RICHMOND CHURCHES.

Large Accessions to Their Membership This Year.

OURS A PIOUS PEOPLE.

Attendance Upon Public Worship Here Something Quite Extraordinary.

Richmond is not only a city of churches, but of church-goers.

Here the people of God dwell together in peace and harmony. There is the least possible clashing of sects, while each is earnest and diligent in its field of endeavor.

The statistics published in this paper on the 1st of January last showed that there were sixty-six houses of worship in Richmond, and that out of our population of 85,000 there was a membership of 34,660. Within the three months past it has been determined to erect several new churches in the growing wards, while it has been a season of deep religious interest; of profound attention to Biblical truths, and of extraordinarily large attendance upon public worship. Knowing these facts the Dispatch men have been inquiring of all the city pastors "the number of accessions to membership from January 1, 1889, to date; also the number now preparing to join, together with your observations on the growth of religious feeling and improvement in church attendance in this city," and the results are given below:

Baptist.

SECOND CHURCH.

Rev. W. W. Landrum, D. D.: Since January 1, 1889, there have been ninety-four additions to the Second Baptist church. The majority were added as the fruits of a meeting held by Rev. Mr. Wharton, though for years past we have never failed to receive new members every month at the Lord's Supper or on monthly communion occasions. The pastor preaches on what he calls the "new plan." By this is meant his custom of inviting persons to profess faith in Christ and unite with the Church at every service. There are about thirty others waiting to be publicly recognized as members at the next celebration of the Lord's Supper.

I entered upon the seventh or sabbatic year of my pastorate last January, and it appears to be a continued "feast of ingathering." Our Sunday school, of which Mr. H. R. Ellyson is superintendent, numbers one hundred more than it did last year. Congregations have largely increased.

Indeed, it is my opinion that all the Protestant churches of Richmond are prospering. Richmond, in my judgment, is the best Sabbath-keeping, or, more properly, Sunday-observing city in the United States. It has but one superior, so far as I am aware, on this continent, and that is Toronto, Canada.

VENABLE-STREET CHURCH.

Rev. B. H. Pitt: My church has grown quite rapidly in the past fourteen months. During 1888 two hundred and nine were added to our membership. Since January 1st one hundred and twenty-five have been actually received, and I have the names of fifty others who have either been received for baptism or expect to join by letter. I am one of the younger pastors in the city and have been familiar with its religious history only the past few years, but so far as my own experience and observation go Richmond has never seen so pervasive and powerful a revival as has been in progress for several months. Not only in the great meetings like those at the Armory, but in the individual churches, and indeed in some of the feeblest of them this religious movement is most remarkable. Here is the little Fulton church reporting up to last Wednesday one hundred and twenty-five professions of conversion and the work growing constantly in power. As for church attendance, I know of no church among my own people (and I judge it is true of others also) that is not comfortably—and frequently uncomfortably—filled at the regular services with solemn and attentive congregations.

CLAY-STREET CHURCH.

Rev. Samuel C. Clopton: Since the first of this year seventeen persons have united with the Clay-street Baptist church and twenty-seven others have expressed a desire to do so, and I believe that others are thinking of doing so—how many I cannot tell.

During the past three months there has, I think, been a more general interest in religion throughout the city than at any other time during my pastorate here of nearly twelve years. But while there has been a great work of grace calling for devout thanksgiving there must still be 30,000 people of accountable age here who are yet unconverted. If Christians have been revived here is a great sphere in which they can exercise their renewed spiritual life. The most urgent demand of our times seems to be to secure the attendance of unconverted people in larger numbers upon the worship in the churches.

WEST-MAIN-STREET CHURCH.

Mr. William M. Hall, church clerk: Sixteen have been received into the membership of the West-Main-Street Baptist church since January 1, 1889. Our church is steadily growing; congregations on the increase. Spiritually the church is in good condition.

PINE-STREET CHURCH.

Rev. J. B. Hutson: Additions, 117; preparing to join, about 25. Attendance upon public worship is better than I have ever known. The Sunday school is largely increased. Conversions and additions to the church are of weekly occurrence.

Disciples.

MARSHALL-STREET CHURCH.

Rev. L. A. Cutler: There have been fifteen accessions to Marshall-Street Christian church this year. No protracted meeting has been held. We anticipate receiving several into the fellowship of the Church next Lord's day. We do not know how many are preparing to join. Hope that very many will. When the Apostle Peter preached (for the first time in fact and in the name of Christ) the Gospel of Christ, about 3,000 hearing were pierced to the heart, and, inquiring what they must do, were told to repent and to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and that they should receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts ii., 38.) A day or two afterwards some 2,000 more became obedient to the faith, perhaps 5,000.

A great religious interest has been awakened in our city, and it may be safe to say that at least fifteen hundred persons have united with the various congregations in the last three months. We should look for a marked improvement in the manners and customs and morals of the people. If the new converts and the old members are not only professors of religion, but also possessors, this will be the result. The numbers attending theatrical exhibitions will be greatly diminished. Many saloons will be closed. Progressive-euchre parties will not be heard of in Christian homes. The Word of God will be read and studied. The voice of prayer and the song of praise will be heard in many households. Dime novels and trashy pamphlets and corrupting literature will not be allowed to come into their families. "By their fruits ye shall know them." For the good that has already been accomplished; for the conversion of sinners to the Christ; for the implanting of Christian principle in so many hearts; for the improvement in church attendance, and for the manifest growth in piety and in Christian zeal and diligence, let us be devoutly grateful.

THIRD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. E. A. Cole: There have been seven accessions to the membership of Third Christian church this year. There are four from the protracted meeting now in progress at Seventh-Street to take membership. The religious feeling in the vicinity is good, and the church expects an increase in its membership from those who are persuaded, but have taken no definite stand, and from those once members of churches grown cold and indifferent. The audiences have been large, and the attendance upon all services encouraging.

SEVENTH-STREET CHURCH.

Mr. E. N. Newman, Assistant Clerk: There have been twenty-nine accessions since January 1, 1889. Forty are preparing (or expected) to join.

Episcopal.

GRACE CHURCH.

Rev. H. M. Jackson, D. D.: The net gain in the membership of my church since the 1st of January has been about twenty-five. At the confirmation on last Sunday week all were confirmed who were then prepared. In my judgment during the twelve years that I have resided here I have not known the church to be in better condition than it is now. I can only speak of the Episcopal Church. Attendance at Sunday-night services is not satisfactory, being broken up by a deplorable habit of Sunday-night visiting. Attendance at all other services, as far as my observation goes, is larger than heretofore. In the past ten years the net increase of the Episcopal Church has been about 1,000, including recent confirmations. In that period All-Saints and Weddell-Memorial have been established, Moore-Memorial and Christ churches rebuilt, Moore-Memorial and St. Andrew's have become self-sustaining, St. John's and Grace have been enlarged. In addition, six missions and mission schools are conducted with fair success. The spiritual condition of the Church is beyond human judgment, but if we may judge from external signs our people are alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Rev. Lewis W. Burton: The number of accessions to the membership of St. John's Protestant Episcopal church from January 1, 1889, is as follows: By confirmation, 46; by transfer, 5; expecting to unite, 5. The growth of religious feeling and improvement in church attendance in this city necessarily go together and are both observable, for which God's Holy Spirit should be praised.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Rev. Pike Powers: I have had twelve added by confirmation, and there are four others are awaiting confirmation. Those added by transfer were members of other Episcopal churches. I think there is decided growth of religious feeling and increase in church attendance in this city.

ALL-SAINTS CHURCH.

Rev. J. Y. Downman: Since the 1st of January, 1889, there have been sixty-five communicants enrolled. There are forty others who will be added to this list in a short time, having signified their intention of becoming communicants of this church.

As far as I can judge after so short a residence here I consider the church attendance good and the state of religious feeling on the whole most encouraging.

MONUMENTAL CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Newton: I am glad to say that the Monumental congregation has not been in as good condition since my rectorship began, nearly five years ago, as it is at this time. The attendance of earnest worshippers is larger than I have ever known it to be. Within the past three months we have had about forty additions to the number of communicants. As far as I have been able to observe, there is a very decided revival of interest in things spiritual now taking place in our city.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. B. Funsten: In my last confirmation class there were sixteen. Eight or ten more will probably join. This last addition will make about our usual number, although one year (1887) I had twenty-seven confirmed. The attendance at my own church has been good, and I have reason to think that many of the churches in our city have experienced decided growth in numbers and earnestness.

ST. MARK'S.

Rev. T. G. Dashiell, D. D.: It would be simply impossible to give an accurate report without several days for inquiring into cases of individuals and families attending my church.

Jewish.

BETH AHABA SYNAGOGUE.

Rev. Dr. A. Harris: All our pews are rented. We have none left to rent to newcomers. Our Saturday morning services are always well attended (weather permitting), and our Friday evening services show an attendance largely on the increase.

KENNESETH ISRAEL.

Rev. Louis Harfeld: The increase of membership in my synagogue from January 1st to date was 15, making the total 65 members.

Lutheran.

FIRST ENGLISH CHURCH.

Rev. J. S. Moser: I have received into full communion in my church (First English Lutheran) since January 1, 1889, ten new members, and there are from fifteen to twenty-five preparing to join the church on Easter Sunday. I am very much gratified at the increased church attendance and growth in spiritual graces so manifest in our city during the last three months. It is to be hoped this new interest in holy things will be permanent.

EVANGELICAL BETHLEHEM CHURCH (CORNER SIXTH AND CLAY STREETS).

Rev. C. J. Oehlschlaeger: Since the beginning of this year two have been added to the list of communicants. A class of ten has been under daily instruction for confirmation since October last. Confirmation will take place on Palm Sunday. Four have been added to the list of voting members of the church. These are such communicant male members who attend the monthly meetings and take an active part in the work of the church at home and abroad.

The attendance in my church has improved over last year.

TRINITY ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. George E. Shuey: This mission was organized last August and was without a pastor until November. Since then we have added twenty to our membership—about nine since the 1st of January. Others are expected to join soon. All other prospects are very promising; congregations good.

Methodist.

UNION STATION.

Rev. James C. Martin: Sixty-five members have been received into the church on profession of faith since January 1st; nine members have been received by certificate from other Methodist churches; total number of additions to the church membership, seventy-four.

Quite a number of members are yet to be received. The congregations are largely increased and great interest is being manifested along all the lines of church work.

TRINITY.

Rev. J. R. Sturgis: Our accessions from January 1, 1889, to date are seven. I am unable to give the exact number of those who are now preparing to join us. There are at least fifteen that will come under this classification, and the number is increasing, as the result of revival services begun by us on Sunday last. That there has been a healthy, vigorous growth of religious feeling in this city during the past two months is a cheering truth beyond question. Its fruits demonstrate it.

Beginning in the churches, it has extended itself to the irreligious, resulting in the conversion of many. That it is so general, pervading all our denominations with quickening, energizing power, is a fact that should awaken devout gratitude to the Divine One who inspired it.

As to "church attendance," my observation is limited to my own congregation. There has only been an increase since I began revival services. If I may venture an opinion, I would say just here it is too soon to attempt the measuring of increase in church attendance as the direct result of the religious revival. The divine influences are widening, augmenting, and must result in filling our churches with devout worshippers.

BROAD-STREET CHURCH.

Rev. S. S. Lambeth: Fifty-nine persons have joined my church since January 1, 1889. Perhaps twelve or more will join this month. I think the attendance on worship has increased about 25 per cent. since the date mentioned. The religious influence is deep and pervasive in my charge, and in fact in all of our Methodist congregations in this city. I may say that every one who has joined my church on a profession of faith in Christ was either converted at my revival service or a member of my own congregation. Strange to say I have not received one from any other revival services.

In all the Methodist congregations of this city there have been over 500 conversions since the first of the year, and all of our churches are on the up grade.

CLAY-STREET CHURCH.

Rev. W. H. Atwill: I have received seventy-five members and have fifteen or twenty candidates for membership. We have been engaged in a series of meetings at this church for the past seven weeks, during which time we have had one hundred and eleven conversions. Only one out of the number received has been converted elsewhere, whilst several of the converts of this meeting have united with other churches.

This church has never been in a better spiritual condition than at present is the verdict of its oldest members. We have 800 comfortable seats in the church, and at times there is not accommodation for the congregation assembled. We could not ask for better attendance upon church services than we are having.

LAUREL-STREET CHURCH.

Rev. W. O. Waggener: There have been some sixty-five members added to the Laurel-Street Methodist church since January 1st. Nearly all of these are the fruits of the revival now in progress at my church. None of them are the results of any of the evangelistic meetings that have been held in the city. Between twenty and thirty converts at my meeting will join the church soon. In regard to increased interest in and attendance upon the services of the sanctuary I can only answer for my own charge. There has been a decided increase in my congregations all during this conference year—since November, the beginning of our year.

DENNY STREET.

Rev. John P. Woodward: This church, located at the corner of Seventh and Denny streets, was blessed with a revival in December last, and because of that fact no special effort has been projected during the present revival season. The fact is we are the starting-point in this work. As the result of that revival fourteen came into the church. One has come since, and there are others who will shortly unite with us. My impression is that there is a good religious feeling pervading this community.

Our Sabbath-school has very largely increased in numbers and in interest, and is now going on to success. My congregations have not only been good, but full, attentive, and impressive.

The financial interests of the church are all on the increase. The pastor's salary and the material expenses of the church are fully abreast of the denomination, and the debt on our church incurred in its building will soon be lifted, and we are now projecting the building of a parsonage to be owned and held by the church for the benefit of our ministers. In fine you may report that we are on the up grade, and may the blessings of the Lord not only rest on us but on all his Israel.

Presbyterian.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. Dr. Robert P. Kerr: Since the 1st of January we have received forty-two members into the First Presbyterian church and its mission. Two weeks hence our quarterly communion occurs, when we will receive a considerable number more. Our congregations are larger and the prospects better than at any time since I became pastor of the church, five years ago. But this is not the result of any special effort. There has been a steady growth up to the present under the regular use of the means of grace. I have not had a communion without receiving members. Our mission church, Westminster, is a great success and is crowded every Sunday.

GRACE-STREET CHURCH.

Mr. B. C. Wherry: I am sorry to say that there have been no additions to Grace-Street Presbyterian church since January 1st. We have been without a pastor since October last, and to that extent have not been able to do the complete and most effective work of a church. The Rev. Mr. Fair, who has been called to become our pastor, has signified his willingness to accept and is now taking steps in his presbytery to be transferred to Grace-Street church, and we expect him to be with us not later than the first Sunday in May. To your second inquiry, as to "observations on the growth of religious feeling and improvement in church attendance in this city," I can confidently say I think at no time, except perhaps when Mr. Moody was in Richmond, has the religious feeling of this community been as intense as it has been during the past few weeks, and judging from my own church never has the improvement in church attendance been equalled. At both our morning and afternoon service our congregations have shown a steady increase.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D.: We receive members four times a year and on each occasion about twenty additions are made to the church. The attendance is very good on the Sabbath and at the Wednesday-night services, too. Nearly every Wednesday night our lecture-room is filled. At the Old-Market Hall Rev. Mr. Turnbull has entered upon his duties with great vigor. I have not withdrawn my attention from this work, but will continue to preach there occasionally.

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. J. Calvin Stewart: Number of communicants January 1, 1889, 151; number received from January 1 to April 4, 1889, 15; number transferred January 1 to April 4, 1889, 4; total number of communicants April 4, 1889, 162. Observation clearly shows that an unusually deep religious feeling is prevailing in all of the churches and has spread throughout the entire city. It seemingly pervades all lines of thought and activity.

Colored Baptist.

FOURTH CHURCH.

Rev. Evans Payne: Received by letter since January 1, 1889, 4. There have also been upwards of thirty converts, who will be baptized soon. At present quite a large revival is going on among our several Baptist churches of this city, and I can truthfully say that the religious interest manifested is apparently as great as that of 1878, at which time hundreds of souls were added to our churches.

SIXTH ST. ZION.

Rev. John Jasper: Joining since January 1st, 22; preparing to join, 5. As far as I can perceive increasing interest is being manifested in religious teachings and practices, and a marked increase in church attendance generally.

FIFTH CHURCH.

Rev. Daniel Tucker: The number of accessions to the membership of the Fifth Baptist church is three. There are more preparing to join. The growth of religious feeling among my people has not been good, which has greatly hindered the improvement in church attendance.

SHARON CHURCH.

Rev. William Troy: I give the following statement of accessions to the Sharon Baptist church since the 1st of January 1889: Fifty-five added. Number preparing for membership, 75. Prospectively the religious feeling is better than any period of my labor in the city. Church attendance greatly improved and I will add that the apparent earnestness to hear preaching is a marked change for the better from former years. I am sanguine of happy results in the true morals of my people in this new body of members. Total membership, 405.

Recapitulation.

The statistics above are from thirty-four (or just one more than half) of the Richmond churches. They show an aggregate increase in church membership during this year of 1,297, with 442 now preparing to join. Among the churches not included in the above are the First Baptist and Grace-Street Baptist, to both of which there have been large accessions. Perhaps more than one hundred have been added to the latter.

MR. P. V. DANIEL'S WILL.

Disposition of an Estate Valued at $37,000.

The will of Peter V. Daniel, Jr., was admitted to probate in the Chancery Court yesterday.

The estate is valued at $37,000, and is disposed of as follows:

To his son, J. R. V. Daniel, is bequeathed all the law books and office furniture, and all of the furniture and personal property belonging to deceased in his room at his residence on Main near Adams street, except an engraving of "Daniel in the Lions' Den," which engraving is given to deceased's daughter, Lucy R. Canteley.

THE DAUGHTER'S ROOM.

To his daughter, Mrs. Lucy R. Canteley, is given such articles of furniture as she may select out of the room called "daughter's room," and the rooms called "mother's rooms."

Mrs. Canteley is also bequeathed the sum of $2,000, to be paid to her in six months after the death of the testator and the death of his wife.

IN TRUST.

All of the estate, except the articles above disposed of, is bequeathed to J. R. V. Daniel to be held by him as trustee for the following uses and purposes: That he shall have full power to collect and receive during the life of the deceased's wife, if she shall survive him, the rents, issues, and profits thereof, and out of the same shall apply to her maintenance, support, and comfort a sum of money not exceeding $250 every year during her natural life, if he shall deem such expenditure necessary for that purpose, and the rest of the rents, issues, and profits shall be divided equally by him between Mrs. Lucy R. Canteley and himself every year during the natural life of decedent's wife.

FINAL DISTRIBUTION.

At the death of said wife all the property and estate devised to J. R. V. Daniel as trustee shall (subject to the payment to Mrs. Canteley of the legacy of $2,000, as above provided) pass and belong equally to Mrs. Canteley and J. R. V. Daniel in fee simple, and the said trusts shall cease and due conveyances be made to the parties entitled thereto.

THE RIGHT TO SELL.

The trustee is authorized whenever he shall see fit to sell any or all of the property and estate hereby given to him in trust, and shall reinvest the proceeds for the same uses and trusts above provided.

The provision made for his wife's support is intended to be in lieu of her dower and of any right she may have as a distributee of the estate. The said provision is made in addition to the trust created for her in a deed from John A. Kratz and wife to J. R. V. Daniel, trustee, dated June 23, 1887.

THE EXECUTOR.

J. R. V. Daniel is appointed sole executor of the will, and it is requested that no security be required of him and that no appraisement be had of the estate.

The will was signed on the 3d day of October, 1888, and is witnessed by Legh R. Page and James Pleasants.

The Law-Breakers.

The following convicts were received at the penitentiary yesterday: Barney Cleaver, five years for assault and larceny, from Pulaski county; Whitfield Parker, two years for housebreaking, from Charlotte county; Jordan Stuart, two years for housebreaking, from Augusta county.

For Dyspepsia

USE HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE.

Dr. J. J. McWilliams, Dennison, Ia., says: "I have used it largely in nervousness and dyspepsia, and I consider that it stands unrivalled as a remedy in cases of this kind. I have also used it in cases of sleeplessness with very gratifying results."

RAIN, HAIL, SNOW.

A TEMPESTUOUS DAY IN THIS SECTION OF VIRGINIA.

All Sorts of Weather Except Bright and Pleasant—Rising Streams—Telegraphic Interruptions.

Friday night about 10 o'clock the stars could be seen, but the moon, which had not yet reached its first quarter, was dimmed by hazy surroundings.

At 1 A. M. Saturday the skies were thickly overcast and some rain-drops fell. Between 3 and 4 o'clock A. M. the wind began to howl and thunder and lightning and rain broke in upon us. Windows rattled and slumberers who had retired in the calmness of a moon- and star-lit April night were awakened by the tempest that was raging without. Between the hours of 7 and 8 yesterday morning the wind and rain increased in fierceness and volume and hail pattered loudly upon the plate-glass window-panes of the affluent and tattered roofs of the poor.

THE PEOPLE.

From morning until night the wind blew, sometimes with great violence; and the rain fell unceasingly, at times coming down like a deluge. Business was dull, for the streets were almost deserted, and those who had to move about the city liberally patronized the street-cars, making those vehicles to a degree quite unusual.

The matinee at the Theatre was well attended, but when the performance was over the rainfall was so heavy that the audience lingered in the house a long time after the curtain fell, and melted away slowly, as ways and means of getting home could be arranged.

SNOW.

Passengers arriving here from Fredericksburg reported snow five or six inches deep there.

Here also about 5½ o'clock snow began falling, coming down in great big flakes and melting as fast as it touched the wet pavements. Telegraphic service was badly interfered with. Altogether it was the worst day of the combined winter and spring.

RICHMOND AND ALLEGHANY.

The Richmond and Alleghany railroad wires suffered greatly by the storm, and last night the officers of the road said they were unable to ascertain the extent of the rainfall west of this city. It must, however, have been quite heavy. They will begin replacing their wires as soon as possible, and when once their linemen get at work they will make the necessary repairs very rapidly. The company's wires could only be used a short distance out of the city.

ON OTHER ROADS.

Most of the other railroads shared the fate of this one, and very few of them were able last night to communicate with many points on their lines.

On the Chesapeake and Ohio nearly all of the wires were down, and at 7 P. M. the storm was still raging in all its fury. Charlottesville could not be reached after noon, and the officials were somewhat afraid that they might be troubled with high water a short distance east of that point, where a small stream passes under low trestling. There was a heavy snowfall along this route.

On the Richmond and Danville the wires were so badly deranged that no information could be obtained as to the condition of affairs South. There was some apprehension as to high water, it having been raining steadily and copiously for many hours.

The Richmond and Petersburg had use of their wires as far south as Weldon, but there was no telegraphic communication north of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac.

THE TELEPHONE.

The telephone service last night was very defective, though the officers did the best they possibly could to accommodate the public. The wires were down in some places, crossed at others, and in other sections they were grounded. In the central district the service was fairly good.

During the storm yesterday a tree was blown down at the corner of Capitol and Tenth streets. One was also blown down in front of Seventh-Street Christian church.

FIRE-ALARM WIRES.

In the western part of the city last night all the wires of the fire-alarm and police-telegraph were down, and Chief Puller, of the Fire Department, kept all his men on duty at the engine-houses all night.

Mr. W. H. Thompson, chief of the Fire-Alarm and Police-Telegraph, and his assistants, made a tour of the city and repaired all the wires possible and located the broken ones, and men will go to work early this morning to repair the damage done. The wires of this department were damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars by the broken wires of the telegraph companies and the electric-car line wires falling upon them and burning them out.

HURT BY A BILL-POSTER'S BOARD.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon the tall fence erected for bill-posting purposes at the southeast corner of the Penitentiary spring-lot (Cary and Adams streets) was overthrown by the violence of the wind, and a little boy named Pleasants, who was passing at the time, was struck by some of the timbers and painfully injured. His home is on Cary street near Belvidere, and thither a doctor was summoned to attend him.

LAST NIGHT.

The weather last night was the worst for twelve months. For hours and hours the wind "blew great guns," wrenching off limbs of trees and throwing them upon the sidewalks to the great danger of pedestrians. Here and there whole trees were overthrown and levelled.

The snow melted almost as rapidly as it fell and the pavements were deep in slush.

To hold on to an umbrella was next to impossible. Many of them were lifted out of their owner's hands and floated away in the gale.

For a day that began with summer-like clouds and thunder and lightning the night was strangely winterish and tempestuous.

THE CAR SERVICE.

The cars on the Electric Line stopped running soon after night on account of the wires being down. The horse-car line performed good service and was largely patronized.

TOP BLOWN OFF A HOUSE.

The top to Doyle's tin-shop, on Broad street a few doors above Broad-Street Opera-House, was blown off and fell upon the sidewalk.

POLICE GUARD AN ELECTRIC-WIRE.

An electric-light wire fell in front of the Broad-Street Opera-House, and a policeman was stationed there to warn people of the danger, as it was heavily charged with electricity.

DAMAGE IN MANCHESTER.

In Manchester the storm raged with no less fury than in Richmond. In the early hours of yesterday morning the high wind caused many of the houses to shake as though they would tumble to the ground and trees and fences were blown down generally in exposed localities. The only damage done by lightning, so far as could be learned last night, was to a grocery store on Hull street, and here the results were not serious. The current entered on the incandescent-light wire and one of the lights was entirely burned out. The fluid also came in on the telephone-wire, but did no harm. No one was hurt.

In the afternoon the greater portion of one of the walls of a two-story brick store which Messrs. George D. Patch & Co. were having erected on Hull street, a short distance above the Petersburg turnpike, was blown down and in falling it broke into the Knights of Labor store kept by a colored man, and the stock was considerably damaged. Several persons were in the store, but fortunately none of them were injured. The building was nearly ready for the roof.

No further damage of a serious nature had been reported at a late hour last night. The melting snow and water was about two inches deep on the streets, and only persons who were compelled to go out on business were to be found away from home after supper.

THE WATERS RISING.

The great downpour of snow and rain has not yet had time to show its effects upon the river except in giving the water, which was already muddy, a deeper hue. That the stream will be greatly swollen by noon today, however, is quite certain, and there is almost sure to be a great freshet in the James, as the rainfall all throughout the State has been prodigious.

Several gentlemen who reached the city last night from Chesterfield reported that the small streams near the city had risen rapidly and were already well nigh impassable. There is every indication of a big freshet.

The Blues to Meet Tuesday Night.

The Blues will meet Tuesday night at their armory, and will discuss the proposed New York trip, and will probably determine to attend the centennial celebration in that city on April 30th.

Going to Danville.

The degree staff of Aurora Lodge, No. 116, Independent Order Odd-Fellows, composed of the following members—viz: W. H. Bailey, W. F. Green, George C. White, J. H. D. Johnson, H. P. Johnson, J. W. White, R. S. Denny, L. F. Mason, Albert Witte, G. H. Richardson, J. T. Haynes, A. J. Bowman, R. K. Sadler, H. G. Bettews, J. H. Pond, Jesse Oliver, W. G. Duke, W. W. Moses, Jr., C. W. Morris, Thomas N. Kendler, M. F. Hudnall, James Calder, and Past Grand Representative W. E. Pearce—will visit Danville, Va., on the 9th instant and exemplify the work before the Grand Lodge, which will then be in session.

PRESIDENT HARRISON.

He Means to Take a Fishing Trip in Virginia Waters—Mrs. Stonewall Jackson.

The newspaper correspondents have pretty well ascertained that it is the purpose of President Harrison to steal away from them and the grand army of office-seekers, and for the sake of peace and comfort seek the placid fishing waters of the Chesapeake. The idea shows that the President is a man of inventive genius. Other boats may follow his, but he will be out of the company which he does not desire, and what is more he will be able to run up the James and visit Berkeley and Westover.

HIS WESTOVER VISIT.

When he was at Westover a year or two ago he told Major Drewry that he intended to return as soon as possible, and not many months ago he wrote the Major that he still had the visit in mind. If he is as proud of his grandfather as he ought to be he should know more than he does of Berkeley and the James-river estates and of his fair kinswoman, Mrs. Drewry, the mistress of the splendid Westover home and estate.

WHY NOT COME TO RICHMOND?

Once upon the sparkling waters of the Chesapeake and James, it is altogether probable that Mr. Harrison will run up to Westover, and then it may be that he will return to Washington *via* Richmond.

MRS. STONEWALL JACKSON.

Possibly it would be a good stroke of policy for the President to get Mrs. Jackson to accept office from him. He has shown precious little consideration for the South; has indeed proceeded on the ground that the South didn't help him to the presidency and he won't help it by giving any of its men appointments, and therefore an office for Mrs. Jackson would be an exception from his ungracious course.

THE OFFER.

Whether he did actually offer Mrs. Jackson the Lexington post-office seems unknown. Colonel Parsons thought he was authorized so to speak for the President; and Mrs. Jackson has written to the President through Colonel Parsons a very pretty letter thanking him for his kindness and wishing him all manner of happiness. Colonel Parsons is now in Washington, and no doubt by this time has presented Harrison Mrs. Jackson's letter.

CAN THERE HAVE BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING?

From Washington, from time to time, comes the strange report that neither Harrison nor Wanamaker knows anything at all about any offer to Mrs. Jackson. It may be they do not; it may be they do. Statesmen have such queer ways of disguising the truth, it is not always possible to tell how and where to find them.

At present Harrison is enjoying the credit of having offered the widow of Stonewall Jackson the appointment as postmaster at Lexington; and she wrote Colonel Parsons declining it.

ROBBED WHILE INTOXICATED.

Two Negro Women Thus Secure a White Woman's Money.

In the Police Court yesterday morning Martha Harris and Anna Jones, two of the colored denizens of Scale-house corner, were charged with feloniously stealing from the person of Mrs. A. J. Spreights certain sums of money, and Mrs. Spreights was charged with being drunk.

The evidence in brief was this: The Spreights woman, who formerly lived here but now makes Norfolk her home, came here several days ago on a visit and soon began to drink. She stopped down on Seventeenth street, and is reported by those with whom she was staying to have had $235 Wednesday night and $185 Thursday morning. Friday afternoon information was received at the First station that some negro girls, after giving a white woman something to drink in a colored woman's house near the corner of Grace and Seventeenth streets, had stolen money from her bosom. Policemen Pendleton and Crane took the case in hand and soon arrested the two young women accused. Martha had $63.71 in her hand, which she admitted was the woman Spreights's money, and at the station-house $1.50 was found on Anna's person. Mrs. Spreights had $38 in her pocket. Sue Thomas said she saw Martha take the money from the white woman's bosom.

The two accused were sent on to the grand jury.

The continued case of George Simcoe, charged with assaulting and striking James Bowen with a rock, was called and again continued, this time until the 20th instant.

Madison Archer (colored), charged with stealing a wheelbarrow and shovel worth $10, the property of St. Paul's church, was required to give security in the sum of $200 for twelve months.

Several other cases, all of a trifling character, were disposed of.

Gospel Services.

A series of Gospel services will be held at the First English Lutheran church, beginning to-night and continuing every night until Easter Sunday. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. S. Moser, the pastor. Good singing will be rendered by a choir, using the Gospel Hymns. During these services the pastor will be assisted by some of the Lutheran ministers of the Southern Synod. It is earnestly hoped that these meetings will be fruitful and that many sinners will be brought to Jesus.

Fell from a Scaffold.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the city ambulance was called to No. 908 west Clay street to attend a Mr. R. F. Root, who had fallen from a scaffold and broken one of his ribs. He was taken to his home, No. 211 east Clay street.

In Police Circles.

In the Second and Third districts three or four arrests for drunkenness had been made up to midnight. Several arrests were made in the First district, but all were for minor offences.

Pain in the Back and Hips.

Kate McBurney, 173 Fifth street, Detroit, Mich., says:

I was taken with a severe pain in my back and hips. It continued to grow worse until I had to keep my bed. I tried several remedies that were recommended without doing me any good. I then put on two Allcock's Porous Plasters. They took the pain away so quick that I was able to be up in less than twenty-four hours, and in a week was entirely recovered. I was also cured of a chronic cough by the use of Allcock's Plasters.

Large Dividends Certain.

Capital is perpetually seeking investments wherein a sure return is reasonably certain. It is the highest ambition of the capitalist that all his investments may yield dividends. In this connection it is timely to state that there is one investment, open to all with a few hundreds to spare, that is absolutely certain to yield handsome dividends for an indefinite term of years. There is one place in the heart of this city where such an investment can be made on any business-day of the year. The place is Walter D. Moses & Co., 1005 Main street (opposite post-office), and the investment referred to is found in one of the Organs or Pianos to be had only at their warerooms.

The dividends begin the day of purchase and continue daily for years—in fact, during a lifetime. These consist of uninterrupted satisfaction and gratification, qualities that are not always purchasable and that are therefore to be preferred to dividends of solid cash. There is no possible risk in investing money in a Steinway Piano, a Hardman Piano, or a Kimball Organ, for the reason that these represent a value equal to dollar for dollar of the purchase price. The best materials, put together in the most perfect manner, result in an instrument that is an absolutely safe investment, yielding dividends in satisfaction for long years—satisfaction not only to the purchaser, but to every member of his household. The larger the household the more generous the dividends.

The investment can be made for any amount from $25 up on terms that cannot fail to be wholly satisfactory to every patron of this extensive establishment.

Remember the place—1005 Main street.

Notice to the Public.

The Old Dominion Sample-Room, No. 1322 Main street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, so successfully conducted by Mr. Andrew Evensen previous to his long illness, through which it having changed ownership, the undersigned begs to announce to the public and the friends of Mr. Evensen that he will maintain and improve, if possible, the reputation gained by him. Nothing but the best Wines, Liquors, and Cigars will be kept on hand. Grand lunch opening Monday next all day. A call solicited.

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Successor to A. Evensen.

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A Card.

Our drivers have been asked all over their routes "when we would bring out *Bock Beer*." Well, according to the almanac you are right. It is time. You need not apologize for asking the question; but when you look out of your window and see the ground white with snow, still falling, and you continue to pile more coal on your winter fires you must acknowledge it's a little out of season. Just wait awhile. On the first spring day you shall have Continental Bock Beer, bright and sparkling, surpassing in quality, as it usually does, all others in the market.

With thanks for your patronage, and promising to supply you with every kind of malt liquors in season, we remain, yours,

THE CONTINENTAL BREWING COMPANY.
ROBERT HILL, JR.

A Hint

to those going to Europe: Go to Major A. W. Garber, who is the General Railroad and Steamship Ticket Agent of our city, and purchase your tickets.

He represents all of the best lines, as follows: Cunard, Inman, White Star, Guion, Anchor, French, American, Red Star, National, State, Hamberg-American, Allen, Union, Netherlands, North German Lloyd, of New York and Baltimore.

He is in a position to secure the very best accommodations on any of these lines, and those contemplating crossing the ocean will do well to apply early to him to secure their berths or rooms.

Notice.

I have in stock some splendid novelties in Gentlemen's and Ladies' Watches (made expressly for me), which I can recommend as timepieces. Old Gold and Silver Watches taken in exchange. Now is the time to get rid of "old stagers," as they are a source of continued expense, with little or no satisfaction to their owners.

A. F. JAHNKE, Watchmaker,
corner Twelfth and Main streets.

Photographs of Mrs. Chanler.

In a few days all the various styles of Photographs recently made of the distinguished authoress, Mrs. Amelie Rives Chanler, can be seen at the Davis Gallery, 827 Broad street. Mrs. Chanler says "she does not intend having any pictures taken while abroad, as these are entirely satisfactory—really the best she has ever had taken."

Girls' Tricycles and Boys' Velocipedes. Large stock, low prices. Make rosy cheeks, save doctors' bills. Investigate at Schaap's, 617 east Broad.

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This company will sell you a home to be paid for on the monthly plan, and if you die before your payments are completed will release your family from all future obligations.

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MAIN-STREET LOTS.

Northwest corner of Main and Vine streets, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet.

Northeast corner of Main and Walnut streets, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet.

Three hundred and forty-one feet on Main between Strawberry and Elm streets.

FLOYD-STREET LOTS.

Northwest corner of Floyd and Main streets, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet.

Northeast corner of Floyd and Walnut streets, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet.

Three hundred and forty-one feet on Floyd between Strawberry and Elm streets.

GROVE-AVENUE LOTS.

Northwest corner of Grove avenue and Vine street, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet.

Southwest corner of Grove avenue and Vine street, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet.

Northeast corner of Grove avenue and Walnut street, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet.

Northeast corner of Grove avenue and Rowland street, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet, with handsome cottage residence.

Southeast corner of Grove avenue and Elm streets, 191 2-12 by 179 9-12 feet.

HANOVER-STREET LOTS.

Northwest corner of Hanover and Vine streets, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet.

Southeast corner of Hanover and Walnut streets, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet.

Southwest corner of Hanover and Walnut streets, 170 7-12 by 179 9-12 feet