of the Defence to Quash the Indictments Prove Futile.**

WYTHEVILLE, VA., May 17.—Special. The legal battle upon the indictment of H. G. Wadley, for embezzlement and larceny in connection with the failure of the Wytheville Insurance and Banking Company, is on in the County Court. The indictment contains forty counts. Wadley surrendered himself to the court yesterday, and was bailed to-day in $5,000.

All the day has been occupied in efforts to quash the indictment, but the Court's rulings have favored the prosecution. There is no doubt that the case will be concluded at this term. The accused is represented by Captain F. S. Blair and Joseph C. Wysor, and the Commonwealth's attorney is assisted by General James A. Walker, who is employed by the policy holders who have unpaid fire loss claims.

*DEED OF TRUST MADE.*

**One Recorded by S. M. Bolling to Secure Creditors—Four Classes Named.**

BEDFORD CITY, VA., May 17.—A deed of trust was recorded to-day from Hon. S. M. Bolling to J. W. Ballard, trustee, conveying about 700 acres of land, with all the machinery, farming implements, and crops thereon. Mr. Bolling's interest in the firm of Bolling, Wright & Co., smoking tobacco manufacturers, and his interest in other property to secure creditors of four classes. The first three amounting to over $51,000 and class four covering his remaining debts.

**Goodman—Rice.**

SUNNY SIDE, VA., May 17.—Special.—Miss Nellie C. Goodman and Mr. Alfred C. Rice were married yesterday evening at 3 o'clock at "Rock Cottage," the sweet home of her parents, near this place. Rev. John O. Moss performed the ceremony.

The attendants were Miss Rosa Goodman, sister of the bride, and Mr. E. A. Rice, of Farmville, Va.; Miss Jennie Breazeal and Mr. J. Vivian French.

Intimate friends and attendants were served an elegant luncheon.

The bride is a young lady of many personal attractions.

Mr. Rice is an estimable young man, and is an employe of the Farmville and Powhatan railroad.

Mr. J. C. Page, ship's writer aboard the United States monitors, whose term of enlistment has expired, has been reappointed for another year.

# WRECK ON COAST LINE.

*CARS BREAK AWAY AND COLLIDE WITH A SWITCH ENGINE.*

**Engineer and Fireman Save Themselves by Jumping—Urging Wilmington to Make an Exhibit at Atlanta.**

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 17.—Special.—A freight train on the Atlantic Coast Line arrived from Rocky Mount about 8 o'clock to-night. The brakes were applied and the cars left standing on a heavy down-grade in the upper end of the yard. The engine had been detached and put in the round-house. In some way, not accounted for, the cars started down the grade to the river, colliding with a switch engine that was at work on the wharf. The engineer and firemen saw the cars coming and jumped just as two cars were thrown on top of the locomotive, completely demolishing the cab. Six cars were wrecked. No one was hurt.

COLONEL AVERY'S VISIT.

Colonel J. W. Avery, of Atlanta, the pioneer in the direct trade movement for southern ports with Europe and other foreign countries, is here as special commissioner of the Cotton States and International Exposition, to be held in Atlanta, beginning September 1, 1895.

The object of his visit is to secure endorsement of the commercial bodies of Wilmington, asking them to urge a State exhibit, and to petition the senators and representatives to vote for the bill pending in Congress, appropriating half a million dollars for a National exhibit. A special meeting of the Produce Exchange is called at 3 o'clock to-morrow evening to take action in regard to the matter.

*THE PRISONERS STILL AT LARGE.*

**Buncombe County Contributes $190 to the Confederate Monument.**

RALEIGH, N. C., May 17.—Special.—President Holliday, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, was to-day appointed commissioner to attend the Southern Inter-state Immigration Convention at Augusta, Ga., May 30th.

Buncombe county to-day sent a contribution of $190 to the Confederate monument.

The collector of the revenue to-day received a report of the capture of an illicit distillery in Moore county.

None of the ten prisoners who yesterday made their escape have yet been captured, though reports from the country say that some of them have been seen. Page, the murderer, was seen twelve miles north of here. He is an outlaw and a reward of $150 will be paid for him dead or alive. A reward of $10 is offered for others. About fifteen deputies are now searching for them.

*MR. CLEVELAND FISHING*

**At Morehead City, N. C., on the Steamer Violet—Good Luck Yesterday.**

RALEIGH, N. C., May 17.—A special to the News-Observer-Chronicle from Morehead City, the seaside resort of this State, says:

President Cleveland is here on the steamer Violet, Commander Evans in charge. He had fine success to-day trolling.

**Vanderbilt's Biltmore Place.**

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 17.—Special.—George Vanderbilt is having Biltmore, the station near his estate, just east of the city, laid off in streets. It is thought by some of those in close contact with those in charge out there that this is only the beginning of extensive public improvements which Mr. Vanderbilt will make in this little suburb of Asheville. He is at present in Europe, but is expected here about June 6th.

Dr. George T. Winston, president of the State University, passed through Asheville yesterday on his way to Cullowee High School, where he delivers an address to-day.

**Durham News Notes.**

DURHAM, N. C., May 17.—Special.—The Fountain Marking Brush Company to-day entered suit against J. J. Baldwin to compel him to pay $100, subscribed by him to the stock of the company. It is a test case and numerous persons are involved.

Rev. W. H. Cunninggim is quite ill of fever.

To-night the religious opera "Esther," was presented by local talent.

*THOUGHT HE WAS POISONED.*

**Germans Locating in Charlotte—Improvements at Keysville.**

KEYSVILLE, VA., May 17.—Special.—On Tuesday John Lee, colored, died rather suddenly, near Ontario, after a short sickness. On his death bed he stated that he had been poisoned by his stepmother. Excitement ran high among his colored friends, and threats of lynching were freely indulged in. Justice John Hailey, acting coroner, summoned a jury and yetserday a post-mortem examination was made by Dr. A. S. Priddy, who pronounced it a very bad case of consumption. No indications of poison were found.

Mr. George Clark, president of the Central National Bank, of Washington, and brother are in our town examining property, with a view of making investments.

Mr. George W. Core, of North Carolina, has located his shuttle, bobbin, and spoke factory here, and will commence operations in a few days.

A number of Germans have recently purchased farms near Keysville, and others will soon follow.

*A HEAVY FINE IMPOSED.*

**Two Hundred Dollars for Selling Liquor on Sunday—Newport News Shipping.**

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 17.—Special.—One of the largest fines ever imposed in this city for violation of the Sunday liquor laws was placed upon John McKeon in the County Court yesterday. He was indicted by the grand jury for selling liquor on Sunday, February 18th, and fined $200.

Thirty-six vessels were at Lambert's Point yesterday afternoon awaiting coal.

Although organized but recently, the Business Men's Association of Newport News is proving itself to be an important factor in the city's welfare and development. The association meets every Tuesday night, and a subject of public interest is discussed at each meeting. "Taxation" was the subject discussed Tuesday night, and among other interesting facts it was brought out that Newport News district pays 948 per cent. of the taxes of Warwick county.

*THE DANVILLE TIMES.*

**Its Publication Resumed—Mr. Swanson's Renomination Assured**

DANVILLE, VA., May 17.—Special.—The Danville Times, published by Powhatan Bouldin, which on last Thursday announced a temporary suspension on account of hard times, came out on time to-day. Editor Bouldin had too many friends, and The Times was too old and too valuable a Danville institution to be allowed to suspend. A large number of friends came to the rescue and The Times is on its feet again.

Information from the counties of the Fifth district indicate that Claude A. Swanson will have a walkover for renomination for Congress. The people have watched his course in Congress and they are pleased with the record he has made and the ability he has displayed. A few disappointed office seekers here and there are not for Swanson, but the masses are. So far he has no avowed opponents for the nomination.

Hon. George E. Dennis, one of the best-known lawyers of Franklin county, died at Rocky Mount Tuesday, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

The appointment and confirmation of Colonel James M. Neal, to be postmaster here, gives general satisfaction. Colonel Neal will make his bond at once and take charge of the office within the next week or ten days.

In Neapolis a lively little contest for the municipal offices is on. The Democrats nominated a strong ticket for Councilmen and Mayor at their primary, but the Prohibitionists, sailing under the name of "Citizens' Committee," put out a citizens' ticket, though the necessity for such a ticket is not apparent, inasmuch as they took five of the candidates on the Democratic ticket to make up theirs.

*WORK OF BURGLARS.*

**Landlord Spencer Robbed of $227—Sale of a Fine Farm.**

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., May 17.—Special.—Last night burglars entered Spencer's Hotel and got away with $227, which Mr. John Spencer had left in the drawer under the office counter. About 2 o'clock Mrs. Spencer, whose chamber is immediately over the hotel office, heard a noise below, and at once awoke Mr. Spencer, who started down; but, forgetting his pistol, returned for it, when the thieves, no doubt, hearing him, made good their escape.

An attempt was made to enter another drawer, in which was $400, but in the attempt the alarm was sounded, which awoke Mrs. Spencer. Mr. Spencer is of the opinion that the robbery was committed by suspicious-looking negroes who were around the hotel yesterday afternoon, and an active search is now being made in every direction for the thieves.

The fine farm known as "Wheatland," and until a few years ago the property of ex-Governor Groome, of Maryland, but in 1890 bought by Mr. B. B. Wolfe, who has for the past twenty-three years resided on it, was on yesterday purchased by Judge R. L. Henley and Samuel Harris for the sum of $10,000. The sale is subject to the approval of the trustees, R. T. Barton and George Howard, of Maryland.

**Fire in Northumberland.**

WARSAW, VA., May 17.—Special.—Garner Brothers' storehouse, blacksmith and coach shop, a large stock of general merchandise, tools and material, together with some smaller buildings, in Northumberland county, about eleven miles from this place, was totally destroyed by fire this morning.

**Norfolk Primary.**

The candidate who can take comfort from the result of the late primary is surely of a very sanguine temperament.—Norfolk Landmark.

**An Anecdote of Hetty Green.**

A characteristic anecdote of eccentric Mrs. Hetty Green, the wealthiest woman in the country, is told by a prominent hotel man of this city. Many years ago Mrs. Green's son, Edward, who was then a child, sustained a fracture of the leg. The broken limb was badly set by a New York surgeon, and the boy was threatened with permanent lameness. Mrs. Green brought her son to this city to be treated by a specialist, and put up at a Broad-street hotel. She explained to the proprietor that she was a poor woman, who had come here to secure for her little boy proper surgical treatment. She was too poor to pay for her board and lodgings, she said, and asked if she could not be given a room very cheap. The proprietor, who was a charitable man, fixed her as comfortable as possible in the servants' quarter. She had been in the house a week or so when a New York man, in looking over the register, saw the name. "I see that you have as your guest the richest woman in New York," said he to the proprietor. "Who's that?" asked mine host. "Mrs. Hetty Green," said the other. "Oh, no you're mistaken. She's a poor woman whom I have taken in out of charity," said the proprietor. But the New Yorker explained the true condition of things, and Mrs. Green found other quarters.—Philadelphia Record.

**Mother's Hymns.**

Hushed are those lips, their earthly song
is ended;
The singer sleeps at last;
While I sit gazing at her armchair
vacant,
And think of days long past.

The room still echoes with the old-time
music,
As singing soft and low,
Those grand, sweet hymns, the Christian's
consolation,
She rocks her to and fro.

Some that can stir the heart like shouts
of triumph,
Or loud-toned trumpet's call,
Bidding the people prostrate fall before
Him,
"And crown Him Lord of all."

And tender notes, filled with melodious
rapture,
That leaned upon His word,
Rose in those strains of solemn, deep
affection,
"I love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

Safe hidden in the wondrous "Rock of
Ages,"
She bade farewell to fear;
Sure that her Lord would always gently
lead her,
She read her "title clear."

Joyful she saw "from Greenland's icy
mountains,"
The Gospel flag unfurled;
And knew by faith "the morning light
was breaking"
Over a sinful world.

"There is a fountain"—how the tones triumphant
Rose in victorious strains!
"Filled with that precious blood, for all
the ransomed,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins."

Dear saint, in heavenly mansions long
since folded
Safe in God's fostering love,
She joins with rapture in the blissful
chorus
Of those bright choirs above.

There, where no tears are known, no
pain or sorrow,
Safe beyond Jordan's roll,
She lives forever with her blessed Jesus,
The lover of her soul.

—Boston Transcript.

Says the New York World: "It is now pretty generally known that there is to be a great celebration at the close of the nineteenth century, and the ushering in of the twentieth. A great deal of effort is being made to carry out a very unique, though grand plan. It is proposed that the Columbian Liberty and Peace Bell be rung on the spot where the shepherds heard the chorus of angelic voices proclaim: "Peace on earth, good will towards men." The idea is to have the bell connected to all parts of the world by telegraph and cable. Then, at a specified time, all telegraphic business is to be suspended, every congregation in the religious world to be assembled in its place of meeting, each having a wire connected with the Jerusalem wire, and simultaneously the bell be rung and the message of "peace" be flashed over the earth.

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# BISHOP R. K. HARDGROVE

*THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM ARE NOT SUSTAINED.*

**The Committee Submits its Report to the Methodist General Conference and it is Received with Applause.**

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 17.—The conference convened at 9 o'clock, with Bishop Duncan in the chair. Dr. Brown, of the Virginia conference, conducted the devotional exercises. Dr. Brown then offered a fervent prayer and the exercises were over.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved. Bishop Duncan then retired and Bishop Galloway took the chair. The Committee on Episcopacy begged leave to report. They have had under consideration the character and official administration of John C. Keener, Alpheus W. Wilson, John C. Granberry, Robert K. Hargrove, Wm. W. Duncan, Charles B. Galloway, Eugene D. Hendricks, Jos. S. Key, Atticus G. Haygood, and Oscar P. Fitzgerald, and the same was approved.

CASE OF BISHOP HARDGROVE.

In the case of Bishop R. K. Hargrove, the committee adopted the following:

First, whereas, only three of the allegations made against Bishop Hargrove in the bill of complaints now before us are such as would, if sustained, affect his moral character, to wit: Under the head of the ninth error he is virtually accused of falsehood, and under the head of the fifteenth error of procuring, consenting to, or instigating charges in the Tennessee Conference Journal, and under the fourteenth error he is accused of being influenced by improper motives in stationing the preachers, therefore,

Resolved, That it is sense of this committee that neither of these allegations have been supported by evidence, but that, on the contrary, they have been thoroughly and completely explained by Bishop Hargrove.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Conference that Bishop Hargrove has been guilty of no intentional wrong whatever in the matters complained of, and leaving the purely legal aspect to be determined by the Committee of Appeals, before which they are now pending, not presuming to pass upon them, we respectfully recommend that his character pass.

The reading of the report was received with applause.

Bishop Hargrove was not in his accustomed seat when the report was read, but he came in shortly afterwards. The report went to the calendar and will not be decided until to-morrow.

COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY.

The committee on itinerancy presented a report recommending a change in the discipline in regard to the presiding elder. The report went to the calendar.

The following were elected: I. H. Barbee, who now holds the position, was elected senior book agent, and B. M. Smith, junior book agent; Dr. Hoss, editor of the Christian Advocate; Dr. David Morton, secretary of the board of Church extensions, and Dr. J. J. Tigert, book agent.

**Not Quite Appropriate.**

A young fellow, says the New York Times, was looking over the various purchases of his stepmother, intended for a long and varied list. "Did you say this was for the new clergyman?" he inquired, holding up one card. "Yes, that with the dove flying against the blue sky. Pretty, isn't it?" He gave a low whistle. "You didn't happen to read the legend, I suppose?" She shook her head. "I never thought of it. Why?" He tossed it into her lap and she saw: "I would take thee to my bosom, but thou wilt not come." The new clergyman did not get his Christmas card.

**The Phebe Bird in Spring.**

The water drips from the mossy eaves,
In jewel drops on last year's leaves,
The earth is wrapped in a vale of mist;
And through this gauze of amethyst,
Comes the phebe's note, so clear, so
sweet,
The call of the phebe bird:
Phebe! Phebe! Phebe!

The sun is shedding its rosy glow
On tufts of crocuses white as snow,
That bloom by the old stone wall;
And from the woods by the waterfall,
We faintly hear, so clear, so sweet,
The call of the phebe bird:
Phebe! Phebe! Phebe!

The breath of violets most rare
Is wafted on the gentle air,
While from each mead and ferny dell,
Comes a plaintive note like a silver bell,
So piercing fine, so clear, so sweet,
The call of the phebe bird:
Phebe! Phebe! Phebe!

—Alice B. Waite, in New York Sun.

**Old Scenes in New Lights.**

The elements of a picture are like the constituent words of a chapter, in this, that the success and beauty of the complete whole is dependent upon their wise and skilful combinations.

Thus, in literature, a certain theme may be treated with the noble earnestness and passion of Ruskin, the jewelled mosaic work of Daudet, the merry horseplay of Mark Twain, the stately seriousness of Gladstone, the minstrel fire of Tennyson. Or it may be droned away in the dull periods of Dr. Dryasdust, or corruscated into the incomprehensible sky-rockets of the Pre-Raphaelites, or vulgarized by the smartness of the so-called humorists of the country press. The same theme and the same words will produce widely variant results, according to the mode of treatment. In almost equal degree, a landscape may be either commonplace or noble, according to the manner in which its elements are combined; and wonderful varieties of charm result from different combinations of the same subjects. How widely diverse, for example, are the views of the Coliseum from the head of the Sacred Way, from the Arch of Constantine, from the Aventine Hill, and from the Lateran Basilica. How varied the aspects of the United States Capitol, as seen from among the ancient trees of its encircling park, or over the long vistas of Pennsylvania Avenue, or from leagues away on the lonely Virginia hills, where, only a generation ago, the Grand Army of the Potomac lay, formidable and terrible, in its cannon-girt encampments.

Oftentimes it is the artistic skill of the tout ensemble rather than the subject in view which makes the beauty of a picture. One may illustrate St. Peter's like the flat face of an architectural elevation, or may combine it with the trees of the Vatican gardens, or the multitudinous pillars of Bernini's arcades, or the human life of the Leonine City, into a noble and pleasing picture of almost ideal beauty. How fascinating are the views of Amalfi from the parapet of the Capuchin monastery, of Fountains Abbey through the delicate tracery of its woodland environment, or of the highlands of the Hudson from the embrasures of West Point. It is therefore more from the trained eye and inspired brain of the artist that the highest charm may be found, in the pictures of notable scenes.

Nowhere is this principle more apparent than in the current illustrations, now almost sadly familiar, of the white palaces of the World's Columbian Fair. Most of these are the baldest of flat elevations, like the practical sketches in an architectual student's sketch-book, devoid of atmosphere, feeling, and color. They are the dry prose of illustration, the algebraic formulae of art. But in the new "Book of the Builders," written by the great men who made the Fair, this prosaic feature is entirely lost in the background, and the innumerable throng of pictures are spiritualized by an unparalleled artistic sentiment. Each of the great architectural masterpieces has been reproduced in numerous pictorial forms, under the enthusiastic and enlightened direction of its designer, and with the most favorable circumstances of atmosphere and environment.

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Lake Superior is twenty feet higher than Lake Michigan, while there is a fall of only nine feet in Lakes Huron and Erie. Then there is a sudden descent of 326 feet to Lake Ontario, over half of the plunge taking place at Niagara Falls. Lake Ontario flows into the St. Lawrence, which has a fall of 311 feet to tidewater at Quebec, so that the beginning of the flow of this tremendous mass of fresh water is over 600 feet above the level of the sea.

The cities of Buffalo, Ogdensburg, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and Toledo are found on the banks of the St. Lawrence and the lakes, while there are 107 ports of customs entry. The scenery along the American side of this fresh water system possesses many of the features to be found on the seacoast. There are bold masses of water-worn granite, cliffs of sandstone, wide beaches of silvery sand, curious stratas of limestone, dense forests of oak and pine, in fact, the absence of salt in the water is the only apparent difference between lake and sea.

The geological explanation for these lakes is that when the Cordilleras, in South America, rose slowly from the sea by that mighty convulsion of the earth that is supposed to have had a duration of 2,000 years, the Sierras and Rock mountains followed, thus cutting off from the Pacific ocean a vast body of salt water. As the mountains rose and formed the present watershed the salt ran away in course of time, leaving no trace of its existence, except the presence of fossil, sea shells and fishes. In Indiana and Illinois it is no uncommon thing to plow up spherical masses, which, being cut and open and polished, reveal the fact that they were once corals and sponges.

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