SORROW CAUSED BY CHURCH FIRE

Grove-Avenue Congregation Has Sympathy of the Entire City.

TO TAKE STEPS TO REBUILD.

Subscription Books Will Be Issued at Once, and the Work of Raising Funds Commenced — The Loss and Insurance.

Not since the burning of the Grace-Street Baptist Church, three years ago, has there been a fire in Richmond causing such general distress and sorrow as that which yesterday morning destroyed the Grove-Avenue Baptist Church. The fire was disastrous to the church for several reasons. It wiped away one of the handsomest houses of divine worship in the South, and left the congregation without means to put up another edifice. The handsome church was only insured for $15,000, and there is a debt on the church property which takes $11,000 of the insurance money. The house, organ and other furnishings cost $42,000 and had been paid for, the $11,000 debt being excepted. The fire left the church without a house of worship and with but $4,000 in money, save a small sum, probably less than $1,000, which is to the credit of interest and redemption.

Members of the congregation are simply dazed by the distressing news of the fire. Many of them did not know their place of worship had been destroyed until they read the morning papers yesterday. In this class were a number who had attended the entertainment given in the basement last night by Mr. Maurice, of Manchester, for the benefit of the Sewing Circle of the congregation. Mr. Maurice had just paid $200 for a new stereopticon machine, which he left in the church over night, and this was burned, greatly to the chagrin of the entertainer.

When the entertainment came to a close all the lights were put out, and Mr. T. H. Ellett, chairman of the Board of Deacons, went through the lower part of the building to see that everything was all right. He says he saw no fire and nothing calculated to cause any apprehension of fire about the premises.

HEAVY LOSSES.

The loss on the church and church furniture is $42,000 and the insurance is $15,000, placed as follows: With the United States Insurance Company, J. W. Gordon, agent, $5,000; with the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia, $10,000.

Mr. J. N. Cullingworth carried an insurance of $12,000 on his property, which is damaged to the extent of $1,500 to $2,000. His policies are placed as follows: With the Phoenix, of Brooklyn, J. B. Moore and Company, agents, $6,500; with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, J. B. Moore and Company, agents, $3,000; with the Phoenix, of London, B. C. Wherry, agent, $2,500.

Mrs. Cannon's loss will probably amount to $1,000. It is fully covered by insurance.

The magnificent library of Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, pastor of the church, was completely destroyed. It was established in the church building and not a book was saved. The library was valued at $5,000 and there was no insurance on it. The loss is an irreparable one so far as Dr. Hawthorne is concerned, as many of the books and papers cannot be replaced. Dr. Hawthorne also lost a large collection of sermons.

The male members of the Grove-Avenue Church met yesterday at 12 o'clock at the Second Baptist Church for the general consideration of plans for the future. A meeting of the congregation will be held Monday night at the Church of the Covenant, at which time active measures towards securing funds for the rebuilding of the church will be taken.

After prayer by Dr. T. S. Dunaway yesterday Dr. J. B. Hawthorne took the chair and opened the meeting with a brief reference to the calamity which had overtaken him and his people. He spoke feelingly of the destruction of their beautiful house of worship, and, strong man though he is, his emotion at times overcame him, and he was too full for utterance. He said, however, that he was less concerned about the loss of the building than about the way his people would behave in their affliction. He asked them to bear up under their affliction, and in a true Christian spirit to accept the dispensation of Heaven. He said that he belived the Grove-Avenue Church would prove equal to the occasion, and that the members would come to the rescue in that spirit which has always characterized them.

MANY EXPRESSIONS.

Dr. Hawthorne said that on every hand he had received not only heartfelt expressions of sympathy, but also offers of material aid. He presented letters from Mr. S. K. McKee, of the Y. M. C. A., offering the use of the Association Building; from Superintendent C. H. Ryland, of Richmond College, offering the use of the College chapel, and from Mr. Joseph W. Blanton, placing the Park-Place Methodist Church at the disposal of the Grove-Avenue congregation.

On all sides expressions of deepest sympathy were heard, and churches vied with one another in offering shelter for the homeless congregation. Mr. Lee Brown offered Belvidere Hall for the services to-morrow, and Rev. J. Calvin Stewart the Church of the Covenant.

A committee from Beth Ahaba Synagogue, consisting of Rev. E. N. Calisch, D. D., and Messrs. Charles Hutzler, Henry S. Hutzler and Isaac Held, on the part of the Synagogue, tendered the use of their house of worship for such time as the church might be pleased to occupy it.

THANKS TO ALL.

Dr. Hawthorne expressed his heartfelt thanks for all these and other kind offers and after some consideration the Church decided to accept the invitation of the Second Baptist Church to worship with them to-morrow morning and of the First Baptist Church for the evening service. The Sunday-school will meet in the chapel at Richmond College.

Mr. Henry R. Pollard offered a motion that the Grove-Avenue Church resolve to build another house of worship, if possible, more beautiful than the last, and on the same site. A committee consisting of Messrs. R. W. Jones, J. B. Woodward and B. H. West, was appointed to supply at once 150 subscription books, which will be distributed among the members of the congregation and which will be the beginning of a campaign for funds.

DONATION OFFERED.

After the adjournment of the meeting numbers of members of other churches offered their assistance to the Grove-Avenue people and many pledges for money were received. Notably among others was the offer of Mr. C. W. Tanner, made at the meeting, of $250, and that of the Second Baptist Church, which yesterday morning, at a meeting of the pastor and deacons, subscribed a liberal sum towards the rebuilding of the church.

THE SECOND CHURCH.

The Second Baptist Church presented the following:

To the Brethren and Sisters of Grove-Avenue Baptist Church:

We, the pastor and deacons of the Second Baptist Church, having heard of your great misfortune, in the destruction of your church-house, hereby express our heartfelt sympathy, and tender you our building for your use, and pledge our aid in any way we can help you.

W. R. L. SMITH, Pastor,
J. B. WOOD, Senior Deacon,
GEO. B. STEEL,
J. D. CRUMP,
J. B. MONTGOMERY,
J. T. ELLYSON,
A. H. ROBINE,
W. B. FOREMAN,
GEORGE C. JEFFERSON,
WILLIAM WHITEHURST,
WALTER BOWIE,
WALTER BOOTH,
E. D. STARKE,
Deacons.

From well-nigh every church in the city came offers of aid, and the rebuilding of the church is a certainty.

RESIDENTS AWAKENED.

The residents of the neighborhood of the Grove-Avenue Baptist Church had their slumbers disturbed, not only by the burning of that beautiful edifice Friday night, but were awakened and considerably annoyed earlier in the night by a row between several negroes in the alley between Grove and Floyd Avenues and Linden and Beech Streets. These desecraters of the midnight hour made such a racket that they started all the dogs in the vicinity to barking and howling, and for an hour there was no rest in the neighborhood. The people had just about gotten sound asleep again when they were reawakened by the burning of the church.

It was at first thought by some that these negroes probably had something to do with the church fire, but there seems to have been no good reason for such a supposition.

By special invitation the congregation of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church will worship at the Second Baptist Church this morning, and at the First Baptist Church to-night. Dr. Hawthorne will preach at both services. His text this morning will be: "The fire which tries every man's work." This morning he will preach from the scriptural words: "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

"77"

Breaks up Colds That Hang On,

GRIP

"77" breaks up Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Laryngitis, Catarrh, Influenza, Sore Throat, Tonsilitis, Quinsy, Loss of Voice or Clergyman's Sore Throat, and Grip with all its prostration; Pain in the Head, Back, Chest and Limbs.

Taken early cuts it short promptly, taken during its prevalence, preoccupies the system and prevents its invasion; taken while suffering gives quick relief and leads to entire cure."

"Seventy-seven" consists of a small vial of pleasant pellets; fits the vest pocket.

At druggists, 25c.

Doctor book mailed free.

Humphreys' Homeopathic Medicine Co., Cor. William & John Sts., New York.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

Is Not What Makes a Remedy Valuable.

Testimonials are good things and we are always glad to get them, but they don't make our remedy any better.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are good because they do good—because they cure.

Testimonials simply prove that the tablets have helped other people, but it's yourself you are more interested in, and whether they will cure you is the question.

It is very easy to find out—try them. A full package costs but fifty cents at your druggist's. They are worth that if they only help you a little bit. The chance is worth taking at the price.

We put it on that basis because you don't know about the tablets. If you knew as much about them as we do you would have complete confidence; this advertising would be unnecessary. We have seen them cure the worst cases of stomach trouble. Cases of long standing and obstinacy, cases that other medicines and even high priced doctors had failed to subdue.

Here are some testimonials. If you care to read them we have thousands of them:

Rev. J. R. Hoag, Wymore, Neb., writes: For six years I have been troubled with dyspepsia. Last fall I became very much alarmed at some symptoms of heart trouble and came to believe there was a sympathetic relation between the two diseases, or rather that the stomach trouble was the cause of the heart disturbance. I hit upon Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets for a remedy and invested a dollar and a half for three boxes, which lasted me three months, and I can eat any kind of food I want and have a good vigorous appetite. Although I am seventy-seven years old, I now feel perfectly well and without being requested by anyone I make this statement as a compliment to the virtues of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Mrs. Lydia Bartram, of Assyria, Mich., writes: I have suffered from stomach trouble for ten years and five different doctors gave me only temporary relief. A Mr. E. R. Page advised me to try Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and four boxes did me more permanent benefit than all the doctors' medicines that I have ever taken.

We honestly believe that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the best medicine ever made for the cure of stomach troubles.

Don't mistake our meaning. We don't claim them to cure anything but dyspepsia and stomach disorders. Just the one thing is what they are made for, but that one thing is the cause—the starting point of nearly all the sickness in the world.

Use Stuart's Tablets regularly. Keep your stomach right, and you can never be sick.

EDUCATORS TO MEET.

Association of Colleges and Schools at the University.

A circular letter has been sent out from the University of Virginia announcing that the sixth annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Southern States will be held there on oNvember 1st, 2d, and 3d.

The association includes in its membership representative institutions from Virginia to Texas, and has for its object the promotion of interests common to colleges and preparatory schools, with a special view to co-ordinating their respective spheres of work. All schools that prepare or expect to prepare students for entrance to a college are particularly and vitally interested in the work of the Association.

Representatives of preparatory schools and colleges, whether members of the association or not, are welcomed at its meetings and participate in the discussions. The papers, addresses, and discussions are practical and helpful, but, above all, the personal contact with fellow-workers is a lasting stimulus and inspiration.

The paper is signed by prominent Southern educators, including Messrs. J. M. Page, C. W. Kent, W. H. Schols, R. C. Minor, and J. S. Davis.

Electrical Workers.

The Brotherhood of Electrical Workers held a meeting at Thon's Hall last night and transacted much business. When the business session was over, refreshments were served and everybody had a good time.

Social Club.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association, a club recently organized among some young men of this city for social enjoyment, will move the latter part of next week in their quarters, over Gill's bakery, on Broad, between Fifth and Sixth Streets. The club will be handsomely furnished and will have a splendid library. The present officers are: Lewis Held, president; Leo. Wise, vice-president; Ralph J. Levy, secretary and treasurer; Edmund Kahn, librarian.

MILLER & RHOADS.

CONCERNING NEW DRESS GOODS AND SILKS.

There will be a stir in the Dress Goods and Silk stock this week that will be of immense importance to the women of Richmond *and* hereabouts who know values *and* buy nice dress goods. Rich Black *and* Colored Dress Goods *and* a big fall in the price *of* Silks awaits you here to-morrow *and the* early days *of the* week.

Colored Dress Goods.

Dotted Waist Flannels.
28 inches wide, in medium and dark grounds, some with white dot, others with black dot, twelve different colors, all with woven dot, yard..... 69c

Dotted Velveteens.
22 inches wide, in seven colorings, yard 48c

Waist Flannels.
27 inches wide, all pure wool. These flannels have been shrunk to prevent water spotting, yard 48

Prunella Cloths.
45 inches wide, all pure wool, with satin face, yard $1.00

French Poplin.
40 inches wide, and all pure wool, fifteen colorings, yard 75c

Imported Venetians.
47 inches wide, in beautiful shades, yard $1.75

Broadcloths.
50 inches wide, best value and most popular shades, $1.00, $1.50 and $2.00.

Kersey Cloths for Walking Skirts.
We have now in stock the largest and best assortment of materials for Walking Skirts that we have ever carried. The prices for these heavy weight goods start at 29c. yard and gradually rise up to $2.98

STEAM SPONGING FREE

All dress goods bought of us requiring sponging will be sponged free of charge upon request.

Black Satin de Laine.
45 inches wide, and all pure wool, $1.00 and $2.00 yard.

Black Poplin.
40 inches wide, the imported kind, yard 75c

Black Cheviot.
42 inches wide, shrunk and sponged, a regular 65 cent value, yard 49c

Black Jacquards.
42 inches wide, in neat small designs, yard 50c

Black Dress Goods.

Black Kersey Cloth.
56 inches wide, extra heavy weight for walking skirts, yard $1.25

Black Pierolas.
42 inches wide, rich and lustrous, 85, 98c. and $1.25 yard.

Black Pebble Cheviot.
50 inches wide, all wool, yard $1.25

Black Canadensis.
46 inches wide, guaranteed to wear, yard $1.00

We Lead in the Sale of Silks.

In one week we have sold more High-Grade Silks than ordinarily could be accomplished in a month.

Low Prices Cause Eager Buyers.

We never saw Silks so cheap, so good or so pretty before and probably never will again.

To-morrow the following lots go on sale (and remember these are High-Class Silks).

At 29c,
Checked and Plaid Japanese Silks, Colored Satins, in twelve colorings, including black and cream.

At 39c.
Crystal and Milanese Cords, White Corded Silks, Striped and Dotted Foulards.

At 49c.
Plaid Taffetas, Striped Taffetas, Brocaded Satins, White and Cream Brocades, Figured Foulards, Corded Pilsse Silks.

At 69c.
Black and Colored Taffetas, 27 inches wide; Corded Taffetas and Brocades, Striped and Checked Taffetas.

At 79c.
Dotted Taffetas, Louisine Brocades, Plaid and Striped Taffetas.

At 98c.
Printed Warp Taffetas, High Art Plaids, Raye Canelle Stripes.

TABLE DAMASK.

UNPRECEDENTED PRICES.

For this week we will hold a special sale in our Linen Department. Every item is worthy of the closest scrutiny. Every item means a saving extraordinary.

Turkey Red Damask, good width, worth 22c., for 17c
Table Damask, cream, extra heavy, worth 33c., for..... 25c
Bleached Damask, 50 inches wide, good styles, worth 33c., for 25c
Irish Table Damask, all linen, pure bleached, worth 45c., for 39c
German Table Damask, half bleached, good designs, a bargain at 39c
Scotch Damask, pure bleached, all linen, worth 59c., for 50c
Irish Damask, pure bleached, 66 inches wide, all linen, ivy, roses and many other pretty patterns, worth 75c., special at. 59c
Scotch Damask, 66 inches wide, pure bleached, all linen, dots, pansies and tulips, worth 89c., for 75c
Mercerized Damask, 70 inches wide, pansies, ferns and many new designs, as fine as $1.25 Linen Damask, our price..... 75c
Irish Damask, 72 inches wide, all linen, extra heavy, worth $1, for 79c
Table Damask, Irish Linen, 72 inches wide, satin finish, clover, dots, ferns and other beautiful designs, worth $1.25, special at $1.00

DRESS LININGS.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS.

Do not use poor Linings in even the cheapest garments, It will not pay you when you can get Linings of a really fine quality at such low prices as these.

Checked Crinoline, 30 inches wide, black, worth 8c., special at 5c
Waist Lining Jeans, light, medium and dark gray, worth 10c., for 8c
Black Canvas, extra heavy, a great bargain at... 10c
Percaline, fast black, Nubian dye, worth 12½c., special at 10c
Shrunk Canvas, black and slate, worth 15c., great value at 12½c
Figured Black-Back Selesia, new pattern, worth 16c., special at 12½c
Hairette, one of the best dress facing, in black, slate, brown, tan and white, a great seller at 15c
Automobile Silk, a great line of new colorings, worth 25c., only 17c
Expansion Silk, soft silky finish, good line of colors, worth 25c., for 17c
Mercerized Silks, 36 inches wide, the best colors only, a genuine bargain at 25c
Tailors' Canvas, the greatest number to be had at 25c
French Hair-Cloth, black and slate, worth 33c., for... 25c
Percaline, fast black, Nubian dye, worth 33c., special 25c
Hair-Cloth, French, black and slate, 22 inches wide, worth 50c., for 39c
Lustral, fine soft mercerized lining, good line of colors, for 35c
Hair-Cloth, black and slate, 27 inches wide, worth 59c., for 42c
Silk Percaline, the strongest lining made, will not split, special at 50c

FALL WASH GOODS.

COMPARE AND SAVE MONEY.

Through advantageous dealing we are able to show some most remarkable values in Outing Cloths, Flannelettes, and Percales at prices bound to compel attention.

Outing Cloth, dark work, in blues and reds, great value at 5c
Outing Cloths, fall styles, in red and blue, worth 8 1-3c., for 6¼c
Flannelettes, fall colorings, in stripes and checks, worth 10c., for 8⅓c
Flannelette, dark ground, in dots, stripes and figures, worth 12½c., special at..... 10c
Percales, royal, French and navy blues, special value at 12½c
Dress Ginghams, good styles, worth 7c., for 5c
Outing Cloth, in light ground, worth 10c., at 8⅓c
Percales, light and dark styles, worth 12½c., for..... 10c
French Flannelette, light shades, new colorings, greatest value ever offered at..... 15c

A FRESH STOCK KID GLOVES.

Fownes, Celebrated English Makers, $1.50.

We feel we cannot praise these gloves too highly. We have yet to hear from a wearer the slightest dissatisfaction. They fit the hand so perfectly that you have the feel and freedom of an ungloved hand, and yet your hand is perfectly dressed. The fit and grace is exquisite and the wear and service is equal to two pairs ordinary gloves. Colors—Castor, Gray, Red, Brown, Tan, Mode, Pearl, Black, and White.

"The YALE," One Dollar a Pair.

It is the World's Best Dollar Kid Glove.

Colors—Gray, Mode, Tan, Red, Brown, Black, Pearl, and White.

Tailor-Made Suits.

Ladies' Black Cheviot Suits, in fine grade, single breasted tight fitting jackets, five-gored skirts, a full line, price $12.50
Complete line of Suits in Single and Double-Breasted Jackets, also Box Fronts, in popular shades and materials, price..... $15.00
High grade Suits in Pebble Cheviots, newest cut jackets, very short and tight fitting, fancy stitched seams, five gored skirts, full flare, $17.50

Separate Skirts.

All-Wool Black Cheviot Skirts, in full widths, new back, price $2.98
Heavy Rough Cheviot Skirts, in newest styles, inverted plait back, price..... $4.98
All-Wool Pebble Cheviot Skirts, with stitched taffeta bands, good linings, special price $5.48
Best quality Cheviot Skirts, full flare, in novelty tucked seams, seven gored, the very newest, price $7.98

Women's and Children's Underwear

This department has recognition from every quarter of Richmond for standard undergarments. Our line this season has been augmented by several new and important high grade lines, as you will notice below. You are urged to call and see them.

Ladies' Knit Underwear.

Ladies' Fleeced-Lined Jersey Vest and Pants, white and cream, each 25c
Ladies' part Wool Jersey Vest, in gray and white.... 50c
Ladies' Natural Wool Vest and Pants, each 75c
Ladies' All-Wool Tan Colored Vest and Pants, each $1.00
Ladies' Black Wool Vest and Pants, $1.00 and $1.50 each.
Ladies' Heavy Cotton, Fleeced lined Union Suits, "mella fastening," white and gray, 50c. and $1.00 each.
Ladies' Mixed Wool Union Suits, in gray and white, each $1.50
Ladies' Sanitary, Natural All-Wool Vest and Pants, Hohenzollern make, each $2.50
Demiel's Linen Mesh Vest and Pants, each... $3.00

Children's.

Misses' Fleeced Jersey Ribbed Vest and Pants, 20 and 25c. each.
Misses' part Wool vest and Pants, each 50c
Boys' Heavy Cotton Fleeced Shirts and Drawers, each 25c
Boys' Wool Fleeced Shirts and Drawers, each 50c
Boys' Heavy Gray Merino Shirts and Drawers, each.. 50c
Boys' Gray Fleeced Union Suits, each 50c
Children's Heavy Fleece-Lined Night Suits, each..... 35c
Misses' Jersey Ribbed Cotton Fleeced Union Suits, 25 and 50c. each.

Housefurnishings.

SPECIALS.

Lamps, pink and blue tint, with rich and new decorations, 10-inch globes, lift out founts, centre draft, something rich; if we say $3.50 you would say it was cheap, the price $2.75
3-Fold Screens, 5 feet high, filled with fine quality silkolene, assorted patterns, the price..... $1.00
6 dozen large size Medallions, colored subjects, all new subjects, price, each.. 20c
25 Jardinieres, assorted colors and sizes, were 70c. and $1 each, to be closed out at, each 50c
500 Rolls of Crepe Paper, 10 feet to a roll, assorted colors and patterns, never sold for less than 10c. a roll, to be closed out at, roll 5c
5 pounds high grade of Laundry Soap, something that is good and strictly pure; we only ask to buy it once, 10 cakes for 25c

A Great Corset Offer.

Monday we intend to make every woman remember she bought a bargain at "The Always-Busy Store."

Fancy Corsets, 5 hooks, short length, lace trimmed, all sizes, 40c.; W. B. Erect Form, black and white, 75c and $1.00; Thompson's Glove-Fitting "Militant," black, white and drab, all sizes, $1.00; C. B. Fancy, also black and white, all sizes, 75c and $1.00.

Coats and Capes.

A line of Coats in Blue, Black and Brown Beaver Cloth, lined throughtout.. $5.00
Ladies' Jackets, in satin finished kerseys, serge lined, double-breasted, box fronts, high storm collars, in black only, price $6.75
A full line of Jackets in Brown, Tan, Blue and Black Silk and Satin lined, an assortment of styles, price $7.50

THE NEW

"Erect Form"

CORSET.

is the greatest triumph of the "W. B." factories. There is no pressure on abdomen or bust, therefore no indigestion or short breathing. Graceful as no other Corset ever has been, it develops all the exquisite lines *of the* figure and forces *the* shoulders back, giving the poise of an empress. All these excellencies are yours at the usual cost of "just so" corsets.

$1.00

SPECIAL BOYS' AND GIRLS' CAP SELLING.

Special lot of Boys' and Girls' Eton and Golf Caps, in plaids, some in plain cloth, fancy stripe velour, plain tan leather; also leather and cloth combination top, not one of them worth less than 39c. each, your choice for to-morrow, each..... 25c
Another special lot in Golf Plaids, some plain cloth with fancy plaid tops; soft finish hats with tassel tops and cords, also the new leather Golf, very pretty, special for to-morrow, selling each 50c

WIDEAWAKE FLANNEL SALE.

Here are Flannel Headquarters. Our stock on White Flannels cannot be duplicated. The regular 20c. kind for 17c.; the usual 25c. kind for 20c.; another 33c. value for 30c.; the best 50c. kind for 40c.; full 7-8 fine White Wool Flannel for 50c.; regular 75c. soft finish for 60c.; special 89c. Flannel bargain for 75c.; the best $1.25 Silk Warp for 95c.

Special All-Wool Red Twill Flannel, excellent quality, regular 19c. value, for 14c
The best 30c. Red Twill Flannel, strictly all wool, none better, at special price 25c

BLANKETS.

Fancy Roman Stripe Blankets, for slumber and bath robes, $1.48 price .....
Another special lot of Fancy Blankets, in pink, light blue and tan stripe, worth $1.39, price $1.00
Good Heavy Gray Blankets, 10-4 size, with red borders, $1.50 value, for $1.00

BLANKETS---Continued.

White Soft Fleecy Blankets, 10-4 size, with pink and blue borders, for 79c
Good Heavy Woven Twill Blankets, large size, heavy fleeced, $1.50 value, for $1.00
Large size 10-4 Twill Woven Blankets, assorted borders, very heavy, soft fleeced, $1.75 value, for... $1.50
Good quality heavy Gray Blankets, with red borders, wool mixed, worth $3 per pair, special..... $2.50
Fine White Wool Mixed Blankets, good heavy quality, finished off with silk mohair binding, double stitched, worth $3.45, special.. $2.98
The best White Wool Blanket in all Richmond, full size, weighs 4 pounds, worth $4 per pair, our special price $3.39

A BARGAIN IN BED SPREADS.

The greatest of all great days will be to-morrow in our White Bed Spread Department. Over 100 Quilts, all Marseilles patterns, some slightly soiled, extra large size; they are all regular $1.50 spreads, on sale to-morrow, for $1.00

LACE CURTAINS.

We are the largest Lace Curtain house in Richmond. Special 3½ yards long Nottingham Curtains, $1.30 value, for $1.00
New designs received daily. Full 3½ yards long, many styles, $1.75 value, for $1.50
We can show you fifty different styles of Curtains, all the newest patterns, Renaissance and Arabian effects, neat plain bobinet centres, with neat borders, prices at $2.00, $2.50 and $3.50 pair.

LADIES' WALKING SKIRTS.

Fine quality Black and Gray Mixed, Twilled and Melton Cloth Walking Skirt, fancy stitched trimmings, price $3.98
Heavy Black Walking Skirts, all-wool materials, fancy lapped, double-stitched seams, inverted plait back, price $4.48
A complete line of Walking Skirts in popular shades, rough effects, plaid backs, perfect in style and fit, price $4.98
Strictly All-Wool Walking Skirts, in popular-grade materials, fancy plaid backs, very narrow stitching around bottom, price $5.75

TEACHERS TO-MORROW.

Meeting to Be Held in Chamber of Commerce.

A joint meeting of the public and private school teachers will be held in the assembly-room of the Chamber of Commerce to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing plans for the holding of the Southern Educational Association, which meets here the latter part of December.

All those interested in educational work are invited to be present.

Property Transfers.

Richmond—Laura V. Angus to Blanche W. Johnson, 33 feet on south side Franklin Street, at the southwest corner Twenty-seventh Street, subject to deed of trust for $2,100, $2,900.

H. Virginia Dickinson's trustee to Frederick W. Hagemann, 33 feet on north side Grace Street, northwest corner Twenty-second Street, $4,000.

G. L. Dickinson and wife to R. L. Pilkinton, 29 feet on east side Randolph Street, northwest corner of Byrd Street, $5.

Annie E. Ostrander, Geo. Nicholas Ostrander and wife, Chas. Ostrander and wife and Cora and Isaac L. Parker to Wm. E. Pickels, 30 feet on west side Pine Street, $1,000.

Henrico—Charles K. Willis and wife to John L. Fink, lots Nos. 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, in block B, and lot No. 12, in block G, plan of Leonard Heights, $500.

Father Changed His Mind.

Sam Baxter, a youth from Philadelphia, who was arrested by Officer Werner several days ago as a suspicious character, in company with another boy, was sent back to his home at noon yesterday. His father several days ago wrote that he would not send for him, but he changed his mind, and the money for a ticket was received by Major Howard yesterday morning.

Family Affair.

Mary Scruggs (colored), mother of James Edward Scruggs, wanted to get her son home yesterday morning, when he demurred, and a loud and disorderly argument ensued. An officer of the law took charge of both of them for being disorderly on the street, and they were carried to the Second Station.

Order of Druids.

The meeting of the Monroe Grove, No. 1, of United Ancient Order of Druids, held Friday night, was largely attended. The following officers were elected: Past Arch, Dr. B. L. Hillsman; Noble Arch, E. S. Jones; Vice-Arch, W. F. Doyle and J. C. Goode; Recording Secretary, J. E. Wells, for the twenty-second term; Financial Secretary, J. C. Goode; Treasurer, John A. Redford; Conductors, J. L. Goode and James T. Morris; Inside Guards, John Randolph (not of Roanoke) and J. E. Bennett; Outside Guards, C. F. Nash and Ira King.

Monroe Grove No. 1, and Liberal Grove No. 2, of Richmond, will send committees to confer with Cynthus Grove No. 3, in Manchester, on next Wednesday night in regard to strengthening the order in the two cities.

IN GOOD SHAPE.

Confederate Woman's Home Getting Along Nicely.

The Home for Confederate Women of Virginia is opening under the most favorable auspices. A number of ladies are already inmates of the Home from different parts of the State, and others will arrive this week. The ladies of the Board are much encouraged at the donations of provisions, furniture, etc., that are being received. A number of checks were reported at the meeting yesterday. Among others were checks from New York and Philadelphia.

A most touching incident occurred yesterday when an old lady was brought to the Home, who had been an inmate of one of the almshouses in one of the counties of the State. She came in shouting and praising God for His goodness to her. Quite a number of ladies were present, as the Board was in session, and all were moved to tears as she told of her trials since '61, when her husband died in prison. The gratitude of these ladies is unbounded, and they are more than satisfied. One old lady wanted permission to hang up a Masonic record of her son—for "John was a Mason"—and she feared she would not be allowed to place it on her wall. It is needless to say her request was granted.

The ladies desire the assistance of every loyal Southerner in Virginia and elsewhere. One visit to the Home and a talk with the inmates will convince all that this is a good work.

The reception to the public will be held this week, and will be announced through the press.

Miss Maude B. Higgins is having a delightful time with friends in New York. She will visit Baltimore and Washington before her return.