HONOR ST. JOHN'S DAY

AN INTERESTING CELEBRATION AT MASONIC TEMPLE LAST NIGHT.

Addresses by Mayor Ellyson and Rabbi Calisch Followed by a Banquet—What the Lodges Are Doing.

St. John's Day was observed at the Masonic Temple last night with impressive and interesting ceremonies by the lodges of Masons which hold their regular sessions in the Temple and St. Albans Hall. Lodges Nos. 9, 10, 11, 36, 40, 51, 53, 76 and 207 each opened in due and ancient form. A large number of prominent citizens who are active members of the Masonic fraternity, were present, among them Right-Worshipful A. R. Courtney, grand junior warden of the Grand Lodge of Virginia; District-Deputy-Grand-Master William Ryan, Grand-Treasurer Joseph V. Bidgood, Right-Worshipful William B. Isaacs, grand secretary, and many others.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Each of the two Blue-Lodge rooms were crowded and much interest was manifested in the installation ceremonies of the lodges. Worshipful L. Z. Morris, worshipful master of Fraternity Lodge, No. 76, was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers as a token of congratulation upon his entering upon his second term as presiding officer of the lodge. In acknowledging the flowers the worshipful brother made an appropriate response.

A brass band was stationed in the ante-hall and during the entire evening discoursed delightful selections.

THE EXERCISES PROPER.

At 8:15 o'clock the exercises proper of St. John's Day were opened by Worshipful William Ryan, who introduced Rev. J. J. Newport, chaplain of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 11. After prayer by the chaplain, which Divine blessing was invoked upon the occasion and the craft, Right-Worshipful William Ryan explained that the gathering was only rendered possible by the provision of so large and commodious a hall as that in the Temple. The lodge was occupied by a number of past worshipful masters, and to seats upon it were invited Mrs. Acree, the teacher, and Miss Reese Richardson, the teacher of the Masonic Home.

LETTERS OF REGRET.

A letter was read from Mr. B. B. Munford, stating his inability to deliver the address promised; also a letter from Worshipful Master William H. Pleasants, regretting that he could not be present.

Worshipful Brother Ryan then introduced J. Taylor Ellyson, of Richmond Lodge, No. 10, who, upon short notice had been pressed into service to fill Munford's place.

Mr. Ellyson expressed regret at the absence of the chosen orator of the occasion, paid a high compliment to that "ancient craft" Masonry. He congratulated the craft upon such an imposing observance of the day of its patron, and spoke of the fact that the universality of Masonry was typified in the selection of two speakers of the evening—a rabbi and a Christian.

Mr. Ellyson, one of the boys from the Hill, recited "The Master Mason" in strong style, and two other home boys gave an amusing dialogue upon the evils of smoking.

RABBI CALISCH.

Rabbi Calisch was then introduced and gave an address, in which he defined the moral and intellectual requirements of a true and upright Mason.

C. T. August called attention to the work of the Masonic Home and urged upon them a display of increased interest in that noble charity. He held up as a model to the Virginia Masons the action of the members of the craft in Kentucky in a similar enterprise.

A collection was taken up for the benefit of the home and a handsome sum was realized.

The stage in the Grand-Lodge room was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, and flowers, and when the company entered the banquet-room they were confronted by tables also beautifully dressed and laden with every delicacy of the season. The boys of the home sang "My Old Kentucky Home" in fine style, and the memorial drill of the Young Guard was a success.

RETURNED TO RECEIVE THE D. D. G. M.

The Rough Ashlar, in noticing the last communication of St. John's Lodge, says:

In the communication Right Worshipful Brother William Ryan, district deputy grand master, was announced as on an official visit. The lodge declined to receive him in his official capacity, and Worshipful Master Brother LeRoy Sutherlin, being informed that they would be glad to receive him as a visitor. Is this a new departure in Masonry? We would be glad to know on what Masonic law a lodge can decline to receive the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, or official representative.

Article 93 of the "Mentor" states that section 93 of the "Mentor" states that "the master of any of the lodges shall be informed of an intended official visit a reasonable time beforehand, so that notice thereof may be given to the brethren." But who is the judge of what constitutes "reasonable time"? Can the subordinate officer, of his own authority, override the wishes of his superior on this, or any other point? Section 99 of the "Mentor" says that "every decision of the Grand Master must be obeyed until reversed, but from every such decision an appeal to the Grand Lodge may be taken to the Grand Master." We always thought that the right to appeal, after he had fulfilled the duty of obedience, in this case he was refused. We think that he was clearly wrong in this, and rendered itself subject to reversal at the hands of the Grand Lodge. The fact that Right-Worshipful Brother Ryan announced himself as paying an official visit was in itself a decision against the question of "reasonable time," the fact that the lodge refused to receive a decision seems to us to constitute a direct rebellion against an authority legally constituted by the Grand Lodge, and vested in an official representative of the Grand Master. We will be surprised if we have heard the last of this matter. As the District Deputy Grand Master is the official representative of the Grand Lodge it will be interesting to know what action the Grand Lodge will take in the matter.

RYAN AN ACTIVE DEPUTY.

Worshipful William Ryan, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1, has paid quite a number of official visits during this month. He will doubtless be in position to make an excellent report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge in December. Mr. Ryan has received a great many honors at the hands of his Masonic brethren throughout the State. He is possibly the youngest thirty-third degree Mason in the southern jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the fact that he is a prominent light in the "high degrees" he does no interest in the Blue Lodge work and is one of the most energetic members of this branch in Richmond.

The lodge in Richmond has had any amount of success during the past year than Richmond Lodge, No. 10. This lodge has the largest membership in the city, having about 165 members. Notwithstanding this large membership, there is no lodge in the city in which harmony is more prevalent. Mr. William S. Wortham is master.

OFFICERS OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER.

Washington Royal Arch Chapter at a recent meeting elected John R. Charleton high priest; T. M. Wortham, king; J. J. Minnick, Jr., scribe; George W. Poe, treasurer; R. H. Snead, secretary; Charles W. Bryan, captain of host; Samuel D. Davis, first Royal Arch captain; William T. Read, second sojourner; J. M. Gentry, master third veil; L. P. Ecker, master second veil; George Street, master first veil, and J. H. Mullins, tiler.

Commandery of St. Andrew, No. 13, held its regular meeting Friday night, when the order of the Temple was conferred on a candidate. Eminent-Commander Ryan announced that the commandery would hold no meeting during the months of July and August.

The Rough Ashlar library and reading-room is becoming quite popular. At all hours of the day Masons may be found there perusing some of the many Masonic journals or looking over the books contained in the library. Mr. Dunstan has spared no little expense in fitting up these handsome apartments. The library and reading-room is for the exclusive use of members of the Masonic fraternity.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Humphrey Calder, who was recently elected master of Amity Lodge, No. 76, was at one time a member of Fast-Grand-Master Little's class of instruction and is thoroughly acquainted with the work.

Worshipful Catlet Conway, past master of Love Lodge, No. 51, has been presented with a beautiful past master's jewel by the lodge. The jewel is a handsome piece of workmanship and was executed by the H. S. Moses Company, of this city.

The members of Acca Temple, Shrivelers of the Noble Mist, who went to Cincinnati, have returned. They report a glorious reception at the hands of the Nobles of Cincinnati. L. P. Ecker went along to chaperon the boys.

Rev. Hartley Carmichael, who was recently elected prelate of Richmond Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, is sojourning in Canada.

Mr. Samuel B. Dunstan, who was at one time in charge of the business department of the *Rough Ashlar*, is spending the summer in King and Queen county.

BRIEF MASONIC ITEMS.

The Secret Monitors and Ark Mariners are making rapid progress. Mr. Hay T. Thornton is master of these bodies and he will doubtless have a very successful term.

The Grand Encampment will issue the new ritual through the Grand Secretary, William B. Isaacs, some time during the month of July. Each commandery will be entitled to one ritual, which will be in the custody of the eminent commander.

The *Rough Ashlar* for June is out. It contains an excellent photo engraving of Frank Cunningham, eminent commander of No. 2 Commandery.

Amity Lodge, No. 76, and St. John's, No. 36, installed officers last night at the Temple, after which they participated in the celebration.

Plans will be submitted in the near future for the erection of additional buildings at the Masonic home.

The ventilating fans during the past week have been doing good work at the Temple.

Libertas Lodge of Perfection, No. 5, held its regular meeting at St. Albans Hall Monday evening.

THE PYTHIANS' GREAT JUBILEE.

Street Parade, Followed by a Tournament and Races at the Exposition.

The Knights of Pythias of Richmond and Manchester will have a grand jubilee at the Exposition-Grounds to-morrow. The grounds and race-tracks have been put in splendid condition and every arrangement perfected to make the day one of pleasure.

At 10 A. M. a street parade will take place. The line will form in front of Old-Market Hall, and will be as follows: At the head a platoon of police under command of Captain E. P. Hulce, thirty knights (mounted), who will take part in the tournament at the grounds, Howitzer's Band, Syracuse Division under command of Captain A. L. Lucas, and the Richmond 'Cycle Club. The line of march will be up Main to Ninth, up Ninth to Broad, up Broad to the Exposition-Grounds.

AT THE GROUNDS.

At 12 o'clock in the large concert-hall the band will play an overture, followed by an address by Past-Grand-Chancellor Beverly T. Crump.

At 1 P. M. the children's entertainments will take place, which will consist of sack-races, pie-eating contest, and rooster-knocking.

At 2 P. M. Syracuse Division will give an exhibition-drill.

The tournament will take place at 3 o'clock in front of the grand-stand. A large number of the riders are coming from Hanover Courthouse. First and second prizes will be offered.

At the same hour the shooting-match will commence. Clay pigeons will be used and the match will be under the supervision of Mr. James Tignor, the secretary of the West-End Shooting Club.

This contest promises to be one of the features of the day. First, second, and third prizes will be offered and a large number of sportsmen will enter this contest.

THE BICYCLE RACES.

At 4 o'clock the Richmond 'Cycle Club will run its annual races

First—half mile safety novice—first prize, gold medal; second prize, lamp, presented by G. & G. Co.

Second—one mile safety, open—first prize, gold medal, presented by Schaap; second prize, sweater, presented by G. & G. Co.

Third—egg race—first prize, spring chicken; second prize, old hen; third prize, old rooster, presented by C. W. Dunstan.

In this race each contestant is provided with a long spoon, with which he is to pick up an egg, mount his machine and carry it to the eighth pole, dismount and leave same on track, remount, ride to starting point, pick up another egg, ride to first egg, dismount, leaving second egg, pick up first egg and carry (first egg) to grand-stand and go back after second egg and bring that to grand-stand, dismount, and place it on a plate that will be there provided; the first rider to get his egg securely placed on the plate being declared winner. (The egg must not be touched with the hand.)

Fourth—half-mile safety, open—first prize, gold medal; second prize, pants, presented by G. & G. Co.

Fifth—boys' race under 16 years, handicap—first prize, gold medal; second prize, bicycle cap.

Sixth—half-mile safety, open, Richmond 'Cycle Club champion—first first prize, gold medal, presented by C. W. Wallace; second prize, fine Meerschaum pipe, presented by Branch R. Allen.

Seventh—quarter-mile dash—first prize, League of American Wheelmen badge; second prize, League of American Wheelmen badge, presented by W. C. Mercer.

Eighth—Consolation—prize shoes.

A handsome silver cup, donated by the Pope Manufacturing Company, will be awarded the rider making the fastest half-mile during the races.

SOME OF THE CONTESTANTS.

As the boys have been training some time and the prizes offered are very handsome, it is expected that fast time will be made. The racing team of the club last year was composed of Dr. F. R. Steel, C. M. Frischkorn, J. T. Temple, and R. McC. Bullington, but as Dr. Steel has moved to South America, and Mr. Bullington is suffering with a sprained knee, only two of the old men are left on the track. The club, however, is bringing forward such new material as C. P. Johnson, C. M. Wallace, J. O. Hankins, Gus Mickelbacher, D. P. Gill, and the "fat team" composed of C. W. Dunstan, Abe Whitlock, and J. F. Tanner, besides others who will be able to hold their own and be an honor to the club on any track in the world.

The officers of the races will be: Referee, J. F. Tanner; Starter, W. G. Long; Announcer, C. W. Dunstan; Judges—W. W. Barrow, R. McC. Bullington, Jackson Miller, J. A. Jones, and H. F. Vaughan; Timekeepers, P. A. S. Brine, B. J. Bear, O. Ostergren, and Charles Spott; Scorekeepers, L. L. Cheetwood and F. H. Coyner; Clerk, A. H. Meyer. Those not members of the club who will race are S. E. Fairlamb, John Lauer and others.

BASE-BALL AND RACES.

The base-ball game between the Virginias and the Cameron & Cameron clubs will commence at 4:30. As these clubs are very evenly matched a close game may be expected. At 5 o'clock the trotting match comes off between William Bass's Nellie D. and C. A. Pusey's Corn-Cracker (formerly Sam Patch), best two in three, mile heats, purse $200. This will be followed by a Roman chariot race. The steeds used in this race are unknown to the track. Terms of the race to be settled by the judges.

Dancing will be engaged in throughout the day and refreshments in abundance will be on the grounds. Major Seldon, of the electric line, will make special arrangements for extra cars on the Marshall-street line to accommodate the public, and wagons will run from Eighth and Broad to the grounds.

Outings and Pic-Nics.

The congregation of old St. John's church has secured the elegant new steamer Pocahontas for her first grand moonlight excursion down the James Thursday night, July 6, 1893. The capacity of this magnificent boat is 2,200. She has elegant promenade decks and is lighted throughout with electricity. There is in her saloon an orchestra, and the evening will be enlivened with sweet music. The attractions of the new steamer and the enjoyable character of all excursions given by this church should ensure a large patronage.

The annual basket pic-nic of the Retreat for the Sick will be given at Ashland Park on Thursday next. The train will leave Elba station at 9 A. M. Refreshments will be served on the grounds.

The Grove-Avenue Baptist church Sunday school pic-nic will be given at Providence Forge, on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, Tuesday next. The train will leave the Broad-street depot at 8 A. M.

On the same day the Sunday school of the Grace-Street Baptist church will go on a pic-nic to Ashland Park, starting from Elba station at 9:30 A. M. and returning at 6 P. M.

A most attractive excursion is announced for next Saturday night on the new and elegant steamer Pocahontas to Norfolk, Old Point, and the seashore. The beautiful new boat, the quickness of the trip, and the lengthy stay allowed the excursionists will draw a large crowd.

County-Court Notes.

The contested-election case of Bailey against Samuels was decided in favor of the defendant in the Henrico County Court yesterday. The Democrat was elected by thirteen votes, and the Republican contested. The plaintiff failed to give the required ten days' notice of contest within the time allotted by law. Bailey took an appeal.

Squire Vincent yesterday issued warrants for the arrest of two white women on the charge of threatening and attempting to kill with a pistol Leroy Smith (colored).

Young Gatewood's Body Recovered.

The body of young William M. Gatewood, who was drowned in James river while bathing late Friday afternoon, was recovered last night a short distance above the old pump-house. It was taken to the Male Orphan Asylum, whence the burial will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

DR. PAGE AND BRIDE.

AFTER A THREE-WEEKS' NORTHERN TOUR THEY ARRIVE IN RICHMOND.

To Spend Some Weeks in Rural Parts of Virginia—His Future Plans—His Writing and Their Criticism.

Dr. Thomas Nelson Page and his bride arrived in the city yesterday afternoon after a three-weeks' tour in Canada and the northern cities. They are stopping at No. 207 west Franklin street and will remain in Richmond for several days.

After their marriage, which took place on the 6th of this month, Dr. and Mrs. Page visited Toronto, whence they went to Niagara Falls. While there they stopped at the Clifton House, which is on the Canadian side of the river. They next went through the rapids of the St. Lawrence and visited the Thousand Isles and Montreal. After returning to the United States the distinguished writer and his bride spent several days with Charles Dudley Warner, the well-known *litterateur* at Hartford. From Connecticut the newly-wedded couple went to New York, and on their way to Virginia stopped in Washington.

TO VISIT HIS OLD HOME.

Dr. Page said last night, in conversation with a representative of the DISPATCH, that he and his wife would shortly visit his old home at Oakland, Hanover county. Later in the summer they will spend some weeks at the White Sulphur Springs. As Mrs. Page, though a Virginian, has seen but little of the Old Dominion for many years, she and her husband will shortly take a trip through the State and visit the Piedmont section and many of the rural towns.

As soon as Dr. Page can perfect his arrangements he will purchase a country seat in this State. It is his intention to get a home equi-distant from Richmond and Washington, as he will reside in the latter city during the winter months.

WILL CLING TO VIRGINIA.

It is a mistake to suppose, however, that the talented young author is about to sever his relations with his mother State. Last night as he sat beneath the trees in the large yard and talked with the reporter it was easy to see that his heart and soul turned to "Old Virginia." He said he thought the social life of this State was the purest and sweetest he had ever seen or read of and afforded wide scope for the romancer's pen. Dr. Page, while tenderly referring to the Old Dominion, incidentally remarked that there were a few persons who, by a misinterpretation of his writings, had imagined that some of his works were injurious to Virginia. This mistake, he said, was a source of considerable worry to him, but he was glad to see that it seemed to have occurred entirely in Richmond. The press of other southern cities, he added, had defended him against such allegations, and nowhere, according to his own observations, had he seen the evidences of bad impressions produced by his writings.

"I have always aimed to make my stories true to life," concluded the author, "and I think Virginia life can stand the truth."

AN ESSAY ON VIRGINIA.

The young essayist and novelist, whose works have appealed to the tender emotions of so many thousands, is a thorough Virginian still. Of this there can be no doubt. He will neither deprive his native State of his presence nor the benefits of his facile pen. Even now he is preparing an essay on Virginia for the Christmas number of *Harper's*, and the article will be illustrated by Reinhart, the well-known artist. The frontispiece will represent a scene in the Old Dominion at the "happy yuletide," and incidentally the essay will refer to this sweet season in our State, though it will deal mainly with our glorious history in the past and our broad prospects for the future. Strictly speaking, Dr. Page is not one of the editors of *Harper's*, but he always writes the introductory article for the "Editor's Drawer" of the magazine, and it is but just to say that the popularity of the monthly is largely due to his charming stories and shorter articles.

The popular Virginia writer has just completed a dramatization of his sweet little story "Polly," and Daly has accepted it. He is a busy man all the time. When he is not writing he is thinking, observing, and studying, and such occupations as the latter signify a great deal with a man who is as close an observer and as accurate as Dr. Page. Hereafter he will drop his law practice for good and devote himself entirely to literature and the studies which will improve his already excellent style.

EVEN WRITES ON THE TRAIN.

It may perhaps be interesting to those who have read the Virginia author's rural stories, which breathe the very fragrance of the pine-tags and bring back memories of the old worm fences we saw in our childhood, to know just how these simple tales appear when they first reach the hands of the printers, who tell them to the world. Unsentimental as it may seem, "Tom" Page generally writes with a lead-pencil, and what is queerer still, he can write pretty much anywhere. In the past year or so he has travelled about so much that he has been forced to adapt himself to circumstances, and now he can compose under almost any circumstances. He does a great deal of his work while on the trains, and many a little gem, sparkling with delicate humor and replete with that tearful pathos which marks all his efforts, has emanated from his brain as he sped along on the cars.

Recently Dr. Page, unless greatly hurried, has had all his works copied on the typewriter before sending them to the publishers, and he advises all young writers to follow his example, as it is much more convenient for those who handle the manuscript.

Hereafter Dr. Page will practically abandon his lecturing tours, as he finds they are a great strain upon his mind and afford him but little time for reflection or privacy.

CITY CIRCUIT COURT.

Charters Granted—Judgments—Suits Instituted.

A charter was granted in the City Circuit Court yesterday to the Midlothian Supply Company, the capital stock of which shall be $5,000, divided into shares of $100 each. The company is empowered to hold real estate to the extent of 100 acres. The officers for the first year are Ware B. Gay, president, Boston, Mass., and William S. Hurst, secretary and treasurer, Westfield, N. J. The following are named as directors: Ware B. Gay, John C. Haddock, Glen Summit, Pa.; George W. Shank, Plymouth, Pa.; E. B. Arnold, New Britain, Staten Island, and John T. Jones, Gayton, Va.

In the suit of Robert S. Morris *vs.* City of Richmond a verdict was rendered for the plaintiff—$275.

The case of F. D. Cornell's executor *vs.* the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company was continued.

In the coupon case of Charles Watkins *vs.* the Commonwealth of Virginia a verdict was rendered for the petitioner and the Treasurer was instructed to refund $115.

The case of Joseph H. Brown against Abraham Goldback; dismissed on motion of plaintiff's attorney.

The case of the Robert Portner Brewing Company against C. W. Burr; judgment rendered for $127.85.

The case of D. S. Cates, sheriff, for, &c., against Thomas E. Stagg, &c., was continued for defendants.

The following suits were instituted:

James S. Hall against Hartford Fire-Insurance Company. Action of case, damages $500.

Same against Sun Fire Company. Action of case, damages $1,000.

Cases Before the Justice.

In the Police Court yesterday morning Churchill Wilson (colored) was charged with stealing $2.25 from the money-drawer of W. R. Sterling. Mr. Sterling's confectionery was entered Friday morning while the storekeeper was in the yard back of the place. The till with the money therein, a lot of gingersnaps, chewing-gum, and candy were stolen. No one was seen to enter the store. The accused told the officer who made the arrest that two other boys robbed the confectionery. The case was continued until next Saturday. A charge against Wilson of being a suspicious character was also continued.

Charles Butler, a small white boy, charged with being a vagrant, was sent to the Laurel Reformatory.

T. J. Todd was before the court for allowing house No. 1313 east Cary street to remain in a dangerous condition. The case was continued until next Friday. In the mean time Colonel Cutshaw will inspect the house.

Jane Taylor (colored) was charged with cruelly beating Joe Taylor, her child. Several witnesses stated that Joe was stripped of his clothing, his hands tied together, and he was laid on a bed and whipped with barrel-staves. The youngster was taken into an ante-room and examined, but no marks were found on his body; accordingly the case was dismissed.

The other cases disposed of were of a trifling character.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: John H. Lewis, special commissioner, to John G. Lavezey, 33 feet corner Harrison street and Grove avenue, $2,805; same to same, 42 feet on north side Grove avenue, $3,570; same to same, 50 feet on north side Grove avenue, $4,250; John B. Myers and wife to Edgar G. Gunn, 50 feet on north side Nicholson street near Lester, $200; Thomas E. Stagg, and wife to Herman Gallmeyer, 23 feet on east side Thirty-first street near Clay, $1,500; E. C. Tinsley and wife to Christopher Tompkins, 17 1-12 feet on Lombardy street northwest corner Floyd, $2,600; Emanuel Ullman to Johanna L., wife of Julius Brantigan, 21 5½-12 feet on north side Marshall street between First and Second, $3,900; John Wickham to Maclurg Wickham, interest in the estate of Georgianna Wickham, $5.

Henrico: E. C. Garrison and wife to W. A. Webb, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 20, Capitol View, $1,600; Edmund S. Read and wife to Sarah E., wife of Charles L. Miller, two lots in Highland Springs, $200.

NEWS NOTES FROM MANCHESTER.

Personal and Other Items from Across the James.

The fair given by the Richmond and Danville Railroad Band, which has been in progress during the past week, closed last night. It is understood that it was very successful financially, and all who have attended the entertainment pronounce it a very pleasant affair.

For the second time during the past few weeks thieves broke into the store of Vaden & Co., on Hull street, Friday night. Entrance was gained by breaking out the glass in the front door. Several knives and razors were taken off and the money-drawer destroyed.

A meeting of the members of Local Branch No. 17, Order Iron Hall, was held Friday night, and a resolution was adopted suggesting that the various branches in the State appoint two delegates each to attend a conference to be held in Richmond to report upon the question of reorganization.

Rev. G. C. Abbitt, of St. Mark's church, Richmond, will exchange pulpits with Rev. J. J. Clopton, of Meade-Memorial church, this morning at 11 o'clock.

Cowardin-Avenue Christian Sunday school had their pic-nic Friday at Providence Forge.

Mr. Tom E. Owen is detained at home in consequence of sickness caused by eating ice-cream. Several other members of the family were made sick in the same way.

Rev. E. T. Dadmun, of West-End Methodist church, will conduct the meeting for the Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association at Leader Hall this afternoon.

Mrs. L. R. Thornhill and Miss Anna Friend, of this city, who are at the World's Fair, write that they are having a delightful time.

Rev. E. T. Dadmun has returned to the city and will preach morning and night at West-End Methodist Episcopal church. There will be a meeting of the Building-Fund Association at 3:30 o'clock.

In the list of committeemen appointed by Mr. L. M. Nunnally, president of the Buford Association in this city, the name of C. H. Sharp should appear in the Second-Ward committee instead of C. H. Thorpe.

The Richmond and Manchester Railway Company is repairing its tracks on Seventh street between Hull and Porter.

Mrs. Nettie Bristow, of Middlesex county, is visiting relatives and friends in Manchester.

Dr. John W. Brodnax is confined to his home by sickness.

The Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield will meet to-morrow. This will be the last meeting of the present body, as the new board goes into office July 1st.

Mrs. H. H. Patteson is quite sick at her residence, on Seventh and Porter streets.

Manchester lodge, No. 14, A. F. and A. M., held a meeting last night and installed the newly-elected officers.

Mr. A. H. Fitzgerald, who has been quite sick for several days, is better.

The Masons of this city celebrated St. John's Day yesterday evening at the Masonic Temple.

Miss Lottie Meredith, of Bedford Alum Springs, is visiting Mrs. Willie Meadows, on Stockton street.

Miss Mattie Ellington, left yesterday afternoon to visit relatives in Burkeville, Nottoway county.

Rev. W. H. Trainham will preach at Cowardin-Avenue Christian church this morning and to-night.

The condition of Mr. George H. Jewett, of Midlothian, was unchanged yesterday. His friends are very apprehensive as to his recovery.

HAD PASSED THE CURVE.

The Track Perfectly Straight Where Mr. Conrad Was Killed.

Captain W. T. West, master of transportation of the Richmond and Danville railroad, assured a DISPATCH reporter yesterday that the train from which Mr. Charles H. Conrad was thrown early Friday morning and killed was at the time of the accident moving over one of the straightest pieces of track on the entire system. The curve to which reference has been made in accounts of the sad mishap had been passed about 300 yards. Captain West hurried to the scene of the accident as soon as possible after learning of its occurrence and who the victim was, and helped to shroud Mr. Conrad.

While Mr. Conrad was thrown from the train right at the thirty-eight-mile post it does not appear, according to Captain West's theory, which seems to be the correct one, that he lost his life by falling against the post. In other words, he would probably have been killed even if there had been no such object near by.

A close examination of the ground showed clearly the imprints of Mr. Conrad's feet where he made two running steps as if trying to keep from falling. He struck on his left side, breaking his arm and receiving the injuries that are believed to have caused his death. It was on the rebound, Captain West thinks, that his head struck the figures on the mile-post, causing the severe bruise on his forehead. A singular coincidence is that the deceased was a passenger on train No. 38 and was killed at the thirty-eight mile-post.

It may be that Mr. Conrad lost his balance while the train was rounding the curve and that he was able to hold on for a few seconds, but not to regain a safe position.

THE THEATRES THIS WINTER.

Colonel Murphy to Lease His House. Some of the Academy Bookings.

The Chancery Court having confirmed the sale of the Richmond Theatre to Colonel John Murphy, he will now proceed to make arrangements for the conduct of his play-house the coming season. He said yesterday that he would probably lease the Theatre. He has already been approached by persons wishing to secure the house.

The Academy of Music will open for the regular season August 21st with Al. G. Field's Minstrels. The following are among the other attractions: "Alabama," "Two Old Cronies," "Devil's Auction," Robert Downing, Nellie McHenry, James Corbett, Lawrence Hanley, Ezra Kendall, C. T. Ellis, "Spider and Fly," John F. Kelly, Patti Rosa, "The Dazzler," "Dr. Bill," "O'Dow's Neighbors," "A Trip to Chinatown," "Little Tycoon," Mattie Vickers, "The Soudan," "Lilliputians," Lillian Lewis, Felix Morris, Modjeska, "Girl I Left Behind Me," Hanlon's "Superba," Richard Mansfield, "Old Homestead," "Uremia," Salvini, "A Brass Monkey," Henry E. Dixie, Stuart Robson, "A Straight Tip," Robert Graham, Gus Williams, "The Hoosier," "Zan Zic," "Lost Paradise," "Across the Potomac," Pauline Hall, Herrmann, "The Senator," Marie Greenwood, Wards and James, "Niobe," Baker Opera, "The Still Alarm," Bessie Bonehill, "Isle of Champaign," "A Texas Steer," Nat Goodwin, Manola Mason, and Annie Pixley.

Y. M. S. C. Reception.

On Friday night last the members of the Young Men's Social Club tendered their lady friends a delightful reception at the residence of Mr. F. M. Catogni. Among those present were Misses Mamie Byrne, Katie Catogni, Rosa Cox, Irene Byrne, Blanche Epps, Luly Rogers, Katie Carmody, Catty Valentine, Gracie Meoni, Lizzie Brown, Maggie Finnerty, Bettie Sinnot, Julia Catogni, Ada Crowder, Katie Sinnot, Katie Grigg, Katie Bannon, and Mamie Burnett. The gentlemen were Messrs. Manly Cobb, Henry Ashby, Fred. Emmerson, Eddie Griffin, John Bannon, David Byrne, John Burnett, Ambrose Byrne, John Cummings, and several others.

At a late hour refreshments were served and after partaking of a delightful repast they parted, having spent a pleasant evening. The chaperons were Mrs. F. M. Catogni, Mrs. J. J. Byrne, and Mrs. M. Griffin.

Death of a Venerable Lady.

Mrs. Caroline E. Carter died at her residence, on Church Hill, yesterday at noon. She was the widow of William Bolling Carter, and was in the 73d year of her age. She leaves four children—Professor Joseph Carter, of Canton, Mo.; William B. Carter, of Louisville, Ky.; Colonel B. F. W. Carter, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. J. W. D. Farmer, of Richmond.

The funeral will take place from the residence at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

A Small Fire.

The tool-house of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, at Seventeenth street and the railroad crossing, was fired by a spark from a locomotive yesterday morning. The blaze was extinguished by members of No. 2 Company, no alarm being turned in. The damage was about $10.

ON SUMMER JAUNTS.

WHERE RICHMOND PEOPLE ARE SEEKING COMFORT AND PLEASURE.

Some at the Seashore, While Others Are in the Mountains or at Country Homes—Brief Locals.

Mr. Churchill G. Little is visiting relatives in Georgia.

Mr. Charles W. Goddin and son are on a visit to Old Point.

Miss Kate Leef, of Alexandria, is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Charles H. Langford is able to be out after a severe spell of rheumatism.

Rev. Dr. Paul Whitehead will preach at Union church to-night at 8:15 o'clock.

Mr. W. V. Glazebrook, Sr., is very sick at his home, on south Belvidere street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Guvernator will spend the summer in Atlantic City, N. J.

Miss Mattie Lee Mosby, of east Broad street, is visiting friends in Williamsburg.

Captain M. W. Gayle is still very sick at his residence, No. 701 north Ninth street.

Mrs. Charles A. Ruhle has gone on a visit to her sister, Mrs. L. Flisch, at Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. C. J. Loth, children, and maid, are in Atlantic City, N. J., to spend the summer.

Messrs. M. C. Fincher, C. Q. Powers, and E. L. Brooking are visiting the seashore.

Mr. J. D. K. Sleight will address a meeting at "Chatsworth" this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. A. L. Little and her niece, Miss Annie Hankins, are visiting relatives at Decatur, Ga.

Mr. C. B. West, who is in Chicago attending the World's Fair, will return to the city next Wednesday.

Mrs. Felix Zaccard telephoned to the Chief of Police yesterday morning that her husband had returned home.

Miss Mattie Hunt will leave to-morrow to spend a few weeks with friends and relatives in Prince Edward county.

Mr. James G. Carneal has bought the house and lot at the corner of Grace and Jefferson streets, paying $11,575 for it.

At the closing exercises of Miss Goodwin's music school, Miss Mamie Bloomberg received a very handsome gold medal.

Mrs. S. S. Lambeth was called suddenly away last Monday on account of the death of her father, Captain Jessee Parker, of Suffolk.

The hour for the Sunday-afternoon service at Monumental church has been changed for the summer months from 5 to 6 o'clock.

The Board of Directors of the Methodist Sunday-School Society will hold a meeting at Broad-Street church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. Fritz Sitterding's condition was decidedly improved yesterday. He has typhoid-fever, but strong hopes for his recovery are entertained.

Messrs. Samuel Bigger and Charlie, Willie, and Stafford Parker left yesterday to spend the summer in Red Eagle Camp, on the banks of the Mobjack Bay.

Mrs. W. B. Watson and her little daughter Gracie, of 423 south Pine street, are spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. S. H. White, Reidsville, N. C.

Misses Blanche Dennis, of Texas, Nellie Birdsong, and Grace and Madge Landrum, sailed from N[illegible] last Wednesday on the steamer Dorchester for Boston, Mass.

Misses Cora and Kate Hardenburg, of New York, who have been the guests of Miss Mattie Lee Mosby, of east Broad street, have returned to their homes.

Dr. George Ross and family, after a three-weeks' western trip, during which they spent several days at the World's Fair, returned to the city last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leconey and daughter, of Portland, Ore., are visiting Mrs. Carneal, 211 east Clay street. Mrs. Leconey was Miss Anna Buckwalter, of Richmond.

The Rev. Paulus Moort, M. D., of Monroeville, Liberia, Africa, will preach at St. Philip's Episcopal church (colored) this morning at 11 o'clock and this afternoon at 6.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Charles D. Allen and Miss Annie Powell. The ceremony will take place at Grove-Avenue Baptist church, June 28th, at 5:30 o'clock P. M.

Mrs. R. L. Ellis and Miss Kate L. Cammack, of Essex county, who have been visiting Mrs. M. J. Gates, at 401 Cowardin avenue, for the past week, will return home to-morrow.

Mr. James Purcell and daughter, Miss Mary, of Luray, accompanied by Mr. Walter Purcell, late of St. John's College, Alexandria, are stopping with Mrs. J. F. Geisinger, 1208 west Main street.

Richmond Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will hold its semi-annual election to-morrow evening. There are numerous candidates for the various offices. A large turnout of the boys on this occasion is expected.

Master J. Frank Don Leavy, the little 7-year-old son of Mr. J. F. Don Leavy, captured a handsome gold medal (special prize) for orthography at St. Patrick's Male School, which closed Friday morning.

At the Confederate Soldiers' Home the services at 10:30 to-day will be conducted by Rev. George L. Chaney. Mr. Chaney preaches as usual in Belvidere Hall at 5 P. M. this being his last service for this season.

Robert Lawrence, a white youth, was yesterday arrested and lodged in the Second Police Station by Officer Poitiaux charged with breaking into the vacant house No. 1013 east Clay street and stealing a lot of lead pipe.

An effort will be made to get the First Virginia Regiment to give a sham battle the last day of the State Fair next fall. If the committee succeeds in doing so a splendid exhibition will be the result, and this feature will attract a large crowd.

The ordinance introduced into the Common Council to annul the contract entered into with the Everett Waddey Company for furniture for the City Hall having been rejected by that body, the matter will not come before the Board of Aldermen.

Miss M. Estelle White, accompanied by her sister Annie, left the city yesterday for Boston, Mass., where they will spend several weeks with friends. On their return home they will visit Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and other places.

The tournament club of Goochland county, composed of R. N. Turner, Robert Lee Mills, and others, will have their annual meet on July 4th. Among the knights who expect to be called to the judge's stand is Mr. George S. Stokes, of this city.

The Petersburg Base-Ball Club has signified its intention of joining the "Tri-City League" and the combination is, therefore, completed now. The tour clubs who will compose the organization are the Virginias, Richmond College, Forest Hill, and Petersburg.

W. H. Jones, a negro man, was arrested and lodged in the Second Police Station yesterday, charged with striking William Edwards, another negro, with a pair of tongs. The difficulty happened Friday afternoon at the Tredegar Works. Edwards is not seriously hurt.

St. John's Day was celebrated with services at St. Paul's church yesterday at 12 o'clock. The exercises, which were conducted by Rev. R. P. Williams, consisted only of the ordinary Episcopal church service. There were no services at any of the other churches in Richmond.

Mr. Edmond Burns, of Atlanta, and Miss Bettie Gowathney were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, No. 1234 east Broad street. A reception was tendered the couple, who left on the Richmond and Danville train last night for the groom's home, in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Davis and Dr. Jud. B. Wood and wife leave Tuesday for Chicago. After spending some time at the World's Fair they will return to the mountains of Virginia to remain until fall. Dr. Wood will come to Richmond frequently to look after the work of his society and to attend to other business.

Rev. W. W. Landrum, D. D., will preach a temperance sermon at the Second Baptist church to-night at 8:15. Members of the order are requested to meet with Trinity Lodge, Good Templars, in Central Hall at 7:40, to attend in a body. Seats will be reserved. Especially are the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and Y's invited.

The honors in Miss Taylor's music class were presented by Rev. Mr. Nash, of Christ church and were conferred as follows: First honor (gold medal), Misses Nora Huntley, Blanche Hawkes, and