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## FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

**The Democratic Advocate for Four Months for 50 Cents.**

The Presidential campaign of 1884 will open in earnest in July, and will be a memorable one. It will witness, we believe, the defeat of the Republican party. Surely all evidences point to that end. The Republican platform and nominees are before the people, and the Democratic candidates will be nominated the second week in July. Every voter should have a paper in order to keep posted, and we have reduced the subscription price of the ADVOCATE so as to put it within the reach of all. For fifty cents it will be sent to any address, postage prepaid, from July 5th to November 8th, inclusive. Names and money should be forwarded by June 28th. Let each subscriber procure us another.-Make up clubs at every postoffice. Address

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Westminster, Md.

## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

**Local Brevities.**

A drum corps is to be organized at Manchester.

Mr. F. H. Schaeffer, formerly of this city, is now located in Kansas City.

Prof. D. C. Ingle, formerly of the Western Maryland College, has resigned as principal of the Salisbury, Md., High School.

Mr. John T. Shuey, formerly of near Warfieldsburg, this county, is now located at Manteno, Kankakee county, Illinois.

Mrs. Hayden, wife of Ambrose Hayden, near Westminster, was paralyzed on Saturday afternoon, and died Sunday morning.

Today we arrive at the summer solstice, when the days are at their longest. They will now grow shorter until the 21st of December.

Chester B. Wentz, of Melrose, has purchased a dwelling on Baltimore street, Hanover, Pa., from Mrs. Alexander Yost, for $2,500.

There was frost in low places on Monday morning. On Saturday and Sunday fires and overcoats were comfortable in the morning and evening.

Wheat is ripening fast, and some of our farmers will begin to cut next week. Much of the grain is down, on account of the recent storms.

Rev. John Gloyd is building a cottage, 24x48 feet, on Green street, opposite the cemetery. Ed. Awalt mason; John Case carpenter.

Dr. Robert Wright, of Union Bridge, who was shot some weeks ago by Ben. A. Richardson, has so far recovered as to be able to attend to his practice again.

To-day closes the fifth week of court, and probably the May term. Nearly two weeks of the time have been occupied by two small cases from Baltimore county.

Quite a number of former students attended commencement exercises at Western Maryland College this week. Several paid their respects to the ADVOCATE office.

On Saturday last Geo. W. Matthews sold at public sale his dwelling, on Belle Grove Square, to Samuel Shunk for $2,550. The other property, adjoining, was not sold.

Prof. Jas. W. Reese, of Western Maryland College, has been chosen to deliver the oration before the literary societies at Pennsylvania College during the commencement next week.

A pleasant hop took place at Bowers' Hall, on Thursday evening, attended by a number of ladies and gentlemen of the College, and also of the town. Every one present seemed to enjoy it.

H. H. Power, proprietor of the City Hotel, has opened a shooting gallery in the old billiard room, and put in a bagatelle and carom-billette table. The place promises to become as great a place of resort as the billiard room was.

The rain of Thursday evening was quite heavy in Cranberry Valley. The lands were badly washed, in some places the washing covering up the corn, and the wheat was beat down flat. In the neighborhood of Carrollton the wheat was beat down also.

Professor D. W. Hering, who has held the chair of Mathematics at Western Maryland College for four or five years, has declined a recomination, and has accepted a call to the chair of physics at the Western University of Pennsylvania, at Alleghany City.

The closing exercises of Springfield Institute at Sykesville, will commence to-morrow, the 22nd. Public examinations will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and commencement on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. Stewart Smith, of Elgin, Illinois, formerly rector of Ascension Church, this city, was in Westminster from Saturday until Tuesday, and officiated at Ascension Church Sunday morning. He is pleasantly located in the West and has a large congregation.

James, a five-year-old son of John Snyder, near Bloom's mill, was kicked by a horse last Saturday evening, and had his jaw bone fractured. The horse was being led to water, and in passing the little fellow kicked him. Dr. Jas. P. Summers, of Warfieldsburg, reduced the fracture, which was a bad one.

Don't forget the ADVOCATE will be sent to any address, postage prepaid, from July 5 to November 8 for the small sum of fifty cents. A few names have already been handed in, accompanied by the cash. Get up lists at every postoffice, and send the names and money in by next Saturday, the 28th.

The college departments of the University of Pennsylvania held their 128th annual commencement on the 13th inst. There were 126 graduates, among whom was Wm. J. Thompson, son of Rev. James Thompson, of this city, who received the degree of Bachelor of Science from the town Scientific School.

Rev. Thomas H. Lewis, A. M., President of the Westminster Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church, has accepted the invitation of the authorities of Adrian College, Michigan, to preach the baccalaureate sermon at the commencement of that institution, which takes place next week.

Harvest began on Tuesday. On that day John G. Shunk, agent, with an Osborne twine twine binder cut and bound several acres of barley on the farm of S. P. Everhart, and on the same day cut about four acres of the same grain on the farm of David Reese. The grain was good, and the machine worked satisfactorily.

An orchestra of seven pieces has been organized in Westminster. The members are Prof. T. D. Ellis, 1st violin; John Lynch and Wm. Reese, 2nd violins; Bailey Morelock, cornet; George Morelock, clarionet; Samuel Stone, trombone; Theodore Mitten, double bass viol. The orchestra had its first practice last Saturday night.

Through the efforts of the Maryland Senators and Representatives in Congress, an appropriation was inserted in the postoffice appropriation bill for a fast mail service over the Western Maryland railroad. The service will be put in operation on Monday next, and the Baltimore papers will reach Westminster about 6 o'clock in the morning, or earlier.

The comptroller of the treasury has made the quarterly distribution of the public school tax to the white and colored schools in the several counties and city of Baltimore. The several amounts will be paid on and after the 25th inst. For white schools Carroll will get $2,905.28, and for colored $291.88; Howard county $1,588.38 for white and $564.07 for colored; Frederick $4,745.34 for white and $872.07 for colored; Baltimore county $7,707.43 for white and $1,128.14 for colored.

The County Commissioners on Wednesday made the levy for 1884, for county purposes, fixing it at 50 cents on the $100. The levy is the same as last year, except that one cent is added for roads and bridges. Owing to the distruction of roads and bridges by the recent rains and floods, the Commissioners will do well if the increase will cover repairs. The levy in Frederick for this year has been increased from 65 to 68 cents.

Mr. I. A. Miller, saddle and harness manufacturer, of this city, has just completed a handsome set of single harness for Mr. E. J. Crumrine, of Manchester. The leather is Maltby's tanage, New York, than which there is nothing superior. The mounting is the best quality of rubber. The lays, waves, and other ornamentation, are Mr. Miller's own original designs. They also have Miller's patent breast strap, a valuable invention. Mr. Crumrine is fond of a good horse, and is equally fond of good harness. Miller knows how to get up fine work, and has a large trade in that line.

Harding, the pitcher for the Westminster Association, has declined to play this season, and another has been secured. The Association now have a battery that is quite effective. It is probable a game will be played this (Saturday) afternoon. On Tuesday afternoon the Young America again beat the awkward squad of the Firemen by a score of 19 to 8. The Young America club is "not to be grinned at by those who have no teeth."

Mr. Rhodes has put up about ten telephones in town this week, and has done some work in the exchange, in the old Lotus Club hall, Wantz Building. The wires are now being put up between Emmitsburg and Union Bridge, and the work will be pushed rapidly. Among those who have telephones in Westminster are W. S. Myer & Bro., Chas. V. Wantz, N. I. Gorsuch & Son, City Hotel, ADVOCATE office, G. W. Albaugh, John L. Reifsnider, and Dr. J. H. Billingslea.

On Saturday morning last all the teachers and 73 of the students of the Baltimore Manual Training School visited the shops of the Western Maryland Railroad Company at Union Bridge, where Mr. Holtz, master of machinery, welcomed them. This was one of the most instructive tours of inspection the school has yet made. The instrument for testing steam gauges, an express car in process of construction, a locomotive under repair, were explained, and attention was called to the wear on the face of car wheels, a driving wheel worn more than ⅜ of an inch in depth after performing about 110,000 miles service being shown. In the paint shop, which is made almost air-tight to keep out the dust, and a temperature of 70 degrees is maintained by a system of steam pipes, locomotive and passenger coaches were receiving their finishing touches. The Southern express took the school to Pen-Mar.

**Public School Teachers.**

James A. Diffenbaugh, Esq., Public School Examiner, in a letter to the ADVOCATE under date of June 16, says:

In reply to many inquiries from trustees, teachers and other interested persons, I desire thus publicly to inform whomever it may concern, that the following have passed the recent examination of public school teachers for Carroll county, and are entitled to certificates of qualification as such: Millie E. Albert, J. Albert Angell, George Batson, Paul J. Beck, Ella A. Bixler, Jesse F. Billmyer, Theodore Boose, Edward Bolte, J. H. L. Royer, Laura M. Burns, Wm. J. Bucher, Cornelia G. Buckingham, E. C. Chenowith, Willie A. Cox, Emma L. Eckard, G. W. J. Everhart, M. K. P. Ebaugh, John H. Fair, Harry L. Feeser, Wm. L. Fleagle, James B. Galt, S. Archibald Galt, George H. Gist, R. A. Harner, Carrie G. Hockensmith, G. Tobias Hockensmith, H. O. Harner, J. J. Harner, Theo. A. Kauffman, Sarah E. Kauffman, James S. Little, Emma C. Lorrenger, Joshua Leatherwood, Jennie Lamotte, Lillie M. Mathias, Julia C. McSwiney, George W. Messinger, Charles W. Motter, William D. Ohler, Noah Peterman; Jacob H. Painter, Wm. M. Panebaker, John W. Rill, George P. Ritter, John W. Reck, John J. Reid, John W. Sellers, J. A. Shaffer, J. H. Sherman, Libbie Shipley, Emma V. Shower, S. Debbie Shank, Ella C. Smith, C. H. Spurrier, Edith Stevenson, J. R. Strevig, John F. Switzer, Joel Sykes, Nellie M. Warner and George Yeiser.

Of the certificates issued to them six will be of the 1st grade, 1st class; four of the 1st grade, 2d class; twenty-five of the 2d grade, 1st class; fourteen of the 2d grade, 2d class; and eleven of the 2d grade, 3d class.

Among the most creditable papers are those of Miss Gertie V. Shipley and Miss Katie E. Wall, candidates for admission to the State Normal School.

The records of the School Commissioners' office show that the following have Life Certificates from the State Board of Education: Daniel L. McSwiney, Thomas Tipton, Chas. H. Baughman and Miss Lizzie A. Bennett; that Misses Carrie E. Harbaugh, Clara Selby and Minta Shipley have diplomas from the Normal School; that the certificates of the following are good for two years yet; John W. Abbott, Carrie B. Barrick, H. B. Burgoon, Lydia M. Condon, Dr. H. M. Drach, Richard Dell, Ferd. A. Diffenbach, A. H. Diffenbaugh, Daniel Ebaugh, Joel Ebaugh, Mrs. Wm. L. Fleagle, Emma L. Forrest, Samuel Harner, Geo. W. Hess, Samuel F. Hess, N. T. Houck, Luther Kemp, L. A. Koontz, S. A. Lauver, John N. Mark, Maggie McGin, A. Maria Mikesell, Mettie Miller, Leilah Miller, A. S. Morelock, George F. Morelock, John C. Nutting, G. T. Palmer, C. Belle Poole, Amanda Root, J. W. Slaugenhaup, Clara L. Smith, J. H. Stonesifer, George W. Sullivan, M. Theo. Yeiser, Mark Yingling and A. H. Zimmerman; and that the certificates of the following are good for one year yet: Joseph A. Abbott, W. A. Abbott, Josephine S. Beaver, Mattie W. Beaver, A. W. Buckingham, John Burgoon, Alice M. Dawley, James F. Fringer, J. Ross Galt, I. Thomas Green, Laura J. Hooker, Marion R. Lord, John T. Reck, Charles F. Reindollar, Levi D. Reid, Anna R. Shaw, Grove J. Shipley, Henry L. Shriver, Charles A. Waesche and Henry C. Wilt.

For the accommodation of a number of persons who were unable to attend the examination in April, another public examination will be held in Central Hall School-house, Westminster, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 22d, 23d and 24th July, beginning at 9 o'clock each morning, to which all applicants for teachers' certificates and all candidates for admission to the State Normal School are invited.

**Sam's Creek Items.**

Mr. Jos. T. Stem met with a painful accident last Friday afternoon. After rendering assistance to Zushe (whose mishap is reported elsewhere) he was returning home in a spring wagon, and when nearing St. James' he ran over a stump or root, which threw him backwards out of the wagon on the gold ground, bruising his shoulders and giving his whole body a severe shock. At this writing he is doing well and is able to walk about.

On Wednesday evening last Mr. D. E. Stem moved a large pile of wood, under which he captured four large minks. Mr. Stem shot one and Tyler Moredoch, colored, who, with five or six other men, was helping him, shot the other three. For several weeks past different parties in the vicinity have been missing chickens, and it is supposed that this will explain the mystery.

Farmers are busily engaged making hay. Nearly all the barley has been gathered. Wheat is ripening very fast, and will be ready for the cycle ere long.

Miss Ida Englar, daughter of Mr. S. P. Englar, who left here August 20th, 1882, for Paris, France, returned home on Friday evening of last week. She left Liverpool May 31st on the steamer City of Rome (Anchor line), and arrived in New York on the 8th of June. The time of travel was 7 days, 3 hours and 45 minutes. The weather during her voyage was very changeable, nevertheless she had a delightful trip. She remained four days in New York and two in Baltimore, where she met her father, who accompanied her home. During her sojourn in Paris she was the guest of her uncle, Mr. Samuel Englar, of that city, and was also pursuing a thorough course of studies under an efficient governess. A kind and hearty welcome was extended by her numerous friends upon her safe arrival.

Mr. Edwin E. Snader, formerly of this place but now of Waynesboro', Pa., visited his parents and friends during the past week.

Large quantities of fish were caught here after the recent flood, some of the black bass weighing from two to four pounds.

**Presentation of a Masonic Jewel.**

At the regular communication of Door-to-Virtue Lodge, No. 46, A. F. A. M., on Thursday night last, a handsome gold Past Master's jewel was presented to the Worshipful Master, Wm. A. Cunningham, by the members of the Lodge. The presentation was made by Past Master, James W. Reese. To the recipient it was a complete surprise. He feelingly responded, however, in language totally inadequate to express the fulness of his heart. The jewel is in the shape of a triangle, with the blazing sun in the centre. The top is ornamented with a large size sapphire, and is connected by two massive gold chains with a heavy gold bar, on which is engraved the name of the recipient in Old English letters. On the reverse is engraved the following:—"Presented to Wm. A. Cunningham by members of Door-to-Virtue Lodge, June 19, 1884, as a token of their love and esteem and in appreciation of his valuable services as Worshipful Master."

**Eden Items.**

The recent heavy rains washed cornfields and lodged the grain and grass in a fearful manner, which will make harvest a long and tedious job. Corn is growing very rapidly since the rain, present appearances indicating a bountiful yield of all crops now growing.

Mr. Andrew Shaffer has purchased a new Champion Harvester of E. J. Crumrine. Mr. D. H. Leister has received from Edmiston & Waddle, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a John P. Morny mower, and also a harvester of the same make.

Rev. Z. C. Mower will preach to-morrow, (Sunday,) at Mt. Union, at 2.30 p. m., from the 15 verse of the 14 chapter of II Samuel. All who delight in hearing able preaching will receive quite a treat by being present.

**Circuit Court.**

The trial of the suit of Jacob Allgire vs. the Baltimore and Hanover Railroad Company, action of trespass, which was commenced on Wednesday of last week, was concluded on Thursday last. The jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff, giving him $250 damages. Stonesdale, Bond and Maulsby for the plaintiff; Fritz, of Baltimore city, and Roberts for the defendant.

**DESTRUCTIVE RAIN AND FLOODS.**

**Mill-Dams and Bridges Washed Away—Destruction of Crops—Sheep and Cattle Swept Away—Narrow Escape from Drowning—A House Struck by Lightning &c.**

On Friday afternoon of last week a heavy wind and rain storm, accompanied by vivid lightning and loud peals of thunder, passed over the southwestern section of Carroll, causing the most destructive floods known for many years. From 2 to 4 o'clock rain fell in torrents, and Sam's Creek and Morgan's Run in that short time from insignificant streams became surging rivers. About 4 o'clock the large mill-dam of Jesse T. Wilson, one mile above Sam's Creek postoffice, was swept away, setting adrift thousands of rails, logs and trees. The great volume of water and drift-wood went rushing down the valley, and a half mile further on swept out the dam at Jesse L. Devilbiss' mill. On the mad waters rushed, and at Sam's Creek the dam at Geo. W. Devilbiss' mill was considerably damaged. All along the creek the fields were badly washed, and fences, bridges and crops were swept away. At the headwaters of the creek it is supposed there was a cloud-burst.

No estimates have been made of the losses, but in the aggregate they will amount to a considerable sum. The mill owners lose several hundred dollars each, and every farmer on the stream has suffered to a greater or less extent.

At the headquarters of Sam's Creek on the farm of Augustus Brown and out Parr Ridge as far as Taylorsville several clouds are reported to have met and bursted, pouring down such a volume of water as to flood the tributaries of four different streams which have their source in or about that locality. Besides the bursting of the dams, writes our Sam's Creek correspondent, where were once rich bottom lands there is now nothing but bare beds of clay. All the fences in the meadow of Hamilton Nicodemus and the post fence of Benjamin Hooper along the county road were swept away.

Mr. Jesse T. Wilson will not repair his dam until after harvest, when hands will be more plentiful. His loss is estimated at $1,000. Mr. J. L. Develbiss commenced to repair his dam on Monday, and will finish and be ready for work today. Mr. Geo. W. Devilbiss' damage amounted to about $100, and has been repaired.

The two large bridges built in 1880 by M. L. Devilbiss, about the strength of which there was so much discussion in the ADVOCATE at the time, withstood the flood, though the heavy logs damaged the abutments somewhat. The water was two feet above one of the bridges. At Sam's Creek the water was within three inches of running into D. E. Stem's store, while it was seven inches in his iron warehouse, doing considerable damage to iron, nails, &c. His cellar was also flooded.

Near Denning's postoffice Augustus Zusche and his little boy was swept away with the stream whilst attempting to cross a bridge in a carriage. The carriage was demolished. The horse managed to get out, and by extraordinary exertion Zusche saved himself and son.

Morgan's Run was higher than since the great flood of 1868, and had more drift wood in it than ever before known. All along the stream great destruction to fields, crops and fences was wrought by the rushing waters. At the Washington road the water was estimated to be 12 feet deep and 150 yards wide. The bridge at that point was swept from its foundation and carried out on the meadow of Grove A. Shipley, 150 yards away. The abutments were wrecked, and it is estimated that it will cost the county about $125 to rebuild the abutments and replace the bridge.

About a mile above Bloom's mill it is said there was a water-spout. The run rose so rapidly that the water was three feet above the breast of the dam, and in a few minutes about twenty-five feet of the dam was washed out. The flood also caused a break in the bank of the race. The damage Mr. Bloom sustained will amount to about $300. Peter Megin estimates his loss at $150.

The lands of Frank Shipley, Francis Shipley, John C. Shipley and Grove A. Shipley were badly washed and their fences broken and washed away, the total damage being reckoned at $200. A $50 cow belonging to Grove A. Shipley was swept into the current and drowned, and two ricks of hay were washed down a short distance. At Francis L. Shipley's about 50 feet of stone fence was washed away.

At Sebastian Bowers' the destruction was great. The floating trees, driven by the hurrying waters, ploughed up a wheat field and tore away his fences. The water rose so fast that a flock of sixteen sheep were caught up and swept away, but all but one were rescued by his son James a short time after. The sheep were found swimming around in a meadow, James stripping off his clothing and going in the water after them. Mr. Bowers lost about $300 worth of growing wheat, in addition to other losses. Before getting the sheep out, James Bowers ran a mile down the valley to warn Mr. Jarrett N. Shauck of the approaching danger. The water rose to waist deep in Mr. Shauk's mill, but the damage done to his property will not exceed $75.

At Wm. Stubbens' paper mill (formerly Dushane's) the water was six feet deep in the mill. One-half of the breast of the dam was torn out. Vats, tubs, &c., in the mill were damaged, and the loss there will be between $300 and $500.

Joshua Beasman's land and fences were damaged to some extent, as were those of every farmer on the Run. The fields of Conrad Bowers, not near any stream were flooded and washed. At John B. T. Sellman's, near the headquarters of the Run, the water was eight feet deep at his gate and his cellar flooded. Everywhere, writes our Shipley correspondent, great volumes of rain fell, and wheat was beaten down flat and corn fields more or less washed.

Conrad Schnavel's house, on the Deer Park road, about five miles from Westminster, was struck by lightning during the storm and damaged to some extent. The chimney was demolished and the foundation wall injured. Mr. Schnavel and family were stunned by the lightning, all being home at the time. Their escape is miraculous.

The storm passed over into Frederick county, beating down wheat and washing corn-fields. At Frederick City the water in the stream there rose out of its banks and flooded some portions of the place.

**New Freedom, Pa., Items.**

Rev. George Shamberger, of Missouri, preached an eloquent and able sermon at the Tunkard church last Sunday.

H. F. Hoffacker opened his canning establishment this week, canning cherries.

At a recent meeting of the school board the following were elected as officers:—President, O. S. Drake; secretary, Wm. H. Manifold, M. D.; treasurer, H. F. Hoffacker. Charles Singer, Dr. J. S. Hetrick and Mr. Ward, Sr., constitute the remainder of the board.

The select shool taught by J. H. L. Boyer closed on Thursday.

G. F. Miller has purchased a tract of woodland in Baltimore county, near Beckleysville. He expects to move his steam saw-mill down sometime in the fall.

The property of John Shaffer, deceased, near New Freedom, was sold last Saturday to Wesley Shaffer for $1500. The farm contains about eighteen acres.

There is some talk by the officials of the Lutheran Sunday School about having an excursion to Pen Mar.

Grain is ripening so fast since the rain that harvest will, without any doubt, be in full blast in eight or ten days. The crops are more favorable than the expectations were one week ago. Hay making is in full bloom.

The following programme is on record for next Monday night at the New Freedom Lyceum:—Music, by Miss Allie Ward; reading, by Miss Lizzie Hailer; dialogue reading, by New Freedom reading society. Question for discussion for small folks:—Resolved, "That the Indian is more worthy of our sympathy than the negro." The question of the last meeting was decided in favor of the affirmative:—Resolved, "That the following of fashions is too burdensome."

**Orphans' Court.**

Monday, June 16.—Isaiah Hann, guardian to Jacob A. Hess, settled 1st and final account.

William H. Rinehart, guardian to George Ruoff, settled 2d and final account.

John J. Baumgartner, administrator of Wm. H. Baumgartner, deceased, returned list of sales of goods and chattles, also settled 1st final account. John J. Baumgartner, administrator of Eleanor A. Baumgartner, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

The last will and testament of Andrew Reese, deceased, was admitted to probate.

Susannah Roth, executrix of Levi J. Roth, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chatteles, and received orders to sell real estate and goods and chattels, and order to notify creditors.

Mary Ann Brown, executrix of Peter Brown, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

Tuesday, June 17th.—Peter Engel, executor of Mary Ann Baile, deceased, settled 1st and final account.

J. Oliver Wadlow, was appointed and bonded as guardian to John E., Charles E., Ida V., Leroy S. and Minnie S. R. Trott.

Distribution among the creditors of James Roth, deceased, finally ratified.

Report of resale of real estate of Mary A. Lamotte, deceased, finally ratified.

Greenbury J. Palmer, administrator of David Palmer, deceased, returned inventory of goods and chattels, list of debts and inventory of money, and received order to sell goods and chattles, and orders to notify creditors.

**Commencement at Western Md. College.**

Western Maryland College has completed its seventeenth year, and the students have returned to their homes for the summer vacation. While other colleges and institutions of learning, with few exceptions, in the state have been at a standstill or on the decline, Western Maryland College has steadily advanced, until it now has a larger number of students than any other college in the state. The number for the year just closed was 110.

This has been commencement week at the college. On Sunday morning last at the M. P. Church Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., president of the institution, preached his fourteenth sermon to the graduating class. His text was Psalms CXIX, 9—"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word," and his theme was "The Bible the Guide Book for the Young." The church was filled on the occasion. Before the sermon were responsive readings, prayer by Rev. B. T. Benson, and excellent music by the choir.

In the evening another large congregation assembled to hear the sermon before the four literary societies by Rev. C. B. Middleton, of Alexandria, Va., who preached from the 8th verse, 1st chapter of St. John, his theme being "The Light of the World."

On Monday night in a large pavilion on the lower part of the campus, the ladies of the Browning and Philomathean societies gave a joint entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, essays, readings, recitations and calisthenics.

The programme was opened by an instrumental solo, entitled, "Une Nuit D'eté," by Miss Jennie Wilson. The difficult music was well performed, and showed much talent. Miss Annie Ames, as president of the Browning Literary Society, delivered the President's address, and spoke of the peaceful competition between the societies during the past year, closing with a hearty welcome to the audience. Miss Ella Wilson, president of the Philomathean Society, in behalf of her society, welcomed the faculty, board of trustees and the assembled guests. She spoke of the pleasant harmony of the two sister societies. After this Miss Everhart read "Mr. Spoopendyke's Fishing Excursion." Miss Annie Shriver followed with a pleasant selection, entitled, "Whistling in Heaven," after which Misses J. Wilson and L. Bell sang a duet called "Hither We Come." The duet was a beautiful one, and the singers did it justice. Then followed the essayical portion of the programme, which consisted of an essay entitled, "What Good," by Miss McKee, and an essay on the subject "A Land Without Ruins," by Miss Boyde. After this was sung a vocal duet entitled, "Tuscan Girls Crowning the Sea," by Misses M. Stevens and Newman. Miss Stone then read "The Ride of Jennie McNeal." This was rendered in clear and distinct tones, and could be heard in all parts of the pavilion. Miss Sadie Kneller then gave the last recitation of the evening, entitled, "Tom's Little Star." The vivacious rendering of this was excellent, and it formed one of the pleasantest features of the programme.

Next was an instrumental solo—Polonaise—"militaire," by Miss Nicodemus. The music was difficult, but the player showed a decided talent in handling its classical turns. At the close of this the following twelve ladies arranged themselves for calisthenics: Misses Ames, Pollit, Bell, J. Wilson, Trenchard and Richardson, of the Browning Society; Misses Duvall, Gott, Sappington, Price, Slaughter and Minnie Stevens, of the Philomathean Society. To the music of a march, played by Miss Newman, the young ladies formed in line with Miss Pollit as leader, and went through various intricate but beautiful marches. After this nine of the ladies performed a varied set of movements with the Indian clubs, exhibiting much grace of movement and bringing forth a round of applause. Then followed the calisthenic exercise with the wand, in which all the twelve participated. The exercises then closed with some additional marches even prettier than the first. The young ladies were taught by Prof. A. H. Merrill.

On Tuesday morning class-day exercises took place. The history of the class was read by Frank T. Benson, of Westminster, the historian, and the history was given to John H. Cunningham, the historian of the class of '85. The prophesy was read by Miss Ella G. Wilson, of Warwick, Md., prophetess, who handed it over to Miss Sadie Kneller, of Westminster, who will foretell the future of the graduates of next year. The class ode, composed by F. T. Benson, was then sung. The other graduates were Miss Ruth Edelin, of Duffield, Md., and Miss Lena A. Frizell and George W. Gist, of Westminster, the latter two taking partial courses.

The annual oratorical contest between the Irving and Webster Literary societies took place on Tuesday night. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, and then the following programme was presented:

Music by Westminster Band.

Oration—"It Might Have Been."—W. H. White; Irving.

Oration—"Henry Clay."—L. M. Bennett; Webster.

Music by Band.

Oration—"Energy Exemplified."—J. W. Moore; Irving.

Oration—"Politics and Religion of America To-day."—B. A. Dumm; Webster.

Music by Band.

Oration—"Education."—A. C. Willison; Irving.

Oration—"Heroes and Martyrs."—E. T. Mowbray; Webster.

Wednesday morning was occupied in reading of grades, distinctions and awarding prizes. Prof. D. W. Hering read out the standing of each student in each study. After this the certificates of distinction were delived. These certificates are given to the three highest grades above nine in a class, or for having received no demerits during the year. They were distributed as follows:

*To the Ladies:*—Annie Ames, for deportment; Rebecca Boyd, for excellence in Ancient Languages and deportment; Alma Duvall, for excellence in Belles Lettres; Lena A. Frizell, for Deportment; Mary Gall, for excellence in Arithmetic, Algebra and Deportment; Ida E. Gott, for excellence in Mental and Moral Science, French, Natural Science, Ancient Languages, Belles Lettres, Mathematics and Deportment; A. B. Leister, for Deportment; Katie R. McKee, for excellence in Mental and Moral Science, Natural Science and Deportment; Mamie Nicodemus, for excellence in Mathematics, Music and for Deportment; Belle Orndorff, for excellence in Natural Science and for Deportment; Beulah Pollitt, for excellence in Natural Science and for Deportment; Carrie Price, for Deportment; Eudie L. Richardson, for excellence in Mental and Moral Science, French, Ancient Languages, Belles Lettres and Mathematics; Nellie Sappington, for excellence in French, Natural Science, Belles Lettres, Mathematics and for Deportment; A. Shriver, for Deportment; M. Shriver, for Deportment; M. Slaughter, for excellence in the English Branches; Minnie Stevens, for excellence in Belles Lettres, Music and for Deportment; Hattie Stevenson, for excellence in Latin, French and Mathematics; Lenore Stone, for excellence in Physical Science, and Belles Lettres; Ada Trumbo, for excellence in French and Deportment; Jennie Wilson, for excellence in Music and Mathematics.

*To the Gentlemen:*—Chester Ames, for excellence in the English Branches; L. M. Bennett, for excellence in Belles Lettres, Mathematics; W. P. Brooks, for Deportment; W. H. Brown, for excellence in Mathematics, Ancient Languages and for Deportment; Amon Burgee, for excellence in Mathematics and for Deportment; J. H. Cunningham, for excellence in Mental and Moral Science, Natural Science, Belles Lettres, for Deportment; T. E. Davis, for Deportment; D. Downing, for excellence in Natural Science, Belles Lettres, Mathematics; B. A. Dumm, for excellence in Natural Science; T. H. Gardner, for excellence in Mathematics, Ancient Languages, for Deportment; G. A. Gist, for excellence in Ancient Languages, Mathematics, Physical Sciences and for Deportment; Paul Kuhns, for excellence in Elocution and for Deportment; E. T. Mowbray, for excellence in Natural Science, Belles Lettres, Mathematics; J. W. Moore, for excellence in Belles Lettres, Ancient Languages, Physical Science, Mental and Moral Science; John Naill, for Deportment; Charles Reifsnider, for excellence in Mathematics, Ancient Languages; W. E. Roop, for excellence in Natural Science, and for Deportment; H. H. Slifer, for excellence in Natural Science, Belles Lettres; H. G. Spurrier, for Deportment; E. L. Stoner, for Deportment; A. C. Willison, for excellence in Mental and Moral Science and Belles Letters; N. H. Wilson, for excellence in Natural Science, Belles Lettres, Mathematics, for Deportment.

The following named students having received an average grade of over 9 for the year, in the studies named, received "honorable mention":

In Mental and Moral Science, Misses Ames, Boyd, Bruce, Duvall, Everhart, Jones, Kneller, Orndorff, Trenchard and Nicodemus.

In Latin, Misses Bruce, Duvall, McKee, Nicodemus, Trenchard and Dodd.

In Belles Lettres, Mr. E. L. Billingslea and Misses Boyd, Kneller, Orndorff, Nicodemus, Pallitt, Stevenson, Trumbo and Price.

In Mathematics, Misses Minnie Stevens, Boyd, Duvall, McKee, Orndorff, Trenchard and Dodd.

In Natural Science, Misses Richardson, Duvall, Nicodemus, Trenchard, Trumbo, Minnie Stevens, Stevenson, Newman, Price, and Messrs. Grow, Bennett and Burgee.

In French, Misses Orndorff, McGee, Trenchard, Nicodemus, Boyd, Bruce, Kneller, Ames, Stone, Pollitt, Price and Minnie Stevens.

Gold Medals are given as follows: To the student in each class named having the highest general average in all the studies of the year:

To the Female Preparatory students, awarded to Miss Mary Galt, of Copperville, Carroll county, Md.

The Ward Medal for the Female Freshman class, awarded to Miss Nellie Sappington, Rock Hill, Kent county, Md.

Especial mention is to be made of Miss Hattie Stevenson, of Hopewell, Somerset county, Md., for excellence in Freshman studies, but who was not admitted to competition for the medal, as she was graded in the early portion of the year, partly upon Junior studies.

The Kuhns Medal for the Male Freshman class, awarded to Mr. Nathan H. Wilson, Woodville, Frederick county, Md.

The Leech Medal for the Male Junior class, awarded to Mr. J. Wm. Moore, Baltimore, Md.

Prizes in Composition were awarded as follows: First prize, Theophilus Harrison, of the Junior class; second prize, Edwd. L. Billingslea, of the Freshman class; third prize, Beulah Pollitt, of the Freshman class; fourth prize, Nathan H. Wilson, of the Freshman class; fifth prize, Lenore O. Stone, of the Freshman class.

On Wednesday night a large audience was present to hear the annual oration before the literary societies, by Dr. L. H. Steiner, of Frederick. The Doctor spoke on Provincialism and Cosmopolitanism. By Provincialism the speaker designated that spirit which knows no earthly object of admiration greater than itself, and hence finds its highest good in the contemplation and worship of self. This may manifest itself in the individual, where its most prominent characteristic is intolerance of the customs, political and religious opinions and manners of others, and where it is the bitter antagonist of their success; in villages where ignorance and conservatism go hand in hand, and cities are looked upon with pharisaic contempt, while they are considered sinks of iniquity; in cities, which lay claim to exceptional virtue, learning or elegant refinement, while they despise the humble citizens of the rural districts, however skilled or intellectual, because of what is sneeringly called their rusticity; in nations, where healthy national pride is so exaggerated that it becomes blind assumption of superiority, associated with intolerable undervaluation of the rest of mankind.

In strong contrast with this spirit is that of its antipode, which he styled Cosmopolitanism. Its end and object are not simply self, but are more in accord with the divine command "To love thy neighbor as thyself." Its horizon is co-extensive with humanity wherever found, however struggling, and whatever doing. In the individual, the village, the city and the nation, it strives to recognize "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, and whatsoever things are of good report." It manifests itself in individuals as well as in organized efforts to improve the intellectual, moral and religious character of mankind, and is always ready to lend a helping hand, whenever and wherever the human race may utter an anxious cry of need.

To the rising generation is entrusted the future of America, who should esteem it a priceless privilege to labor for the preservation of that liberty which finds its highest development in obedience to law; of that equality which considers all mankind as equal before the law; of that all-embracing fraternity which recognizes the children of our common Father as alike entitled to sympathy and assistance.

In handling his subject the Doctor unconsciously made some palpable local hits, dealing hard blows at old fogyism, which has been manifested in this community as well as in most all smaller towns and cities. That class of his hearers who prefer a candle to gas; muddy sidewalks to substantial pavements; old wells and cisterns, that go dry every summer, to water-works that supply pure and wholesome water in abundance; streets covered with mud or dust, to paved or macadamized ones; taking risks of fire rather than spend a few dollars for hose, must have felt uneasy. The Doctor alluded, also, to that class of old inhabitants whose narrowness led them to regard all new comers as carpet-baggers, instead of extending to them the hand of fellowship and welcoming them to their midst. His address all through was able, forcible and logical, and was perhaps one of the best delivered here on a similar occasion, for a long time.

Thursday was commencement day proper. In the morning as the Westminster Band was playing a march, the faculty, trustees and members of the senior class took position on the platform. The exercises were opened by prayer by Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D. Miss Ruth Edelin read an essay on the "Private Individual," then President Ward conferred the degree of A. B. on Miss Edelin, Ella G. Wilson and Frank T. Benson. The valedictory oration was delivered by Frank T. Benson on "Immortality of Thought," and the valedictory essay by Miss Ella G. Wilson, subject "Noble Ends by Noble Means."

**Rev. David Stevenson's Address.**

In the report of the commencement exercises at New Windsor College last week, our reporter neglected to mention the address before the societies by Rev. David Stevenson, of Perth Amboy, N. J., and we give a short account below:

On Wednesday night, notwithstanding the rain, the Rev. David Stevenson, of Perth Amboy, N. J., drew together a good audience in the Presbyterian Church to hear his eloquent address on "The Duties of Educated Youth to their Country." Mr. Stevenson is an orator and speaks without manuscript, and his thrilling words, together with the floral surroundings and the combined choirs of the two churches in their best tune, made the address of about forty minutes seem less than an hour. He cited facts proving that there half never has been anything in the history of the world that will compare with the growth