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Seminary's 38th Commencement

Baccalaureate Sermon by President Elderdice
—Diplomas to Four and Bachelor of Divinity to Five.

The exercises of the thirty-eighth commencement of the Westminster Theological Seminary were held May 1 to 3. On Sunday morning at 10.30 President Elderdice delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon in the Methodist Protestant church. His subject was "The More Excellent Way," or the Minister's Heaviest Asset. He used as a text I Corinthians 12:31, "But Covet Earnestly the Best Gifts; and Yet Show I Unto You a More Excellent Way." The message was a benediction to the Senior Class, the twenty-fourth inspiring sermon which President Elderdice has delivered to a graduating class.

On Sunday evening, May 1, the Alumni sermon was delivered by the Rev. Joseph W. Kirk, A. M., D. D., of Buckeystown, Maryland. His subject was "The Fulfillment of the Ministry." His words were an inspiration to the men who have already chosen the ministry as a life work, and a challenge to college men who were present, an appeal to the great task of the ministry.

On Tuesday evening, May 3, the graduating exercises were held in the Methodist Protestant church at 8 o'clock. Mr. Holden of the graduating class read the Scripture and Mr. Warner delivered the class oration, using as a subject "The Path to Power." The address to the graduating class was given by the Rev. John C. Broomfield, D. D., of Fairmont, W. Va. His subject was "Unto Timothy, My Son in the Faith." The graduating class and student body were fortunate in hearing Dr. Broomfield's stirring message. He made a powerful appeal to the young minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, urging him to seek the Kingdom of God, which is the only salvation of the small denomination. His wholesome advice was couched in pithy sentences that made their impression. "Keep your own time card; direct and operate your own smelter; choose and keep your own company;

Divide your time between study, pulpit and street." Diplomas were presented by President Elderdice to the following men: J. Earl Cummings, Charles H. Dobson, Charles Melville Kelsner, Russell Murphy. The following men received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity: John Clyde Auman, Joshua Tracy Fenby, Perry E. Grimm, Paul P. Ira Holden, Paul Farwell Warner.

The students of the seminary took an active part in all the affairs of the commencement time. The chorus and male quartette furnished music for the programs, and the solos of Mr. T. J. Turkington were of high standard. On Monday evening the anniversary program of Stockton Literary Society was given in the Seminary chapel. Members of the Junior and Middle classes took the leading parts in a "Senior Farewell." It was an evening of mirth, with a mixture of real good will and affectionate farewell to the outgoing class.

One of the most impressive programs of the commencement days was presented on Tuesday afternoon by the Senior class. There was quite a little secrecy about the service and not even the President of the Seminary knew what was in the air. Students and friends were gathered in the large hall of the Seminary building and Mr. Auman, president of the Senior class, took charge of the unveiling of a beautiful bronze tablet bearing the following words: "In grateful recognition of the faithful services of Hugh Latimer Elderdice, D. D., LL. D., in the erection of this building and in the development of this institution this tablet is here placed by the Class of 1921. Hoc Aedificium est Summum Monumentum." An address very appropriate to the occasion was delivered by Dr. Broomfield in which he paid tribute to the man who has made the Westminster Theological Seminary. In this presentation service was revealed the spirit of the thirty-eighth commencement.

Violin Recital

The violin recital given at the home of Prof. John T. Royer, West Main street, on Tuesday evening, by his son, Philip S. Royer and his pupils, was an entirely new departure for Westminster. Though the night was a disagreeable one there was a good attendance by the parents of the young ladies and gentlemen who took part.

Mr. Philip Royer, who now displays unusual talent as a musician, bids fair to attain the higher plane of the art, and while at present a student himself is carrying with him a class of 40 young people, who are aspiring to master the King of musical instruments—the violin. The program follows:

Chas. Dancla, Little Symphony for Two Violins, Miss Myers, Mr. Royer, Friedrich Seitz, Concerto in D major, op. 22, First Movement, Miss Baker.
P. Mascagni, Violin solo, Intermezzo-Sinfonico, Miss Meyer.
C. W. Kern, Violin solo, Liliacs, Petite Valse, Miss Doyle.
E. Fyffe, violin solo, Little Gavotte in D, Miss Foutz.
F. Drida, violin solo, Souvenir, Mr. Hook.

R. A. de Saxy, op. 23, Encore, Petite Valse for Three Violins and Piano, Mr. Royer, Mr. Hook, Mr. Royer.
Young Artists, First Attempts, Mrs. Hohenberger, Miss Simeonson, Mr. Flaver, Mr. King, Mr. Sponseller, Mr. Osborne.

G. Zanger, Violin Quartets, I. Maestoso; II. Andante; III. Moderato; IV. Andante; V. Moderato; VI. Allegro, first violin, Mr. Royer; second violin, Mr. Helwig; third violin, Mr. Hoff; fourth violin, Mr. Crawford; piano accompanist, Miss Wanzel.
The young performers did their parts in a most creditable manner. Each player deserves special mention if space permitted.

Messrs. Royer, Hook, Royer and Myers, all experienced players, were the inspiration for the youngsters. Miss Wanzel proved to be a potent factor, and as piano accompanist, put the finishing touches to the various selections.
Every consideration was given the "Young Artists" in their first attempts, and their several numbers were enjoyed by every one present.

The recital was the first of its kind given in our city, and it is hoped others may follow as the students become proficient.

Cornet Song Services at Bethel

The cornet songs for the new Church of God, at Carrollton, will be held on Sunday. Services all day and in the evening. Rev. Reitzel, of Altoona, Pa., will be present to preach. Everybody welcome to these services.

MIDDLE CONFERENCE

MARYLAND SYNOD AND LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE TO MEET AT SILVER RUN, MAY 9, 10 AND 11.

The middle conference of the Maryland Synod and Lutheran Sunday School Institute will be held in St. Mary's Lutheran Church, Silver Run, May 9, 10, and 11. Rev. A. G. Wolf, pastor. The officers are Rev. L. B. Hafer, president; Rev. W. O. Ibach, secretary; Rev. W. C. Waltemyer, treasurer, and Rev. R. S. Patterson, D. D., missionary superintendent.

The services will open Monday, May 9, at 7.30 p. m., when Rev. Hafer will preach a sermon. The program will open Tuesday morning as follows: 8.30, Devotional Service, Rev. C. A. Shilke; 8.45, Business; 9.15, The Omnipotence of God, Rev. A. E. Cooper and Rev. R. H. Richard; 10.15, The Cultivation of Spirituality in the Home, Rev. R. S. Patterson, D. D. and Rev. J. B. Umberger; 11.15, Business, nomination of delegates to the convention of United Lutheran Church, general business and adjournment.

Wednesday morning: 8.30, Devotional service, Rev. W. O. Ibach; 9.15, Loyalty to Church and Pastor, Rev. G. I. Uhler and Rev. E. L. Folk; 10.15, The atonement, Rev. J. B. Ruple and Rev. W. G. Waltemyer; 11.15, final business and adjournment.

The Lutheran Sunday School Institute program will be: Tuesday afternoon: 1.30, Devotional Service, Rev. C. W. Hess; 1.45, Weekly Religious Instruction, Rev. F. W. Meyer and Rev. J. B. Lau; 2.30, The Missionary program for our Sunday Schools, Rev. U. S. G. Rupp, D. D., and Rev. H. C. Erdman; 3.15, The Sunday School, its Material Equipment, Rev. W. C. Day; its Spiritual Forces, Rev. J. A. Willis; 4.30, Business and Rev. A. E. Cooper; 5.30, Supper and Round Table Conference, Mr. G. W. Yelzer, presiding; The Central Work of the Sunday School Hour, Mr. Jesse H. Michael; How to draw Fathers into the Bible Class, Rev. W. L. Seabrook; Suggestions for Superintendents in Directing the Order of Service, Rev. C. G. Leatherman.

Tuesday evening: 7.30, Praise service, conducted by Rev. E. E. Petrea; 8.00, Greetings from the Carroll County Sunday School Association, Rev. J. Walter Englar, its President; 8.20, Address, "Our Text Book," Rev. A. R. Wentz, Ph. D.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE, ORPHANS COURT, MARRIAGE LICENSES, ETC.

Transfers of Real Estate.

James H. Vandever and wife to William T. Vandever, 5513 square feet, for \$5.

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John J. Reese, Executor, to William D. Reese, 5148 square feet, for \$2000.

Thomas M. Bowers and wife to Russell H. Grimes, 91 acres.

Howard Petry to Maud E. Myers, 70 square perches, for \$450.

Sumnerville Condot to Robert F. Gosnell and wife, 2 tracts, for \$5.

Byron C. Dorsey et al. to Joseph E. Linticum, 2 acres, for \$700.

B. Frank Hamacker and wife to Roland M. Ebbert and wife, lot, for \$125.

Theodore E. Feesser and wife to Russell S. Feesser and wife, 60 acres, \$3500.

George C. Fowle and wife to Walter J. RRL, 12 acres, for \$10.

Walter R. Rudy, executor, to Edward G. Butler, 1/2 acre, for \$1100.

Amphrey D. Baughman and wife to Paul Baughman, 3 acres, for \$50.

Eugene Trayer to J. Andrew Brandenburg, tract for \$5.

B. F. Shriver Co. to Union Mills Lodge No. 61 I. O. O. M., 235 square feet, for \$5.

Francis E. Costley to Mary E. Casaway and husband, 2 acres, for \$10.

David P. Brown and wife to Jesse L. Stoner and wife, 20,960 square feet, for \$800.

Board of Education to Trustees of Pipe Creek Methodist Protestant Church, 1/2 acre, for \$500.

Orphans' Court

Monday, May 2nd.—The last will and testament of Mary K. Mather, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters of administration with the will annexed were granted to Frank W. Mather, who received warrant to appraise and an order to notify creditors.

Edward E. Heindel, executor of Edward E. Heindel, deceased, reported sale of personal property. Letters of administration on the estate of Francis W. Brown, deceased, were granted unto Mary H. Brown, who received warrant to appraise and an order to notify creditors.

Tuesday, May 3rd.—Calvin E. Bankert, administrator, w. a. of Abraham H. J. W. Black, deceased, returned an inventory of personal property and received an order to sell personal property.

Joseph Formwalt, administrator of Emma Formwalt, deceased, settled his first and final account. The last will and testament of Virginia E. Geatty, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted unto Nimrod T. Bennett, who received an order to notify creditors and returned an inventory of debts.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles Lewis Sepp and Helen Larn Rhodes, both of Westminster.

Edward L. Knapp, of Sykesville, and Esta J. Dellison, of Baltimore City.

William W. Harman, of Hampstead and Mary E. Steine, of Freehades, Md.

John W. Johnson, of Baltimore City, and Marie Chase, of Westminster.

Help Them—Help Others

The Girl's Club, a society of little misses of this city, appreciating the pure air, bright sunshine and healthful climate of this community in which they are fortunate enough to reside, are anxious that others may know and feel the joy of God's great out-of-doors. For the purpose of giving their children the joy of summer these little ladies will conduct a sale of ice cream, candy, cake, lemonade and other articles in the lobby of the Times Building on Saturday afternoon, May 7th, from 2 o'clock until every article is sold and the proceeds will be sent to the Fresh Air Society of Baltimore City.

These girls are to be commended for this splendid spirit and the citizens should patronize them liberally.

W. M. C. Carries off the Honors.

Mr. Langrall, of Western Maryland College, won the honors in the annual contest of the Oratorical Association of Maryland Colleges, held in the auditorium at College Park, last Friday evening. The contestant colleges were St. John's, Washington, University of Maryland, Western Maryland and College Park.

The Judges were United States Senator, Joseph I. France, Dr. Carl Rendler, and Prof. Maurice Jarvis, all of Washington.

Prof. E. A. Warfield, of Western Maryland College faculty, was present. For the first time in the 23 years of the Association a young lady from Washington College participated in the contest.

TO HAVE REAL POULTRY SHOW

CARROLL COUNTY POULTRY ASSOCIATION HAS INAUGURATED PLANS FOR NOVEMBER 8 HERE.

To the Editor:—The Carroll County Poultry Association has inaugurated plans for a poultry show, open to outside competition, to be held in Westminster the week of November 8th. This, it is hoped will be the initial move towards establishing a yearly show that will rank with those of Hanover and Hagerstown. As this is largely a public enterprise, the committee of arrangements has requested me to take this means of introducing the matter to our citizens.

Last year it was demonstrated that the poultry resources of our country were adequate to create a display of good standard specimens of almost every breed of poultry. Now the association believes that to mark progress it must bring to Westminster the products of breeders from beyond our borders and thus give our own poultry raisers the opportunity to observe the latest developments in the breeding line and at the same time give Carroll County an opportunity to compete with the outside world.

To the poultry raisers of our country I wish to say that the Association is looking first to their interests. We depend upon them to be the big majority among the exhibitors and likewise we look to them to show the outside world that Carroll county produces just as good poultry as that of any other section of the United States. We can do it. There is just as good bird in Carroll county as there is in any place and all we have to do is to learn the game and go out and keep the blue ribbons at home. An exhibit show will teach us how to do this. It will broaden our outlook. It will show us some of the tricks of the other fellow.

The association feels, moreover, that a show of this kind will be a distinct advantage to the county in a general way by advertising its resources and bringing to our county visitors from other places. And, looking into the future, there are some of us who have the audacity to believe that the efforts of our association may prove the nucleus around which a full-fledged agricultural fair might be built. Therefore, we invite, not only those who raise chickens, but also those who eat eggs in the morning (when the price is right) and have a broiler occasionally (when the minister comes around), to join with us in making this show a success.

It is the purpose of the association to carry out the plans that are being made upon a business-like basis. It is not to be expected that this show will prove a moneymaking proposition. It will be necessary to ask the assistance of our citizens to a certain extent, but to a large degree the enterprise will pay for itself, and any public contributions that may be made we hope will prove a good investment for Carroll county.

The financial details of the show will be in the hands of a committee consisting of Messrs. H. G. Mathias, H. J. Jones, Wade H. D. Warfield, C. Irving Kroh, and Milton P. Myers. The committee of arrangements that we successfully managed the last show has been retained to look after the details of staging this one and giving it publicity. Dr. C. Lewis Wetzel is chairman of this committee which consists of the officers of the association and other active members.

THOMAS W. KEMP, President Carroll County Poultry Association.

The First National Bank of New Windsor To Supply Boys With Pies.

Another bank has caught the vision of its future constituents in the farm boys of today. The directors of the First National Bank of New Windsor at their monthly board meeting last Saturday voted to use \$200 for the big club work.

The bank will furnish to any boy 12 to 18 years of age a Pure Bred Registered Sow Pig about 10 weeks old on his note for one year, with security and bearing interest at 6 per cent. The boy must furnish good clean quarters, keep a record of all labor and cost of feed. Books are furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for this work. The County Agent will visit the boys from time to time, supplying them with instructions and giving advice as to care and management.

Any boys near New Windsor who wish to secure pigs should get in touch with County Agent Faller, or the bank officials at once.

Patapsco to do Hamden

Get yourself ready and tell your friends to go along this Sunday, May 10, to Rosevelt Park, Hamden, Baltimore, to see the Patapsco Base Ball club play the strong Hamden A. C. in a double-header.

These games will be without a doubt the best of the season as the Hamden A. C. claims all the honors of Baltimore City and the Patapsco boys have out played all the teams East of Mississippi. You can't afford to miss these games. If you have one drop of real head base ball blood in your system.

Don't forget the place and date, and don't forget to go.

Bowman Gets Life Term

Mrs. Murray on Trial For Her Life Today—Smiles When Testifying Against Bowman—Jury Finds Verdict of Guilty in 40 Minutes.

W. A. Bowman was found guilty by a jury in Berkeley County Circuit Court Wednesday afternoon of first degree murder on a charge of having killed W. A. Murray, Martinsburg, W. Va., formerly of Sykesville, on March 16th. The jury recommended life imprisonment, which the court will impose. Bowman took the verdict unemotionally. He was sent back to jail to await arrival of deputies from the penitentiary. The trial lasted two days. The jury was out about 40 minutes.

Mrs. Elsie Murray, widow of the murdered man went on trial yesterday for the same charge. She had asked for an examination of her sanity at the time of the alleged murder, but the court ruled under the statute that the jury itself should determine whether her testimony was trustworthy.

Bowman took the stand in his own defense for half an hour and told a somewhat hesitating and rambling story of his movements. He admitted purchasing a quantity of strychnine in Sykesville, but said he had bought it at Murray's direction and, so far as he knew, all of it was used in Sykesville to kill rats.

Efforts by the State to show a motive which would have impelled Bowman to commit the crime led to questions concerning his alleged improper relations with Mrs. Murray, widow of the dead man, but pressed closely by the State, Bowman appealed to the Court for protection and was advised that he need not answer any questions which would incriminate him. He testified that he had been with Mrs. Murray in Sykesville frequently before the family moved to Martinsburg late in February, sometimes when Mr. Murray was present and sometimes when he was not. He also admitted having slept in the same room with Mrs. Murray in Martinsburg since the death of her husband, but said he did it at her request when she said she was afraid to sleep without some mature person in the room.

A letter was introduced by the State purported to have been written by Bowman to a relative of the Murphys in Sykesville in which he spoke of having slept with Mr. and Mrs. Murray, and a local real estate dealer testified to business transactions which he had had with Bowman and Mrs. Murray.

Dr. O. T. Everhart Dead

Dr. Oliver Troxell Everhart, Hanover's oldest physician, died at the family residence, No. 201 Baltimore St., Thursday, April 28, at 8.45 p. m. after a brief illness from infirmities, aged 89 years, 11 months and 10 days.

Though the venerable doctor came within 20 days of reaching his 90th birthday anniversary, the years bore upon him lightly, as up until last Christmas his health was remarkable.

Dr. Everhart was a native of Manchester, Md., where he was born May 18, 1831, a son of George and Catherine (Shower) Everhart.

He is survived by two daughters and a son. His funeral was held Monday.

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tions which he had had with Bowman and Mrs. Murray, the former referring to the latter as his wife and the latter signing a deed as "Elsie Bowman."

Doty Murray, a young daughter of the dead man, testified she had found in Bowman's pocket some days before her father died a bottle with a skull and cross-bones label on it, but could not testify as to the contents. She also testified that two days before the arrest of her mother and Bowman she had heard Bowman ask her mother to "go with him to the church" and that when her mother refused to go Bowman declared, she said, "I've sent my soul to hell to win your love and now you don't love me."

C. H. Weer, undertaker, and Dr. D. J. Sprecher, who said they had performed the autopsy on the body, and Dr. W. B. D. Pennington, a Baltimore chemist, who testified that he had found strychnine in parts of the body, were witnesses.

Dr. Robert Swain, a Sykesville druggist, testified that Bowman had purchased strychnine from him last October, saying that he wanted to kill rats with it.

Mrs. Murray's story against Bowman was pronounced by the State as not agreeing in detail with any of the previous stories which she is alleged to have given. These include a statement that she knew nothing about any poisoning, then the accusation of Bowman, then a confession to her own guilt and finally the reaccusation of Bowman, which was the substance of her story. She said Bowman attempted to poison Murray while they lived in Sykesville, and made two attempts in this city, the last one being on March 16, from the results of which Murray died. She denied any complicity in the crime, adding that Bowman had frequently declared he would get rid of her husband, and had also threatened to do her bodily harm if she did not do his will.

She told her story in a rambling manner. At one point a smile possessed her face to such a degree that counsel for the defense took her to task. She answered that she did not know why she was laughing. The State later drew from her admission that nervous disease had destroyed to a degree control of her facial expression.

LaFRANCE FIRE TRUCK SHIPPED

May Arrive Tomorrow—Demonstration to Be Given

President Oehler of the Westminster Fire Department received a telegram from the LaFrance Fire Engine Company, Elmira, N. Y., Wednesday stating that the LaFrance fire engine for our Company was shipped Saturday. It will possibly arrive here about Monday or sooner, it all depends upon the connections. The subscription fund at this time toward the purchase is \$7407.50. The engine is 110 horsepower and the pump is capable of throwing 750 gallons of water a minute. The company has under consideration of giving exhibitions at several towns in the county where the water supply is sufficient for a successful demonstration.

The photograph of the fire truck can be seen in Lehrfeld's advertisement on another page.

Community Singing.

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association of Westminster will be held on Tuesday, May 10, beginning at 7.45 p. m. An unusually interesting music program has been prepared and as a large attendance is expected, the use of the Armory has been secured for the meeting.

Prof. Thos. L. Gibson, Superintendent of Music for the Public Schools of Maryland, will be present, and deliver an address upon the topic, "Values in Music." Community singing, under the direction of Prof. Gibson, accompanied by the High School orchestra, will constitute part of the evening's program. Prof. Gibson's ability as a musical director, and his skill as conducting music with large audiences are well known to the people of Westminster. All members of the Association are urged to be present, and to do everything possible to make the meeting a success. A general invitation is extended to all to come out and take part in these exercises.

Court Opens Monday.

The May term of the Circuit Court for Carroll County will convene Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The docket is the largest for years, being 59 cases, one appeal and 23 originals. A long term is expected.