

PERSONAL POINTS.

SOCIAL NOTES OF INTEREST FROM OUR SIXTY CITIES. Norfolk, Portsmouth, Petersburg, and the Ancient Capital, and Their People and Visitors. Major R. G. Banks is visiting at Middleton, Md. Mrs. J. H. McMahon is at the Yellow Sulphur.

It is that he will return with a fair daughter of Roanoke for a life-partner. Mrs. James Hooper, of Baltimore, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Neymeyr, of Swimming Point, for a month, returned home yesterday. Miss Belle Tomer, of Pittsburgh, a charming songstress, is visiting the family of Mr. W. H. Langley, on Duke street.

Major James F. Crocker and wife, of Portsmouth, have gone to the Greenbrier White Sulphur for the bested term. Mrs. J. A. Armiger, a prominent citizen of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. W. F. Allen, on east Main street. Mr. Charles Drummond, of Berkeley, has applied for a patent for an ingeniously-constructed seed-planter.

Dr. J. A. Robertson has been appointed temporary marine surgeon here during the sickness of Dr. Fessenden. Mrs. Rev. C. N. Donaldson and Miss Cissie Morland, of Portsmouth, are visiting friends in Southampton county. Mr. W. L. Cobb, clerk of the Parole Board, left for the Blue Ridge Springs for a short stay, and returns here.

THE GAY WHITE.

A BIG CROWD--THE LIST OF LATE ARRIVALS. Private Germans, Texas, Lawn Tennis, and the Like Pleasant Weather and Charming People--More Beaux Wanted. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, August 6, 1886. The Whites in now crowded--about 1,000 guests are here, and by every train there are arrivals far in excess of the departures. Among the notables arriving in the past few days is Mr. Monroe Robinson, of Philadelphia. Mr. Robinson is here for the first time in many years, and has been warmly welcomed by many old friends. He is an octogenarian of distinction. Mrs. Barton Hazell is with him.

On Monday next Miss Susie Stuart gives a large private ball, to begin when the general ball closes, at 11 P. M. For Tuesday evening invitations are out for a similar entertainment to be given by Mrs. Frank Pleasant and Miss Waterman, of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. DeBonneville Keene, of Philadelphia, are here, and have a cottage in Tanas row. An afternoon tea, with music and dancing, is announced for the middle of the week, to be given by Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Munson at their cottage--the Bruce cottage--from 5 to 7.

On Saturday the 14th an entertainment, musical and dramatic, will be given in the ball-room for a local charity. At this concert Miss Burnett, of Richmond, and Miss Kemp of New York will sing. The tableaux will be gotten up by Mrs. Cooke, of Louisville, and others, and recitations and other attractions will be added to the now incomplete programme. The collections being taken up here for the church is increasing; the amount in pledges received is nearing \$1,500. The sum required is \$2,000. The handsome church-bell ordered by Mr. Kemp, of New York, is on the way and will be hung in St. Peter's, when Bishop St. Louis will visit the "White Sulphur" and hold service in St. Thomas's. A bazaar for the sale of fancy articles, tributary to this object, will be opened here next week. In this work Miss Peterkin, of Richmond, is taking an active interest.

Mr. W. W. Corcoran seems to be greatly invigorated by his sojourn here this year. The old gentlemen are always in the parlor in the evening, and enjoys his game of whist, the brilliant sports, and the attentions of his many friends. MORE DASHING BEAUX WANTED. I never saw more pretty girls at the Whites or elsewhere than at the "White Sulphur." True, the men with their simple regulation toilets stand but an unequal chance in the matter of scenic effect with the girls, be-furred, be-donned, be-hashed, and be-pulled-back as they are, but somehow or other the beaux this summer are not looking "White-Sulphur best," and a few dashing fellows would be welcome. THE LADIES' DRESSES. The dressing of the young girls is wonderful in its variety. In ribbons and embroideries the display is charming, but some of the more elaborate toilets are marvellously pretty, and others marvellously ugly. Some of the combinations are positively startling, and one wonders how they could by intention or invention ever have come together; but there they are, and however disagreeing, bound by the sewing-machine to keep the peace. What a comfort it is to speak so plainly, and to know that no particular person will think this criticism on costumes intended for her. All women think themselves paragons in taste, and the more outrageous the costume the more sure we are that the wearer has unlimited confidence in herself. THE BALL-ROOM BELLES AND BEAUX. The ball-room Thursday night was brilliant and crowded; dowagers four rows deep around the walls, and as many dancers as could get on well on the floor. The music is good; the floor, as usual, in splendid order for dancing. Miss Page Aylett, of Richmond, is one of the handsomest young ladies here. Mr. Royall, of Richmond, and Mr. Price, of New Orleans, were the guests of the evening. Mr. W. A. Barber, of the State, is here. Major Page, of Maryland, was here for a few days during the week, but has gone. The Misses De Ford, of Baltimore, are notably handsome. Mr. and Mrs. George C. Bloomer, who reside near here, are spending some time at the White. Mrs. Bloomer was the pretty Miss Violet Beall, of Washington, D. C. THE LATE ARRIVALS. I append a comparatively full list of late arrivals: Mrs. Gibson, Chicago; O. B. Tennant and wife, of Richmond,

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CITY OF STAUNTON, STATE OF VIRGINIA. This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the State of Virginia, in said city and state, H. M. McMillan, secretary of the Staunton Life-Association of Virginia, and made oath that the above report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of February, 1886. C. M. N. WHITTEK, J. P.

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