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DIVIDENDS.

RICHMOND, VA., December 24, 1886.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF RICHMOND HAVE DECLARED A DIVIDEND OF 8½ PER CENT. on the capital stock out of the net profits of the past six months, free of tax, payable to the stockholders on and after the 8D DAY OF JANUARY, 1887. JOHN F. GLENN, Cashier. de 28-1td

UNION BANK OF RICHMOND, RICHMOND, VA., December 24, 1886.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have declared a DIVIDEND OF 4 PER CENT. and an EXTRA DIVIDEND OF 2 PER CENT., making in all 8 PER CENT. (free of tax), payable on and after JANUARY 3, 1887. JAMES MILLER, Cashier. de 25-1td

MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS SAVINGS BANK.—The directors of this bank have declared a DIVIDEND OF 3 PER CENT. (tax free), payable on and after JANUARY 3, 1887. BERNARD PEYTON, JR., Cashier. de 27-6t

PETERSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 23, 1886.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A DIVIDEND OF 8 PER CENT. on the capital stock of this Company will be paid at the office of the Company in the city of Richmond, Va., ON AND AFTER THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, to all holders of stock of record on the books of the Company on the 31st day of December, 1886, from which date to the 6th day of January, 1887, the books of transfer will be closed. M. W. YARRINGTON, Treasurer. de 23-1td

RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG R. R. CO., TREASURER'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA., December 23, 1886.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a DIVIDEND OF 3 PER CENT. on the capital stock of this company will be paid at the office of the company in the city of Richmond, Va., on and after the 4TH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, to all holders of stocks of record on the books of the company on the 31st day of December, 1886, from which date to the 6th day of January, 1887, the books of transfer will be closed. M. W. YARRINGTON, Treasurer. de 23-1td

OFFICE OF RICHMOND PERPETUAL BUILDING, LOAN AND TRUST CO., No. 1200 Main street (under Planters National Bank). RICHMOND, VA., December 22, 1886.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY HAVE DECLARED A DIVIDEND OF 4 PER CENT. (free of tax) out of the earnings of the Company for the past six months, payable on and after MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1887. WILLIAM LOVENSTEIN, Cashier. de 23-12t

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

AT a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG, AND POTOMAC RAILROAD COMPANY, held November 17, 1886, it was resolved that a dividend of SIX PER CENT. upon the common capital stock of this company and upon its dividend obligations, be declared for the year ending September 30, 1886, payable on and after January 1, 1887, to stockholders of record on the books of the company at the date of December 20, 1886, from which date to the 3d of January, 1887, the books of transfer shall be closed. J. B. WINSTON, Treasurer. de 4 eod1Ja1

PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK OF RICHMOND, RICHMOND, VA., December 20, 1886.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK HAVE THIS DAY DECLARED A DIVIDEND OF 4 PER CENT. (free of tax) out of the profits of the last six months, payable on and after JANUARY 3, 1887. MANN S. QUARLES, Cashier. de 21-1d

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RICHMOND CHIT-CHAT

SMALL TALK ABOUT RICHMOND AND SOME OF ITS PEOPLE.

Marriages Next Month—Applause in Places of Amusement—The Theatre and Academy.

RICHMOND, VA., December 28, 1886.

Last week was certainly a busy one. I have rarely seen more people on the streets, and the stores were fairly packed with buyers of presents and cards for their friends and relatives.

What a hold that practice of sending cards has taken on us in the past few years. Everybody sends them now, and they come in splendidly where you don't want to give presents. So much cheaper, too.

The average man becomes a living curiosity (worthy of a dime museum) when he starts out to buy Christmas presents. I am speaking of the unmarried man, for the connubial bond is a great teacher of appropriateness and economical expenditure. But the young man does not know what he wants. He wants something that will bring a bright look into a pair of bright eyes, but what that something shall be he knows not until the bland clerk makes a suggestion. Yes, that will do. How much? Ten dollars. Well, wrap it up. I'll get you to send this, please, &c.

A woman—divine creature. She will start out with $10 and come back with presents for all—father, mother, sweetheart, brother, and sisters, innumerable Christmas-cards for friends, a stowl, perhaps, for the cook, and still have some change left to put in church.

Lords of creation, humph!

Christmas—with all its happiness and wretchedness, sunshine and gloom, gladness and sorrow—is over, and, generally speaking, the world rolls on in the same old run. The little girl has hung her stocking and Santa Claus came down the chimney and brought her a "whole big lot of nice things"; the small boy has blown his tin horn and fired his crackers; the good Catholics and Episcopalians, with grateful hearts, have sung praises to Him who gave us a Saviour—a live human Jesus—without spot of sin, who did humble Himself even to death upon the cross that He might exalt us to everlasting life"; the clerk has loaded a day for which he draws a salary without earning it; the merchant has lived a day free from returned drafts, protested notes, and unclaimed accounts; and the young prodigal is soloring up.

Dr. Hatcher, the pastor of Grace-Street Baptist church, is preparing for the press a book of about five hundred pages, which will be entitled "The Life of Dr. Jeter." It is to come out in the spring, and from what I hear of it it bids fair to be a volume that will be highly prized by all the admirers of that reverend old gentleman.

This encoring in places of amusement here has reached a point where a halt should be called. It's very well and proper to applaud, but after one response an audience ordinarily should not demand more. When a man has done a quarter hours' tumbling or singing, and, in answer to approving calls, appears again, the people should be satisfied. A player doesn't act for fun; business, it is work, and you should not expect more than is given you for your money. In other cities people have some money; but here it seems to be looked upon as a matter of course for a specialty act to do repeaten two or more times.

The better class in our audiences should break up this habit, which, to say the least, is greedy and unjust.

"Across the threshold led
His house she enters there to be a light
Shining within, when all without is
night;
A guardian angel o'er his life presiding."

Marriages! Goodness gracious! I was thinking the other day of the marriages in return, and I bring to mind several that will take place in the next thirty days. Of course, I won't mention any names, for that would be awfully embarrassing to the parties.

One that has been a successful advocate at the bar of justice, as well as of hymen, will be the first to hear the triumphal note of the wedding-march. His partner is quite a favorite in fashionable circles.

The next pair to enter the matrimonial noose will be a tall, Apollo-like merchant who can lead a german as well as sell a bill of goods, and a captivating maiden whose fair cheeks have been dampened by the mists of London.

Another couple will be made of a young lady from one of the upper counties of Virginia and a six-footer from the neighborhood of Washington. The young lady visited here last winter, and several young men were severely smitten with her charming manner.

The last match I can think of just now had its inception in a most uncommon and romantic way. The young lady fell into a river, and her sweetheart bravely plunged in "at the risk of his own life" and rescued her "from a watery grave." This episode implanted the germs of love in their breasts, and for several years they have been engaged.

As a result of the ordinance recently passed the boy vaccine doctor, armed with lancet and virus, has himself through his district seeking whom he may vaccinate. Some people object to being vaccinated, principally girls. When it comes to scarring their arms they draw the line. "How am I going to wear evening dress to a german with a sore arm? And even when it gets well it will leave a scar." No, no; the doctor can leave some of his virus, and after the doctor has withdrawn her mother vaccinates her, and she has to wear a stocking with a hole in it for several days.

A new german club has been formed, and the unsuggestive name of "Unknown" has been given it. It is composed of some very nice men, and meets at Singer Hall fortnightly, I believe.

Extensive preparations are being made for New-Year's day receptions. The tendency seems still to "bunch" the girls at the houses of matrons and *chaperones* as much as possible. We have a number of visitors here this winter who will receive, but not as many as last season.

I hope the young men who go the round will not indulge in too much wine, as is often the case New-Year's day. The man who, after calling all day, can retire with a clear brain is to be commended. Don't forget your capacity, and if you don't know it, be careful. Above all, don't hang your legs out of the back-window!

There were an unusual number of private entertainments last week, the reception and ball Wednesday evening at General Logan's taking the lead conspicuously. The affair was most brilliant. In the afternoon Mrs. Logan and her daughter Kate, assisted by several ladies, received their friends. In the evening the *bal poudre* took place. This last was decidedly new here, and "rather caviare to the general," but its uniqueness made it the more enjoyable. The quaint costumes, the stately minuet, the lovely women and handsome men with powdered hair, the magnificent surroundings, all formed a picture hard to excel, and a prettier one I have never witnessed in this city. There were during the evening fully one hundred and fifty people present.

Myra Goodwyn in "Sis" played to medium houses at the Theatre the first part of last week. This little sprite, I remember, sprained her ankle the last time she was here. She seems to have gotten nobly over it though, if I can judge by her dancing.

"Zozo" filled in the remainder of the week to good crowds. The scenery in this piece is very pretty, but I can't say as much for the women, who lacked symmetry in figure as well as beauty in face.

At the Academy Lottie Church, a lively young actress, amused the people with such dramatic efforts as "Trix," "Unknown," and "River Pirates." The business was only fair.

The taste for comedy has been so satiated lately that the people want something else—and they will certainly get it this week with a vengeance:

The Boston Ideals at the Theatre and the National Ideals at the Academy.

The Boston Ideals open in Adina, which is much after the style of the Doctor of Alcantara, played at the Mozart before the Bernards died. The troupe is an excellent one, and always does a good business here, but we notice that two of its biggest cards are out now—Miss Ulmar and Mr. Whitney. What has become of them?

The Young Men's Christian Association will not have its usual New-Year's reception this week. It had been intended to open the new building with it, but not being finished, the idea of the entertainment has been abandoned. ALPY O. MEAGES.

Promotion in Railroad Service.

Mr. E. D. Hotchkiss, claim agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Kanawha Dispatch Fast Freight Line, has been appointed general freight agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio, to enter upon the discharge of his duties January 1st. Since Mr. B. S. Fitch's resignation, some months ago, the office has been presided over by Mr. E. S. Goodman, chief clerk.

Mr. Hotchkiss has long been connected with the Chesapeake and Ohio company, and is noted for his devotion to duty, his readiness to oblige, and his acquaintance with all the mysteries of the department of the railroad service.

THE NEWS OF MANCHESTER

Brilliant Marriage at the Baptist Church—Other Items.

The marriage of Miss Rosa Thomas, of this city, to Mr. Nathaniel Walker, of Richmond, took place from the Bainbridge-Street Baptist church at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The house was filled with the friends of the contracting parties. At the hour named, or a few minutes later, while Kirk Mathews, Esq., played the Wedding March, the couple entered the church by the right aisle and proceeded to the altar, preceded by the ushers, Messrs. W. A. Walker (brother of the groom), Leslie C. West, Marshall Traylor, and W. C. Thomas. They were married with the ring ceremony, which was performed by Rev. William H. Christian, of the Central Methodist church. Rev. L. R. Thornhill, pastor of the church in which the ceremony was performed, offered prayer for Divine blessings upon the young couple. The bride, who is a very popular young lady, looked very sweet dressed in white and wearing an exquisite bridal veil. She carried an elegant bouquet of rare flowers in her hand. The groom is a machinist, works at the Danville shops, and is a most estimable gentleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker left on the 6:20 P. M. train for a trip North.

A regular meeting of the Missionary Society of the Bainbridge-Street Baptist church was held at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with a fair audience present considering the fact that meetings were held at several of the other city churches. The present corps of officers were re-elected to serve another term of six months. Rev. W. W. Landrum, D. D., who recently took a trip to Europe, made an interesting address, telling about some of the things he saw and the places he visited while abroad, which was listened to with strict attention and heartily enjoyed.

The song service under the auspices of the railroad branch of the Young Men's Christian Association was held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, the repairs to the reading-rooms at the Danville shops not having been completed. The audience was delightfully entertained with an address by Rev. Mr. Needham, the evangelist. The meeting will be held at the reading-room next Sunday afternoon.

The children's Christmas service, called "Peace on Earth," at the Meade-Memorial church Sunday afternoon was well attended, and the exercises were of a very pleasing character.

Christmas was quietly spent here, excepting the firing of crackers and blowing of horns by the boys. Many went to Richmond to witness the balloon ascension, and more watched the "air ship" on its course from their homes or the streets here. No accidents reported and no arrests made.

Manchester Lodge, No. 14, A. F. and A. M., celebrated St. John's day last night in a royal manner with a first-class supper.

There was a dance given at Coalfield, on the Danville road, last night to which many young people from this city went.

The ladies of the Central Methodist church will give a novel entertainment at 7½ o'clock to-night. It is called a "Christmas ladder," and from this ladder each person present will receive a gift.

Chief-Police James A. Lipscomb is confined to his bed with a slight attack of pneumonia.

A regular meeting of the City School Board will be held at the Mayor's Court room at 7:30 o'clock to-night.

The children of the infant class of the Bainbridge-Street Baptist church will be given a Christmas-tree to-night.

Leader Lodge of Good Templars will have a Christmas reunion at Lyceum Hall to-night.

The little folks had a pound party at the Green House last night, and, with some of their grown-up friends, spent a pleasant evening.

Two Richmond Poets.

Both of the following poems appeared in the Christmas No. of the *Electric Light*:

A Virginia Christmas of the Olden Times.

In good old days when Christmas came,
And fun and mirth abounded;
When back log burnt with roaring flame,
And plenty all surrounded
Tables groaned with corn and hog,
And bowls were filled with good egg-nog.

At break of day the huntsman's horn
Its cheering notes then sounded;
Our fathers dashed through brake and thorn,
As hounds and horses bounded;
And each one loved his horse and dog,
And each one drank his good egg-nog.

Over hill and dale the huntsmen flew,
And for night turn and double,
The fox around him closer drew;
And soon he came to trouble;
And while each praised his panting dog,
He thought the while of good egg-nog.

Each face glowed with manly blush,
At least when chase had ended;
And proudly victor showed the "brush,"
As soon they homeward wended;
Then carelessly they tied and jog,
And soon will quaff some fine egg-nog.

High-born maidens thronged their balls,
And some with queenly faces;
And when came songs and games and calls
Each better showed her graces;
And most then piled on log on log,
And indied out the rich egg-nog.

At last they totter as they when
To sound of fife and fiddle;
Oh, rare old tune! *Virginia Reel*—
Forward! Back! Then down the middle!
Till some would dance as in a bog,
From hunt and dance and good egg-nog.

And while they danced and drank egg-nog
And kept their hounds and thoroughbreds,
Their fortunes vanished, like a fog;
And low enough they hung their heads;
They had no corn nor horse nor dog.
But at Christmas I shall eye egg-nog.

W. LEIGH BOSTON,
Ex-Editor of *Baton*.

Richmond, Va.

A Christmas Greeting.

DEDICATED TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

A Christmas carol is the theme
Friend Miller bids me write;
With faults I hope it will not beam.
Read in *Electric Light*.
Most willingly I take a hand
To celebrate the day,
And greetings send from Dixie land
To friends in Iowa.

May happiness each heart possess,
And peace and plenty reign,
Good fortune every household bless
From Florida to Maine,
And all across our happy land
Let songs of praise ascend,
To all we give our heart and hand
And blessings without end.

Oh, hallowed season of good will,
May riches follow on thy train,
Be each unholy passion still,
And love and joy remain—
There will be lonely hearts to cheer,
And hungry mouths to feed—
May each one see his duty clear,
And succor all in need.

Christmas comes, but soon it's fled,
But we'll let nothing vex us;
With joy we'll paint this country red,
From Maine shallows to Texas.
I send this feeble greeting forth,
With all good wishes blest,
Here's peace to East and love to North,
Good-will to South and West.

Here's to the men who make us laugh,
New laurels they are winning;
The man who writes the paragraph,
And sets the world to grinning.
And when I dine on Christmas "turk,"
And feast on other joys,
I take a rest from other work
To think of all "The boys."

JAMES A. GENTRY,
("Truthful Jeems.")
Editor *Baton*.

Richmond, Va.

To Institute a Pythian Lodge in Petersburg.

Mr. John C. Teller, G. K. of R. and S. of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, has received from the Grand Chancellor a dispensation to institute a new lodge in Petersburg. The lodge will be instituted to-morrow night. The grand officers will leave at 6:30 o'clock that evening and will return the next morning. The lodge starts out with fifty members. Mr. Teller will be accompanied by Captain John Maxwell, Mr. B. T. Crump, and other Pythians of high rank.

Another Cold Wave.

The following was received yesterday, when the thermometer was at 49°:

WASHINGTON, December 27, 1886.

Chamber of Commerce:

10:15 *A. M.*—Hoist cold-wave signal. The temperature will probably fall 15° to 20° during the next twenty-four or thirty-six hours. HAZEN.

THE DRUMMER-BOYS.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRAVELLERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

New Rules of the Associated Railways with Reference to Baggage and Mileage-Tickets, &c., &c.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Division of the Travellers' Protective Association was held at the office of James & Read yesterday at 10 A. M., and in the absence of the president Mr. W. Reinheimer, chairman of the Board, presided.

The report of Secretary Hirshberg was received and adopted.

The Railroad Committee, through its chairman, Colonel W. A. James, presented the following letter as their report:

ASSOCIATED RAILWAYS OF VIRGINIA AND THE CAROLINAS,
A. C. L., P. A. L., S. A. L.,
RICHMOND, VA., December 23, 1886.

W. A. James, Esq., Chairman Railroad Committee, Travellers' Protective Association, Virginia Division, Richmond, Va.:

Dear Sir.—Referring to your valued favor of November 16th—

While we are not able to comply with all the requests made by your Association, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Piedmont Air Line, and the Seaboard Air Line have now agreed to issue mileage tickets as follows—viz.:

1. One-thousand-mile tickets at 2½c. per mile will be issued for roads or divisions of roads over 100 miles long, and five-hundred mile tickets at same rate for roads or divisions less than 100 miles in length. For commercial purposes they will be made good for two members or representatives of one firm, names of which must be entered on the ticket by personal signature, &c. Such tickets will not be good for the passage of both persons on the same train.

2. Two-thousand mile tickets at 2½c. per mile, good only for commercial purposes over the entire line of such separate system, tickets to be good only for one year from date of issue, and for but one person, whose signature must be appended thereto.

Unused coupons may be returned upon application of original purchaser at following rates: If for the purpose of transfer they will be redeemed at 2½c. per mile; if presented for redemption within thirty days after the expiration of limit, because of coupons not being used, they will be redeemed at 2c. per mile. The usual requirements for the identity of the mileage tickets, for the protection of the railroad company, will be exacted in all cases.

The amount of baggage will be limited to 150 pounds. Excess-baggage tickets, good for 2,000 miles, will be sold for $5 per 100 pounds—only good in connection with holders of 2,000-mile commercial tickets. Unused portions of excess-baggage tickets will be redeemed at the *pro rata* rate at which same was sold, if presented in connection with expired 2,000 mile ticket bearing same number and date of issue.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, I am yours, respectfully, SOL. HAAS,
Traffic Manager.

The resignation of G. E. Schellman, of Norfolk, was read and accepted, and J. G. White, of Norfolk, elected to fill the vacancy. G. E. Moon, of Lynchburg, was elected a member of the Hotel Committee in L. Sichman.

After the transaction of other unimportant business the meeting adjourned.

The semi-annual meeting of the Division will be held Monday next, January 3, 1887.

POLICE COURT YESTERDAY.

A Large Docket but Not Many Important Cases.

The Police-Court docket yesterday was a very large one, and Justice Richardson was kept on the bench from 9:30 A. M. until nearly 3 P. M. The majority of the cases were of a trivial character, many of the parties having imbibed too freely on Christmas-day—which, alas! is too frequently the case. Among the cases disposed of were the following:

Louisa Turpin and Rosa Gray (both colored), disorderly and using profane language to the annoyance of the neighborhood. Louisa dismissed; Rosa fined $5 and costs.

Clarence Peyton, selling intoxicating liquor to James H. Turner, a minor. Turner not remembering getting anything to drink of Peyton's, and there being no other evidence to sustain the charge, the case was dismissed.

Charles Washington and Wash Gregory (both colored), assaulting and beating Mason Read in the public street. Continued until to-day.

John Dougherty, assaulting and beating John Hagan in the street. Fined $5 and costs.

William Robinson and Ben. Taylor (both colored), drunk and fighting in the bar-room of L. Thompson. Fined each $5 and costs.

Thomas Walker and Page Morris alias William Page (both colored), assaulting and beating Aaron Kenny with rocks in the street. Fined each $5 and costs. Morris was also fined $5 and costs for being disorderly in the bar-room of L. Thompson.

James Lewis (colored), stealing a box of cigars from some person unknown. Sent to jail for three months.

Peter Mebbaugh, drunk, disorderly, and violently resisting Policeman Charles H. Sweeney. Continued until to-day.

Randall Wyatt (colored), drunk and violently resisting the police. Fined $10 and costs.

Nellie Lee (colored), stealing $10 from Morris Green. Sixty days in jail. Appeal taken.

Giuseppe Corrichi, assaulting and beating Lebicchi Weinhold. Fined $20 and costs. Appeal taken.

John Leshman, sr., and John Leshman, jr., assaulting and striking Robert Oliver with a stick. Fined each $5 and costs.

William Leshman, assaulting and beating George Staples on the street. Dismissed.

John Clay, a vagrant. Discharged.

Edward Thompson and Walter Brown (both colored), selling liquor to minors. Dismissed.

William Taylor (colored), threatening to shoot William Robinson with a pistol in the bar-room of Thompson & Brown. Dismissed.

S. Stern, disorderly on the street. Fined $10 and costs.

William Walker (colored), cutting James Underwood with a knife, with intent to kill. Continued until Wednesday.

John Price (colored), drawing and attempting to shoot John R. Leshman with a pistol. Dismissed.

Thomas Scott (colored), assaulting and striking John Jackson with a rock. Fined $5 and costs.

Leroy Dorsey (colored), stealing two bags of flour from Simpson, Bass & Co. Sent to jail for fifteen days. Appeal taken.

Edward Dandridge, firing a pistol on the street. Fined $1, and the pistol held for the fine.

Albert Chiles (colored), assaulting and beating Frank G. Winder. Dismissed.

David Taliaferro (colored), stealing a pocket-book containing $1 in money from James Banks. Continued until Tuesday.

Additions to the Richmond and Danville Division.

General-Manager E. B. Thomas, of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, with his office at 1300 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C., has issued the following circular under date of December 22d:

On and after this date the North Carolina division, embracing the North Carolina railroad east of Greensboro', and its branches, and the Northwestern North Carolina railroad, will be consolidated with the Richmond and Danville division, and will be under the charge of W. H. Green, superintendent.

Judge Hughes's Rule with Reference to Coupons.

It is arranged that Judges Bond and Hughes will sit together at Alexandria on January the 11th to hear the Couch mandamus case and Mr. Royall's motion to dissolve the rule lately made by Judge Hughes with reference to coupons.

It was expected that these two matters would be heard at Alexandria to-morrow, but Judge Bond, after consultation with Judge Hughes, fixed a later date.

Officers Elected.

At a regular meeting of Stuart Council, No. 97, of the Home Circle, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: B. F. Cosby, L.; W. J. Kimbrough, V. L.; James H. Bradley, L.; Irving L. Beveridge, treasurer; R. W. Jones, financier; F. D. Bolton, secretary; William E. Phenix, guide; R. H. Kuhn, warden; J. D. C. Kruse, sentinel; Rev. William J. Shipman, P. L.; W. N. Bugg, T. A. Kirby, L. P. Kuhn, trustees.

TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET CHAPEL.

The Twenty-eighth-Street chapel Sunday school have elected the following officers for the year 1887: Superintendent, P. W. Dunford; Assistant Superintendent, William A. G. Cole; Secretary, J. T. Wallace, Jr.; Treasurer, John Allen; Librarian, H. F. Dettrich; Assistant Librarian, John Booker; Organist, Miss Jessie Smith; Assistant Organist, Miss Bertha Dettrich; Chorister, A. C. Soule.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

At the First English Lutheran Sunday school, Sunday morning, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer; Assistant Superintendent, A. F. Miller; Second Assistant, Jacob Umlauf; Secretary, Jacob Umlauf; Assistant Secretary, Oscar Myer; Treasurers, Miss Annie Umlauf and William Myer; Librarians, William Myer, Charles Miller, Charles Frommer, and William Cooke.

COLORED MASONS.

At the convocation of the Grand Royal-Arch Chapter of the State of Virginia recently held at Masons' Hall the election of officers took place, as follows, for the ensuing year: Comp. Lewis Braxton, Richmond, R. E. G. H. P.; Comp. M. D. Meekins, Norfolk, D. G. H. P.; Comp. Milton Rivers, Petersburg, G. King; Comp. Robert Darnall, Alexandria, G. Scribe; Comp. Lewis R. Carter, Richmond, G. Treasurer; Comp. John H. Lewis, Richmond, G. Sec.; Comp. William F. Jackson, Petersburg, G. P. S.; Comp. Arthur Turner, Norfolk, G. R. A. C.; Comp. Robert Neal, Norfolk, G. C. H.; Comp. Rev. J. H. Holmes, Richmond, Grand Chaplain; Comp. Richard Davis, G. M. First V.; Comp. O. W. Artis, Portsmouth, G. M. Second V.; Comp. Charles Carter, Hampton, G. M. Third V.; Comp. William Mundin, Richmond, G. Marshal.

THE CITY SCHOOL BOARD.

Report of the Superintendent—Election of New Teachers, &c.

The regular monthly meeting of the City School Board of the city of Richmond was held at High-school building yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Colonel Clay, Superintendent of Schools, submitted his monthly report, which shows 196 schools, 170 teachers; enrolment for the month, 8,725; average daily attendance, 8,096; enrolment to date, 9,138; capacity in seats, 8,384; percentage, 92 per cent.

The Superintendent says that 317 pupils have been added to the number now attending the public schools since the last report. He says that the average attendance during the past month has been lower on account of sickness among the small children and in consequence of the severe stormy weather. He says that in his official visitation he finds the principals actively engaged in the active performance of their official duties and heartily in cooperation with the superintendent to advance the interests of the system. He also says of the teachers that he finds them generally competent to teach their respective schools and faithful in the discharge of duty, and has reason to believe that the schools will continue to improve and meet the reasonable expectation of their friends and the wants of the public.

LIST OF RESERVE TEACHERS.

The following-named substitutes were elected regular teachers, to be placed on the reserve list, to be called into service as vacancies may occur: Ella Kraker, Fannie S. Wyatt, Minnie T. Taylor, Mattie W. Parker, Lulie F. Jones, Lola L. Mitchell, Mary A. Pollard, Willie Bowles, Florence E. Duke, Fannie C. Rapland, Sarah Gwathmey, Jennie L. Ledwich, Alice Budd, and Emily D. Busher.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The joint Committee on Finance and Buildings presented a report, through Mr. Lewenstein, the chairman, stating that Spring-hill and East-End buildings are inadequate to the needs of the community, and, after examination, recommending that the Council be requested to appropriate a sufficient sum to enlarge the accommodations at said buildings.

After transaction of routine business the Board adjourned.

THE BALLOON ASCENSION.

The Eagle Eyrie Lands Near Enfonce.

Professor King, accompanied by a young man named Henry Franklin (who unexpectedly found a place), sailed away in the balloon the Eagle Eyrie Christmas-day about a quarter past 2 o'clock. The balloon at once took a southerly course, and about 5 o'clock landed at Mabsen, in Chesterfield county, about eight miles from Petersburg.

Just before landing, when fully a mile from the earth, three carrier-pigeons belonging to Mr. Gustavus Trudeau, No. 801 north Fifth street, were liberated. It was then nearly dark. Two of the pigeons have returned home. The third one has not been heard of.

The boys in return came Sunday morning about half-past 10. A card tied around his neck said it had been liberated at ten minutes to 7 Saturday evening.

The second returned home at 1 o'clock Sunday. The inscription on the one was "On the right of Petersburg. As cold as blazes."

Mr. Trudeau said the pigeons should not have been liberated at night; that carrier pigeons never fly after dark. If they had been liberated in the daytime they would have returned home at once.

The third pigeon is supposed to have struck something and killed himself in the darkness.

Personals and Briefs.

Mr. T. H. Lanes, of this city, left yesterday for Powhatan county, where he will spend the holidays.

Hon. John F. Ryan, member of the House of Delegates from Loudoun county, was in the city yesterday and called upon Governor Lee.

Captain W. H. Reynard and bride, of New Bedford, Mass., who are stopping at the Exchange Hotel, were among the visitors to Chevernus yesterday.

Mr. J. S. Dodson, proprietor of the American Hotel, treated his guests and a number of invited friends to a Christmas dinner, served in grand style.

No effort will be made to bring Dick Shimpick back to Richmond, as there is no sort of legal evidence against him; none, indeed, that any crime has been committed.

Coroner Taylor yesterday morning viewed the body of a colored man named George Johnston, who was found dead in bed in the kitchen of 902 west Main street. He was forty-six years of age. Death is supposed to have been caused by brain disease.

Mr. W. H. Fuller, general passenger agent of the Newport News and Mississippi-Valley Company (Chesapeake and Ohio route, and Chesapeake, Ohio and Southern road), is in the city. His headquarters are in Louisville, but he has a branch office in the Pace block here.

Willie Cluverius spent nearly all of Christmas-day and Sunday at the jail with his brother. The prisoner occupies his time mostly in reading and writing. Besides Dr. Hatcher, Rev. Mr. Pitt, and Willie Cluverius, he sees very few visitors, but he gets quite a number of letters by every mail.

Mr. T. J. W. Cooper, chief engineer of the United States monitor fleet at City Point, was in the city yesterday. He returns to the fleet to-day on the steamship Old Dominion. Chief Cooper will be transferred to some other post of duty on the 10th of next month, much to the regret of his many friends at City Point, as well as those in Richmond.

It was Mr. O. B. Norvell, and not A. R. Norvell, who received the first prize at the Soldiers' Home. Mr. Norvell is a son of the late Samuel G. Norvell, of Lynchburg, Va., and a near relative of Hon. John W. Daniel. He was an officer in General John H. Morgan's command, and was with him on his great raid through Ohio, where he was captured. His article gives a most interesting account of the great conspiracy at Camp Douglas, which came so near succeeding, and the success of which might have brought about a different result to the war. It is well worth publishing.

Presents of the Period.

On Christmas morning the young ladies of the Richmond Female Institute presented to their principal, Miss Hamner, a handsome silver tea-service as a token of their appreciation of her faithful services during the session.

The scholars of the Central school have presented their principal, Mr. S. T. Pendleton, with a very handsome eight-day gong-clock, and their teachers with a great variety of mementoes of their kind feelings.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Services in the Methodist and Baptist Churches.

Sermons appropriate to the Christmas season were preached at most of the Methodist churches of this city and Manchester. Evergreens and other attendants of Christmas services were conspicuously absent. The congregations hardly reached the average attendance.

At the Laurel-Street Methodist church the time of the morning services was given to interesting exercises in connection with the Sunday school. The services opened with a Christmas song. The story of the birth of the Messiah (Matthew ii.) was read responsively, and the school interrogated by the superintendent as to the leading facts of the advent of the Christ.

There was an instructive and appropriate address by J. W. Anderson, Esq., to three small girls, to whom he presented three beautiful gold medals, the prizes given by the school for bringing in new scholars. Thirteen scholars received the reward offered for punctual attendance at 9 o'clock every Sunday of the past year.

These prizes, as well as several others given by the school, were presented by the superintendent, Mr. H. C. Osterbind, whose remarks were very appropriate and tenacious. Mr. Osterbind very justly claims to be the head of a school second to none in this city in enterprise and prosperity, and he evidently appreciates, as he should, the honor of his position.

The pastor in a brief address excused the substitution of the regular morning services with the exercises of the school, and claimed that the supreme law of love could find no fitter or brighter exemplification than such as was there occurring before the audience.

The school was then called by classes, and each officer, teacher, and scholar was presented with *souvenirs* of the day in the form of a nicely-bound volume and a box of fine confectionery.

The exercises were interspersed with fine singing, and closed with the Doxology and benediction.

The Preachers' Meeting on Monday morning was more than usually interesting. After the transaction of routine business the meeting gave about an hour to the discussion of pastoral visiting.

The opinion was general that pastoral visitation occupies a prominent place among the agencies of the Church; that it cannot be neglected without loss and harm to the congregation. The meeting was quite unanimous in the opinion that the demand for regular visits from the pastor to members who are in health and comfort exceeds all reason, and has grown to be a heavy exaction upon the time of the preacher, which ought to be given to study or works of mercy.

Watch-Night services will be held at Laurel Street church on Friday night from 9:30 o'clock to past midnight. Rev. George W. Wray will preach. Other ministers are expected to take part in the services.

BAPTIST NOTES.

At the Fifth Baptist church (colored) Sunday afternoon two pers