

THE DEBT MATTER.

REMOVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BY LONDON ADVISERS. APPROX. HOWEVER, TO BE MERELY A MOVEMENT FOR DELAY—NEITHER AN ACCEPTANCE NOR A REJECTION.

By Associated Press. (By Associated Press to the Dispatch.) London, December 14.—The London Advisory Board of Virginia State Debt Bondholders has declined to recommend that the American Government accept the settlement of claims proposed by the London committee.

Thieves visited the residence of Mr. Ivanhoe Harris, in Chesterfield, about two miles from Manchester, Saturday afternoon. They entered the house, took the clothes, and a pistol belonging to Mr. Harris, and a ring worn by his wife.

Richmond Terminal. A letter to his mother containing proof to that effect. By telegraph to the Dispatch.

Democratic Nat'l Convention. A. Paul offers a Mammoth Auditorium—Milwaukee's Bid.

Personal and Briefs. Mr. E. S. Robinson, of Newport News, was in Manchester yesterday afternoon.

College Trustees Meet To-Day. The session will be held in the second church of Richmond College.

Two Weddings. Miss Griffith becomes the bride of Sergeant Marks—Williams-Tennant.

Handsome Testimonial. A. Robbery in Chesterfield—Mr. Bowles's Funeral—Other Manchester Notes.

Another Presentation. Mr. Mayor John E. Taylor was next introduced, and after a brief address presented a silver service to Hon. George H. J. Bennett, president of the society.

Howitzer to Eat and Drink To-Night. The annual banquet of the Richmond Howitzer Association will take place to-night at the Hotel Richmond.

City Circuit Court. In the City Circuit Court yesterday suit was entered by Gentry Brothers against Wilton McKenzie for \$155.75.

CITY MISSION WORK.

ADDRESS OF DR. H. M. WHARTON BEFORE THE BAPTIST SOCIETY. He Urges Christians to Spread the Gospel and Explain Why So Many Persons Are Unconverted—An Effective Sermon.

The annual meeting of the Baptist City Mission Society was held last night at the First church, and the main auditorium and galleries of the edifice were well filled.

Dr. Wharton's address. "There is no subject," said the distinguished speaker, "more important to the church than this. It is the subject of unbelief."

What the Gospel Preaches. "The Gospel preaches to make us know how to live; and it is not only to give us the precept, but the model. It teaches a man to be pure, to keep away from sin."

How to Reach the Unbeliever. "The speaker then told a very amusing story of a man who had been converted. He said that he had been a member of the church for many years."

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LAIN ON THE TABLE.

THE BOARD POSTPONES ACTION REGARDING A HOME FOR MRS. DAVIS. Increase of Salary Voted—Appropriations for Special Street Improvements—Our Sanitary Jurisdiction.

The regular monthly session of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Council Chamber last night. Present were Messrs. Bohen, Brown, Brander, Capers, Carter, Crenshaw, Gray, Grant, Hardwick, Har-

Committee on Finance. The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Mr. Harrison. It contained the following resolutions: Fixing the salary of the Superintendent of the Gas-Works at \$3,000 per annum.

From the Lower Branch. The Board acted favorably upon the paper appropriating \$2,000 for the expense of the health department.

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URGED NOT TO DRINK CHRISTMAS.

Preamble and Resolutions Adopted by the W. C. T. U. Last Night. The Central Woman's Christian Temperance Union held a meeting last night, at which the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Remembering with intense sorrow the number of instances recorded wherein young men have been tempted beyond their power to resist through the social wine-cups, and by some well-meaning, perhaps but thoughtless society friends, the women's Christian Temperance Union of Richmond, Va., deem it a fitting time in view of the approaching holiday season to adopt the following resolutions, hoping they will meet with a hearty response from every man and woman in our city who has seen the direful effects of this awful society custom:

Resolved, That we do most earnestly entreat and request our people to abstain from the use of spirituous liquors during the Christmas festivities, and that we earnestly entreat our people to banish the thing that can intoxicate from their tables and entertainments.

Resolved, That we request all pastors of churches in this city to preach at least one sermon in accordance with the above resolutions in their several editions.

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A. K. & C. E. SCHAAP. MAKE THE HOLIDAY HAPPY. The burden of our sins and yours, too, may be so, we can help you, it's right in our line. You cannot name an article that will give so much genuine and permanent pleasure for the cost as the A. K. & C. E. Schaap gift.