THE STATE AT LARGE.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL INCIDENTS OF A WEEK.

Notes of Interest to Virginians from the Cities and All the Principal Towns of the Old Commonwealth.

Suffolk.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SUFFOLK, March 12.—A special meeting of the Town Council was held on Thursday to elect the three additional councilmen provided for by a recent amendment to the charter and by a unanimous vote Messrs. J. C. Bell, W. B. Ferguson, and J. F. Stewart were chosen. They are successful business-men of large experience and will prove valuable members of the municipal legislature.

Melvin F. Gardner, city editor of the Chattanooga (Tenn.) *News*, who is a native of Suffolk, was here this week. He came in response to a telegram announcing that his father was dying, but upon arriving it proved to be his grandfather, John Hoffman, Esq., who was referred to and who was buried before Mr. Gardner reached Suffolk.

Mr. Thomas S. Bernard, who died near here last Tuesday, was one of General Mahone's couriers from the time he left Norfolk until the close of the war.

Mr. Samuel Mothner, a former citizen of Suffolk, who died in Bristol, Tenn., last month, was a member of Ruth Council, Royal Arcanum, in which order his life was insured for $5,000. Last Tuesday Mr. E. L. Folk, treasurer of Ruth Council, paid Mrs. Mothner the full amount of the policy. The deceased had paid about $400 into the treasury of the order.

Mrs. Mary Currier, great-grandmother of Mrs. Charles Dustin, of Suffolk, died last month at her home, in Cecil county, Md., at the advanced age of 103 years. She was the mother of seven children, and had thirty-one living grandchildren, 100 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Millie Hibbs, a former resident of Suffolk, but who is now living in Philadelphia, was married on the 14th of February to Mr. William F. Slater, of Camden, N. J.

Mr. A. B. Cramer, a Suffolk young man who is in business in Philadelphia, was home on a visit the first of the week.

Rev. George C. Vanderslice, pastor of the Methodist church, will commence a series of meetings next Wednesday night.

Rev. H. E. Johnson, who has recently had a fine meeting in Norfolk, will take charge of the services on the Sunday following their commencement.

Five candidates received the ordinance of baptism last Sunday morning at the Baptist church.

Mr. C. A. Vick, formerly of Suffolk but now in the mercantile business at Claremont, was in town this week visiting his friends.

Miss Mattie Boswell, of Suffolk, is visiting friends in Baltimore, where she will remain for a week or longer.

Miss Lula Bryant, of Hertford county, N. C., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Moore, of Suffolk, returned home last Thursday.

Mrs. T. Livy Lawrence and Elmer Thomas left here last Wednesday for Baltimore, Wilmington, and Philadelphia, on a trip of business and pleasure combined.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held an important meeting last Tuesday night, which was addressed by L. Clay Kilby, of Norfolk, who is an enthusiastic worker in the cause in that city.

The King's Daughters will give a "Russian tea" at the Grays' Armory next Tuesday night for the purpose of raising funds to sustain their night school for parties who cannot attend in the day, which is well attended and very interesting.

Lake Drummond, in the Dismal Swamp, which has heretofore been reached with a great deal of trouble, will hereafter be more accessible, as preparations have been made for removing obstructions from along the canal leading thereto and running a steam launch to the lake during the fishing season.

Messrs. Solon B. Richards and James M. Turner, of Isle of Wight, lost their dwelling-houses by fire last week. The latter was fully insured and the former only partially.

Misses Tennie and Maggie Eley, of Carrsville, were in Suffolk the first of the week on a visit to their sister, Mrs. S. P. Eley, on Main street.

Mr. William Spencer, of New Jersey, is visiting relatives and friends, in Isle of Wight county, and thinks of making his home in Virginia.

Mrs. A. P. Gomer, of Suffolk, is visiting friends near Sleepy Hole, Nansemond county.

Rev. W. L. Richards, pastor of the Windsor Baptist church, commenced a series of meetings last Sunday.

Captain Jesse Parker, of Suffolk, who has been confined to his residence for the past four months by sickness, was able to get out last Wednesday.

Lexington.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

LEXINGTON, VA., March 12.—Mr. John T. Campbell, of Bedford City, has been visiting his brother, Mr. S. O. Campbell.

Dr. C. W. P. Brock, of Richmond, general surgeon of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, is here with his son, who is a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute.

Mr. C. E. Wellford, of Richmond, secretary of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, was in town this week, the guest of Mrs. H. A. White.

Miss Nannie Anderson, daughter of Mr. Frank Anderson, of Glenwood, is visiting her uncle, Hon. William A. Anderson.

Rev. Dr. T. L. Preston occupied his pulpit on Sunday morning for the first time since his recovery from recent illness.

Mrs. William A. Rhodes is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Hill City Encampment, No. 11, I. O. O. F., on Thursday elected Past Chief Patriarch Fred. H. White as a representative to the grand encampment in April. Mr. White is well known in Richmond.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Taylor, who has been visiting friends in Richmond, returned home on Thursday evening.

Mr. Louis McC. Gibbs has returned home from the Philadelphia Dental College, where he is taking the course, having completed his first term.

Miss Mary Lee has gone on a trip to the Bermudas.

Mrs. R. J. McBryde is visiting the family of Dr. J. Thompson Brown, of Lovingston.

Miss Mildred Lee and Captain R. E. Lee are in Richmond.

Mrs. Gertie Logan is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. R. Tucker.

Miss Nettie Banker is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. William B. Wallace has been very ill at his home, near Lexington.

Mr. Janes, of near Rochester, N. Y., is visiting his sister, Mrs. William B. Wallace.

Miss Maggie McDowell, has returned home from East Tennessee.

Judge Giles Cook and Mr. D. C. O'Flaherty, of the Front Royal bar, are in attendence upon the Circuit Court.

Miss Pattie Bolling, of Richmond, was the guest of Miss Mary Leyburn last week.

At a recent meeting of the congregation of Bethesda church Samuel Wilson and J. F. Deacon were elected elders and John McCurdy, Frank Armentrout, and Robert McCown were elected deacons.

Mr. Henry Mackey, aged about 62 years, died at his home, near Timber Ridge, on Saturday last. He served during the war in the Confederate army as a member of the Fourteenth Virginia cavalry. He was a lineal descendant of John Mackey, who, in company with John Lewis, made the first settlement in Augusta county. The farm on which he lived has been in his family for generations. The old stone house in which he died was one of the first erected by the early colonists.

The congregation of Marvin Methodist Episcopal church, South, at South river, gave their pastor, Rev. Mr. Sixess, a pounding last week, which was made up of the good things of South River.

J. F. Lackey, J. F. Wade, and J. W. Morrison were appointed deputies of S. R. Moore, county treasurer.

W. E. Lackey has been appointed commissioner of revenue of the Kerr's Creek district in place of John T. Lackey, deceased.

Staunton.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

STAUNTON, VA., March 11.—Mrs. George F. Wilson is in Washington on a visit to friends in that city.

Miss J. May Elder, after a pleasant visit with her friend, Miss Nellie Perry Ross, of Pensacola, Fla., returned home Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas C. Kinney, after a fortnight's trip to New Orleans and the Mardi Gras, arrived here Thursday.

Mrs. Lewis Harman, of Clifton Forge, was in Staunton this week, the guest of friends here.

Miss Martha Riddle, of Petersburg, is here being greeted by a host of friends and admirers. She is the guest of Mrs. Thomas A. Bledsoe.

Joseph A. Glasgow, William Patrick, Richard S. Ker, Hon. H. St. George Tucker, and Major Thomas C. Elder, of the Staunton bar, have returned from Lexington, where they have been attending the Circuit Court of Rockbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Crowie left early in the week for Baltimore. Mrs. Crowie is under treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Miss Eva Thompson has returned to the city after an enjoyable winter spent with friends in Tazewell.

The Misses Ott, of Harrisonburg, charming additions to Staunton social life, are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kinney.

Miss Fannie McChesney is in Richmond visiting relatives.

Dr. Otto Richter, of Red Springs, W. Va., was in this city, his old home, this week welcomed by a host of friends.

Miss Mary Gray is in Culpeper, the guest of Mrs. F. A. Dangerfield.

Miss Alice Woodward is visiting her sister, Mrs. Eugene Peyton, at Natural Bridge.

Mrs. Henry M. Patterson has returned from Clifton Forge, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Brennaman.

Mrs. W. T. Yarbrough, of your city, is in Staunton, the guest of her mother, Mrs. William T. McChesney.

Norfolk.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, March 12.—Miss Gracie Moore is at Hickory Grove, Norfolk county, the guest of Misses Sallie and Van Sanderson.

Miss Helen Rodgers is visiting relatives at Cornland, in the county.

Miss Louise Hudgins has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Irene Harper is in Washington, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Frank King and Miss King, of Alexandria, who have been visiting Mrs. T. B. Rowland and Mrs. Walter Sharp, have returned home.

Mrs. George A. Jencks, of Pawtucket, R. I., and Mrs. W. H. Balton and daughter, of Providence, who have been visiting Mrs. W. H. Broughton, in York street, have returned home.

Mrs. J. S. Dodson, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. M. D. Eastwood, in North street, Portsmouth.

Miss Grace Chewning, of Albemarle county, who has been spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Wallace, in Berkley, left for home yesterday.

Miss Maria McLaughlin, of Baltimore, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. John B. Laughran, on Freemason street.

Miss Leonora Letterman has returned to Charlottesville after several months with relatives and friends in Norfolk.

Mrs. H. R. Nottingham, of Eastville, Northampton county, is visiting Norfolk.

At the close of Lent Mrs. J. B. Shipp will bring out the "Rebellion of the Daisies" operetta for the benefit of Monumental Methodist Episcopal church.

Miss Rosalie Frank, after spending the winter in New York with her sisters, is at home again.

Miss Kate Castello, of Washington, D. C., after spending a month with Miss Mollie Callahan, in North street, Portsmouth, returned home yesterday.

Miss Kate Leggett, of Brock's Bridge, Princess Anne county, is visiting Miss Hettie Whitehead, in Maltby avenue.

Mrs. Edward Lindsey, of Berkley, has returned from her visit to Mrs. E. L. Reed, in Hertford, N. C.

Membership in the Ragged Island Shooting-Club costs $3,000.

Miss Lula Wilkinson, of Richmond, is the guest of her friend, Mrs. Bowman, in Clay avenue.

Mrs. George G. Hancock, of Brambleton avenue, has returned from a visit to her sister at Newbern, N. C.

Major and Mrs. J. F. Crocker, of Portsmouth, will spend the coming summer in Europe, leaving here the 1st of June.

Pay-Clerk H. C. Jordan, of the Coast Survey Bureau at Washington, is in Portsmouth visiting relatives.

Mr. A. R. Winslow, of New Bedford, Mass., who has been on a visit to Surgeon Winslow, of the navy-yard, left for home yesterday.

Mr. William Leigh, of New York, is visiting friends in Portsmouth.

Captain H. E. Orr, of the *Virginian*, who has been seriously ill, is gradually improving.

Mr. E. P. Parker, of Wytheville, is here with his relatives.

Mr. J. D. Sparrow, of Martinsville, Henry county, was here during the week seeing the city.

Mr. Frank O. Retting has gone to Chattanooga, Tenn., to engage in the ice-making business.

Mr. W. Herbert Ashton, of Liverpool, is on a visit to Norfolk.

Passed-Assistant Engineer Robert, United States navy, who has been confined to his house for the past two months, expects to be able to return to duty at the navy-yard next week.

Mr. George Chamberlain, Jr., of Washington, D. C., is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Osgood and Mr. W. J. Osgood, of Chicago, are on a visit to Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Swain, Miss Ida M. Swain, and Charles J. Swain, of Philadelphia, are visiting friends in the city.

Colonel Benjamin S. Pardee, of the New York *Journal of Finance*, spent the week here.

State Senator Thomas H. Barnes was here yesterday, *en route* to Washington, D. C.

Rev. H. G. Underwood, a missionary of the Presbyterian church to Corea, will spend next Sunday in Norfolk and preach in both cities.

Supervising-Inspector John W. Oast left yesterday for the South to make a tour of his district.

Mr. W. B. Church, who lived here thirty years ago and now located in the South, is at his old home on a visit.

Mr. E. M. Tilley, of Berkley, the well-known lumber-man, and family, are recuperating at San Angelos, Cal., and expect to be absent three months longer.

Farmville.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

FARMVILLE, VA., March 12.—Miss Lizzie Rice, who has been visiting the home of Rev. Dr. Bagby the past six weeks, returned to Appomattox yesterday afternoon.

George F. Bagby, M. D., will reach here on Wednesday next from Cincinnati, O., fresh from his school of homœopathy.

Mrs. E. T. Rice is improving slowly. She has been very ill.

Miss Mary Anderson is visiting friends in Manchester.

Miss Nannie Parker, of Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, is the guest of Miss Lucy Bidgood.

Judge J. M. Crute and wife spent several days of this week in Richmond.

Mr. Allen Price, of New York, is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Leslie Price.

Rev. James Cannon, Jr., made a hurried trip to Richmond this week.

Mrs. Rev. John W. Ware returned home from Accomac county on last Tuesday.

Miss Josie Tucker, of Amelia county, is with her sister, Mrs. William T. Doyne, on Baptist Hill.

Evangelist Fife expects to begin a series of religious meetings here about the 1st of May next.

Mrs. John R. Wilson returned home Tuesday from a visit to relatives in Buckingham county.

Dr. W. W. Anderson, father of our townsman, Dr. W. E. Anderson, has removed to Farmville with his family from Prince George county.

The following non-resident lawyers were in attendance upon our Circuit Court this week: Hon. H. B. Pettitt, of Fluvanna; Judge W. H. Mann, of Nottoway; Hon. Thomas M. Miller, of Powhatan; Captain R. H. Watkins, of Meherrin; Colonel R. T. Hubard, of Buckingham, and Hon. W. C. Franklin, of Appomattox.

The marriage of Mr. Charles H. Howe and Miss Mamie Blanton, daughter of Mr. C. W. Blanton, of this place, is announced to take place on next Wednesday morning at 9:45 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. The bride and groom will leave immediately *via* Richmond, Va., and Cincinnati, for Canton, Ill., where they will spend a few days of their honeymoon. From there they will go to Albuquerque, N. M., in which city they will make their future home.

The "Y's" of Farmville is the chief temperance organization of the place. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Lillian Whitehead; Vice-Presidents, Miss Rose Womack (of the Presbyterian church), Mr. H. H. Hunt (of the Methodist church), and Mr. Will Morris (of the Baptist church); Recording Secretary, Miss Belle Wicker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sallie Gilliam; Treasurer, Mr. A. C. Porter.

Mr. J. Harvey Hull, of Charlottesville, Va., is on a visit to Farmville, which is his old home.

Miss Bolen, of Richmond, is a guest of the Misses McIlwaine, on College Hill.

Professor J. N. Ingram, of California, lectured last night before the students of Hampden-Sidney College. His subject was "King Kalakau's Kingdom." He is announced to deliver the same lecture before the people of Farmville on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Belle Davis, who has been quite sick at her home, in this place, is out again.

Meherrin.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

MEHERRIN, VA., March 12.—Mr. Thomas Fowlkes, of Lunenburg Courthouse, arrived in the village last evening from Richmond.

Mr. W. H. Ewing, treasurer of Prince Edward county, who has been confined to his bed for several days, is thought to be improving.

Mr. W. J. Croswell, superintendent of the Southern Express Company, was in the village this week looking after business generally.

Messrs. E. Berkley, T. W. Gentry, E. O. Phillips, and Willie Gail (Mr. Berkley's clerk), railroad officials of the Richmond and Danville System, spent several hours exploring the water resources around the village. Their object is to place a tank here if the water is sufficient to supply wants.

"The Meherrin" Farmers' Alliance held their regular monthly meeting here today, the special business being to arrange for a supply of fertilizers for the members the coming season.

Petersburg.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., March 12.—Miss Helen Cameron has returned from a delightful visit to her sister, Mrs. Lyman Gilbert, in Harrisburg, Pa.

Mrs. H. C. Hardy, who has been visiting friends in New York, has returned home.

Miss Martha Chamberlayne, after a pleasant sojourn with friends in Baltimore, New York, and Orange, N. J., is back home again.

Mrs. Broadnax, who has been spending some days with her daughter, Mrs. George Cameron, Jr., has returned to her home, in Lynchburg.

Rev. Joseph Riddick, presiding elder of the Petersburg District, is recovering from his recent spell of sickness.

Miss Eva Jones, after a visit of several months among relatives and friends in this city, has returned to her home, in Tazewell county.

Miss Bernice Slaughter is visiting relatives in Richmond.

Miss Mary T. Atkinson has been spending some days with friends in Staunton.

Mr. Charles Turner has gone to Newport News to reside.

Miss Estelle Brooks is the guest of Miss Linda Young, in Portsmouth.

The High-Street Musical Club is developing amateur talent of a high order, and its *musicales* are occasions of great enjoyment. Some of the best lady singers and performers in the city are among its members, and the male members are in no way behind them in their varied merits.

Miss Mary Meade Platt returned this week after a visit of several months to friends in New York.

Mrs. Dr. J. M. Burke left this week for Washington, where she was summoned by the illness of her sister.

Misses Alice and Sadie Collier, who have been visiting in Richmond, have returned home.

Mrs. R. F. Machen, of Norfolk, is visiting friends in this city.

Mrs. Edith Glover, of Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Lucy Cleborne, daughters of Drs. C. J. Cleborne, of Boston, are visiting in this city as the guests of Mrs. Dr. James W. Claiborne.

Rev. John Ridout, assistant rector of Grace Episcopal church, is the editor of the *Episcopal News*, a paper just started in this city. The associate editors are the Episcopal clergy of the town.

Mr. Montgomery Jackson, who came to Petersburg to attend the funeral of his father, returned this week to his studies at the Virginia Military Institute.

Miss Mary Cameron, of Richmond, is visiting Miss Helen Cameron.

Mrs. W. E. Rawlings, of Brunswick county, is the guest of friends in this city.

Mrs. D. H. Lynch, of Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Townes.

Mrs. J. D. Purcell, of Lexington, Ky., has been spending some days with the family of her father, Mr. W. T. Plummer.

Mrs. Agnes Gilliam, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. W. L. Watkins.

Mrs. Cleve Hill, of Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Morrison.

Mr. W. M. Habliston, Mr. W. L. Venable, and Mr. George J. Seay have returned from a ten days' trip to New Orleans and Florida.

Mr. R. A. Young, who has been confined to his home for several weeks by severe illness, is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Rockwell are in New York.

Mr. John N. Barham, Mr. Walter Gordon, and Mr. George J. Morrison, went to New York this week.

Mrs. Frank Stanley, of Bristol, Tenn., who has been visiting her parents in this city, returned home this week.

Mr. Frank Bowden, a well-known young druggist of West Point, is visiting friends here, and is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. W. E. Wells, on Sycamore street.

Alumni of Hampden-Sidney College are actively engaged here and elsewhere in raising funds to erect suitable memorials in honor of Drs. Atkinson and Holladay, two eminent and beloved professors of that institution who have passed to their graves.

A brilliant and in all respects a most charming reception was given Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McKenney at their elegant new residence, on Sycamore street, in honor of Miss Burwell, of North Carolina, who is their guest. The *élite* of the fashionable young society of Petersburg were present. The event was notable for its elegance and enjoyment.

There is in process of organization here a ladies' social club, which will be the fashionable society of the city. The membership will be confined exclusively to ladies, and anything like gossip will be rigidly forbidden. The objects are the cultivation of social and friendly intercourse, refined amusement, and enjoyable discussion on educating topics. Music and innocent games will also be introduced as features of the meetings and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Allan Donnan, of Richmond, is visiting at the residence of Mr. Alexander Donnan, on Market street.

Mrs. Dr. Jones and Miss Pennie Yates, of Roanoke, are guests at the residence of Mr. Augustus Wright, on Sycamore street.

Charlottesville.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 12.—Captain T. O. Troy, superintendent of the Virginia Midland division of the Richmond and Danville railroad, has moved his family from Amherst to the new house of Colonel C. C. Wertenbaker, "Preston Heights."

Is is rumored that Mr. P. B. Peyton, also of the same company, now stationed in Alexandria, will be transferred to this city.

Miss Lettie Robertson has returned to her father's, Judge William J. Robertson, after an absence of several months in Louisville, Ky.

Miss Annie Haskill, of South Carolina, is visiting her two brothers, who are attending the school of Major Horace W. Jones.

Mr. R. W. Sandridge has been appointed deputy sheriff of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Goss have returned to their home, "Blenheim," near Carter's Bridge, this county. The bride was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Agnes Ellis.

Edgar Cox and Miss Mamie Almond took the 3 o'clock train yesterday morning for Washington, D. C., where they were married yesterday, returning to this city last evening. The groom is quite a young man, a son of Mr. J. Wesley Cox, of this place. Miss Almond is a daughter of Mr. T. F. Almond, who moved here from Orange several months ago.

Mrs. Judge John L. Cochran has gone to Baltimore for a visit of several weeks.

Mrs. Oscar Reierson left to-day to visit Mrs. James Becham, of Culpeper.

Mr. Lindsay, of the Basic City *Advance*, was in the city yesterday.

Covesville.—Miss Mamie Townley, of Red Hill, is visiting at Mrs. Anne Martin's.

Mr. H. H. Epes, colporteur of the Synod of Virginia, who has been sick for some time, has so far recovered as to be able to be out.

Mr. Grooms has also recovered from a spell of sickness.

Crozet.—The committee appointed for the purpose have decided on the location of the new Baptist parsonage. If built according to the plans the building will cost $1,600.

The Farmers' Alliance have decided to erect a hall for their use.

Mr. J. T. Early of the railway mail service, is at home for a short stay.

Mrs. M. E. Mays, of Amherst is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John W. Gentry, near "Blair Park."

Mrs. E. D. Rogers is visiting Mrs. J. T. O'Neil.

Mrs. Strayer and son, of Charlottesville, are the guests of Mrs. J. J. Pace.

Mrs. G. Jones, of "Locust Grove," is visiting Mrs. C. F. Ballard.

Simeon.—The usual services which have been held for a number of years at Colle school have been discontinued until the building can be repaired. Contributions are asked for to replace the organ, books, &c., which were recently destroyed by fire, also towards the completion of the Colle chapel.

Howardsville.—Mrs. F. H. McCullock is the guest of her father-in-law, the Hon. Hugh McCullock, in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Dr. Scott and Miss M. C. Everett expect to leave Saturday, the former to visit relatives in Amherst, the latter to return to her home in Keswick.

Miss Mary S. Wood, of Doylesville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. Rice Wood.

South Boston.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SOUTH BOSTON, VA., March 12.—Messrs. Walter McCorkle, of Lynchburg, and T. Q. McCorkle, of Danville, were in town this week visiting their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lawson, and their little son John, have returned from their visit to New Orleans.

Mr. R. R. Roberts, of Richmond, was here on Tuesday, calling upon his friends.

South Boston Lodge, No. 91, A. F. and A. M., held its stated communication last Monday night, at which there was a large attendance. No degrees were conferred, but business of importance was transacted.

Mr. Louis Wimbish, of Scottsburg, Va., was in town Wednesday.

Miss Fannie Puryear, who has been visiting her uncle, Mr. W. W. Hill, has returned to Hyco, Va.

Dr. H. C. Beckett, of Scottsburg, Va., was in town last Monday.

Miss Sallie Faulkner, of Harmony, Va., is the guest of Mrs. W. C. Slate.

Mrs. M. A. Toot, of Danville, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Carrington.

Mr. W. B. Traynham, of Hyco, Va., who accidentally shot himself in the hand last Sunday while handling a pistol, is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. R. L. Johnson and daughter are visiting friends and relatives in Scottsburg.

Mr. J. P. Lovelace, who has been quite sick, is out again.

Mr. W. A. Pendleton, of Glasgow, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bruce, at "Berry Hill."

Mrs. S. C. Morton has returned from Danville, where she went to visit her sister, Mrs. B. C. Watkins.

The condition of Captain R. H. Owen is reported to be improving.

At confirmation services held by Bishop Randolph at Trinity church last Thursday night there were eleven candidates.

Mr. George T. Brown has returned from Winston-Salem, N. C., where he was called to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. R. D. Brown, who died in Philadelphia several days ago.

Miss Lula Edmonson, of Houston, Va., was in town Wednesday visiting Mrs. Samuel F. Guilliland.

Mrs. Alexander Bruce returned to her home, "Berry Hill," from Richmond, last Monday.

Mrs. Lawson, of Harmony, Va., the mother of our townsmen, Messrs. J. J. and R. W. Lawson, is confined to her bed by an injury received from a fall.

Notwithstanding its being Lent, our young men gave a most charming entertainment last night at the Parish Hotel.

Mr. James Traver has the contract for erecting a grist-mill for Mr. Edward Ballow. The building will be partly brick and quite an improvement to our town.

Mr. R. M. Terry returned from Kentucky the first of the week.

Miss Mamie Tyack, of Danville, is the guest of Miss Sallie Noblin.

At a meeting of Grady Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., held in their lodge-room last night, the first degree was conferred upon one candidate.

Danville.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., March 12.—In a social way Danville has been very dull during the past week, the only social gathering being an entertainment at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms on Thursday evening. A large company was present and the following programme was cleverly executed: Medley, guitar, mouth harp, triangle, Messrs. Bouldin and Morton; song, Mandeline, C. A. White and Miss Mary Penn; banjo solo, Mr. W. Freeman Dance; recitation, "The Whistle", Miss Willie Phifer; song, "A Day Dream," Stradegki, Mr. Watt Hay; quartette, Messrs. Temple, Robinson, Fowlkes, and Enright.

After this the ladies served refreshments, and for an hour or more the young folks and old folks engaged in pleasant conversation and spent a charming evening.

The Cantata Esther, which has several times been presented in this city, will be repeated by local talent under the auspices of the City Mission in the early future.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society announce that they will soon give an enjoyable entertainment in the splendid new public hall. The hall is large enough to accommodate a thousand people and more, and this will be the first time it will have been used for public purposes.

Mr. William Ayres, who for many years has faithfully served the city as collector of city taxes, has been honored with a re-election by the council.

Mr. E. G. Moseley, a prominent member of the City Council, finds time, in addition to his business and his official duties, to engage in church-work and was recently elected president of the Laymen's Union of the Methodist church.

Mrs. S. W. Venable, Jr., has been in Richmond for some time past to have her throat treated. She has been one of Danville's sweetest singers and her many friends and admirers here are grieved to know that her throat troubles will prevent her from singing again.

Mrs. Ella Reese Berkeley, formerly of Norfolk, is visiting Mrs. L. C. Berkeley, in this city.

Mrs. R. M. Smith, of Ashland, is visiting Mrs. H. W. Berkeley.

Mr. C. G. Holland has returned from a trip to Washington.

Miss Mattie Clark has been visiting Miss Spencer, at Spencers, Va.

Dr. Joseph Claix, a prominent physician of Patrick county, died on Wednesday last.

Major Miles M. Martin, of the Natural Bridge, was in the city yesterday.

Colonel Gordon, of Richmond, was here during the week.

There was a charming exhibition concert at Roanoke Female College on Friday night under the direction of Professor Phiter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jones have returned from their bridal tour.

Mr. E. W. Grigg, who for some time past has been engaged with Messrs. W. J. Dance & Co., has accepted a position with Messrs. Gray & Jones, of Winston, N. C., and will manage the business of that concern.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Watson, Jr., have returned from a trip to Richmond.

Miss Rosa Freeman, who has been spending the winter with her uncle, Mr. R. E. Freeman, will soon join her father's family in Roanoke, much to the regret of her numerous friends in this city.

Colonel John S. Cunningham and family, of Person county, N. C., have returned from a trip to New Orleans.

A handsome picture of Captain T. J. Talbott, president of the City Council, will soon be hung in the new council chamber.

Messrs. L. C. Berkley and R. W. Peatross have been attending the Court of Appeals in Richmond.

Miss Emma Dillon, of Richmond, is visiting Mrs. C. W. Childress.

Miss Minnie Gregory, of Oxford, N. C., is visiting Mrs. Dorsey James.

Mr. James Merriheir, general superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company; Mr. D. Doran, superintendent of construction, and Mr. J. B. Tree, district superintendent, spent Tuesday night in this city.

Miss Margaret Spencer passed through the city this week *en route* to her home, at Spencers, Va., from a trip to the South.

Mr. C. H. Conrad has recovered from his recent illness.

Messrs. P. T. Conrad and W. H. Jones, of Richmond, were in the city during the week.

Captain A. G. Walters, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of this section, celebrated yesterday at his home, near Danville, his 82d birthday. An old-fashioned "family dinner" was served and there were present his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, making a large and interesting company. Captain Walters, though old in years, is vigorous in health and frequently rides his horse to Danville in the most inclement weather. He is a grand old man and enjoys the respect and hearty good will of the people of this community.

Fredericksburg.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 12.—Mrs. M. B. Rowe is visiting relatives in Caroline county.

Mrs. J. H. Faber, of Norfolk, is visiting her parents, Mr. George Freeman and family.

Miss Mollie Pritchett, of the county, is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Robert Anthon, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting his parents, in Stafford.

Mrs. Retta Landman, of Washington, is visiting the Misses Primer, in Stafford.

Mr. George B. Jones and wife, of Richmond, are visiting relatives in the county.

Mr. Charles C. Guy and wife, of Sandy Hill, N. Y., have returned home after a visit to their relatives, Mr. X. X. Chartters and wife.

Miss Mamie Rice, of Raleigh, N. C., left yesterday after a pleasant visit to Miss Parker Herndon. Miss Rice will spend several days in Richmond before returning home.

Mr. J. B. Reed, of Westmoreland county, is visiting his son here, Mr. J. E. Reed. This is Mr. Reed's first visit to the city since the war.

Rev. I. C. Barnhart and Major Harry Smith, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were the guests this week of Mr. D. E. Fleming.

Dr. J. B. Wood, of New York, has returned from a visit to Mr. George T. Furnerhough at "Sligo," this county.

Mr. W. S. Daniel, of Richmond, was in the city this week, the guest of relatives.

Mr. James G. Taliaferro, of Selma, Ala., is visiting his parents here.

Miss Elise Semmes, of Lexington, has returned home after a pleasant visit to Miss Carrie Ficklen.

Rev. W. M. Clarke, by special request, will deliver a temperance sermon to the Sons of Sobriety to-morrow night at the Episcopal church.

Mr. James W. Rowe has purchased of Mr. William C. Oswald his farm, containing 114 acres, situated near this city.

The "Cunningham farm," in Stafford county, has been sold to Mr. H. G. Chesley and Mr. Henry Miller, Jr., the former purchasing 100 acres at $360, and the latter the remainder at $630.

Hon. Chancellor Bailey, of the county, who has been quite sick, is somewhat improved to-day.

Mr. W. L. Slaughter is in the city on a visit to his family.

Mr. G. C. Mann, of Richmond, was in the city this week.

Mr. W. H. Durrett, of Sewell, W. Va., is visiting relatives in the county.

Mr. Rufus B. Merchant is having his new residence on Eleventh street thoroughly repaired and improved and will occupy it about May 1st.

Mr. William Limerick, of Washington, has purchased the "Springfield" farm, in Stafford county, near this city, and hands are now at work erecting a dwelling thereon and otherwise improving it.

Miss Belle Hildrup, a popular young lady of the county, died at her mother's residence Thursday morning; aged 22. She had been sick about six weeks and was the daughter of the late E. T. Hildrup.

Mr. J. E. Curtis, of Stafford while working in his saw-mill to-day had his right hand caught in one of the saws and all of his fingers cut off. Amputation of the whole hand will probably be necessary.

Rev. J. W. Steele, formerly of Stafford Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church, has been sent to Barton, Md., to preside.

Mrs. C. B. Durrett and her daughter, Miss Roberta, both of whom have been quite sick for several weeks, are now improving.

Emporia.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

EMPORIA, VA., March 12.—The ladies of the Methodist church here gave quite an enjoyable entertainment last night. Mr. E. C. Tredway delivered an interesting address on the occasion.

Rev. P. T. Warren, of Williamsburg, after a pleasant visit here, returned to his home to-day.

Widow's Son Lodge, No. 150, A. F. & A. M., met yesterday. The committee appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Masonic Fair to be held in your city in April made a partial report. The lodge expects to make a liberal donation.

Mr. John W. Cobb, for many years the efficient agent of the Atlantic Coast Line here, has resigned to go into other business.

Rev. John K. Mason, who has recently been made rector of St. James church in your city, is an old Greensville boy, and a brother of Dr. Edmunds Mason of this town.

Miss Ella Yarrell, sister of Senator Yarrell, was in town this week, the guest of Mrs. E. L. Turner.

Williamsburg.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., March 12.—Mrs. Johnson, of Washington, arrived here today to visit her sister, Mrs. William G. Jones, Nicholson avenue.

Miss M. L. Braithwaite is the guest of Mrs. L. E. Simpson, 2112 east Broad street, Richmond.

Miss Mary Edwards, of Norfolk, daughter of Captain Oscar Edwards, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Virgie Armistead, has returned home.

Miss Jennie Wise is in Richmond visiting relatives.

RULES FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

A Decision Reversed Followed by an Appeal—Nearly All Factories at Work.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SALEM, VA., March 12.—The Executive Committee of the Baptist Orphanage met in Salem Thursday and formulated a set of rules governing the reception of orphans to the institution, which will be opened this summer. Copies of these rules will be mailed to the trustees for their approval, and will only serve as a temporary guide until amended or ratified by the regular meeting of the board in Danville next November.

A decision in favor of the Salem Improvement Company was rendered Thursday in the Roanoke Circuit Court, reversing a former decision of the County Court. The improvement company in this case appeals from excessive State and town taxation. The case will now go to the Supreme Court.

A number of farmers from this county met here recently and organized a company to manufacture in Salem a patent domestic coffee-roaster—the invention of a Baptist minister.

WHEAT- AND CORN-MILL.

Roanoke capitalists are putting in order an old wheat- and corn-mill which is within the corporate limits, and which on account of the destruction of the dam on Roanoke river has been idle for many years. The dam is now being repaired, and the owners contemplate enlarging the entire plant.

The Salem steam tannery has contracted for 7,000 tons of chestnut-oak bark, most of which will come from off the line of the new Roanoke and Southern.

SATISFACTORY SHOWING.

Whilst the Board of Directors of the Salem furnace have ordered the furnace to continue running there is little doubt that if the iron market continues long in its present demoralized condition it will have to suspend operations for a time.

The different industries are all working on full time and have a very satisfactory run of orders ahead, whilst as the money market continues to improve they find it easier to negotiate loans to increase their working capital, the lack of which has been so hard on nearly all the new enterprises in the South. Representative men have made many sacrifices here in the past twelve months to keep factories going, and it is believed they will reap their reward this year, and it is gratifying to be able to state that out of all the numerous factories started here since 1890 but two are idle.

Right Rev. A. M. Randolph will visit Salem Thursday, March 17th.

Rev. John S. Hansbrough, of Orange Courthouse, is the guest of his brother, Colonel G. W. Hansbrough, and has conducted services in the Episcopal church twice this week.

The students of Roanoke College have organized a college orchestra, with H. M. Smith, of North Carolina, as leader.

A Salem florist is shipping bunches of double violets to Richmond daily.

RADFORD WANTS TO HEAR HILL.

Seven Liquor-Licenses Granted in the New Mountain City—Railroad Changes.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

RADFORD, VA., March 11.—The route of Senator Hill on