IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

DR. TUDOR'S SERMON ON "PEACE OF THE UNIVERSE."

CRIME OF NINETEENTH CENTURY.

Dr. Starr Severely Criticises the Parliament of Religions Held in Chicago—The Old Testament and Higher Criticism—Church Notes.

Rev. Dr. W. V. Tudor preached an exceptionally fine sermon at Centenary Methodist church Sunday night, on "The Peace of the Universe." There was a large congregation, and the music was, as usual, an attractive feature of the service. Dr. Tudor's text was Colossians i., 20th—"And, having made peace through the blood of His Cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, whether things in earth, or things in Heaven."

"The teaching," said Dr. Tudor, "is that the universe of God's creation was interested and concerned in the mission and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, a subject too deep and high for us, except to glance at the general proposition, and then especially to obtain the profit that was intended for us. It ought to help and inspire our faith to ascertain what deep root the work of Christ has in the being of God, how its roots family through the foundations and its fibrils entwine themselves around the pillars of His eternal purpose. If it may seem incredible that God should give His son to the death of the Cross for such small objects in creation as ourselves and our earth are, we may not, at least, in our wondering and sceptical humility, refuse to share the benefit of which an infinitely greater object drinks, when, 'having made peace through the blood of His Cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself, whether things in earth or things in Heaven,' things 'visible and invisible, thrones, dominions, principalities, powers.' The minutest atom of being in a drop of water belongs to a boundless, incomprehensible system, is the smallest things in it, say, and yet the system is its dependence. We are comprehended in the appointments of the solar system; we draw our rations with the humblest soldier of the army. The bird is entitled to the drop of water that points his bill, notwithstanding rivers and reservoirs were designed to supply cities, and the ships might say that the oceans were intended for them. The same God who hurls the stars bowling through space also marks the sparrow's fall and numbers the hairs of our heads.

BELONG TO A SYSTEM.

"We belong to a system," Dr. Tudor continued. "If one thing is wrong in a system, all things partake of the wrong. Our terrestrial creation has suffered wrong from the sin of man. Moreover, the eye of a system 'cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again, the head to the feet, I have no need of you.' Christ is the head of all things, of principalities and powers, of angelic, heavenly beings, as well as of earthly. The heavenly members cannot say unto their fellow-members, of earth, we have no need of you. An awfully sinful and suffering world may well attract the attention and inquiry and sympathy of angels. The sinning member is bound by everlasting tendons to the suffering members. The angels recognize and glorify the holiness of God in the work of Christ, and attend the Saviour from His birth to His death. All creation stands fast in Him who is the head over all things to the Church, in the suffering Christ.

"He made peace by the blood of His Cross. 'By Him all things consist'—'all things are rooted and built up' in Him, and He suffered for our sins. The element of suffering is mysteriously potent in the peace of the universe. The Saviour is Prince. How near God comes to us, when amid stars and fields and mountains and flowers there comes also a manifestation of Him to us in 'the blood of His Cross,' things which we can see and touch. It is a human scene. It appeals to our suffering world. Why was not the reconciliation done in a way we might suggest worthy of a God—by flame-clothed plenipotentiaries, and amid the pillars of universal life upon the plains of space? Under the star arches? Among moral and material displays of the Divine grandeur? Through the blood of His Cross. It was His way. He suffered for sins. Crucifixion is in sympathy with our death—death, whose black shadow ever haunts us. He saved the sinning member by suffering with and for it. If we think in our scepticism that sin can do us no harm, let us reconsider, He suffered for sins. He was the man of sorrows, not the man of affairs; not the man of pleasure—the man of sorrows. Are our impenitent hearts unreconciled to Him? Adoring angels will accompany Him to the last judgment, a cloud of them around and under, as a base for it to rest upon, the throne of his glory. Angels, through the blood of His Cross, behold a new glory in their King. Your happiness and immortality, sinner, can only be as you are similarly at one in harmony with Him. It was mainly to reconcile us unto Himself, in our repentance and faith, that He reconciled all things to Himself, whether things in earth or things in Heaven."

ONE OF THE CENTURY'S CRIMES.

Rev. Dr. Starr delivered in Broad-Street church Sunday night a discourse upon the subject, "Why Was the Parliament of Religions in Chicago One of the Crimes of the Nineteenth Century?" Among other things, the speaker said: The men who projected that congress of all creeds at Chicago were professed servants of Christ, and yet they deliberately placed the religion of Jesus side by side with the monstrous rites and practices of the heathen world. All faiths were equally accredited and publicly honored. Worse than this; nearly every representative of these infamous systems of human belief levelled his tongue like a murderous shaft at the cross of Christ. It was a massing of the forces of anti-Christ, and none of the friends of Jesus was allowed to speak a word in His defence. The affair was designed to bring custom to the big show—a well-concocted financial speculation, of magnificent proportions. But it gave an opportunity to the enemies of Christ to assert that Christianity was a failure. After the return of these foreign religionists to their pagan temples "a proclamation was sent out, and it read: "America is starving for spiritual nourishment. In spite of the ignorance and provincialism of its upper classes and the savagery of its lower classes, there are thousands everywhere throughout its great population who are thirsting for those greater things which can only be furnished by the old religions of Asiatic lands."

Christian people who profess to have received salvation from Christ cannot afford to mistreat Him; nor should they endure patiently an insult flung in the face of their Lord by those who despise Him. Jesus said of Judas Iscariot: "Woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Good were it for that man if he had never been born." That deed was a crime, but the thirty pieces of silver were only a prophetic hint of the larger market-price obtained by so-called Christian stock-jobbers of the Chicago Exposition. May God have mercy on their souls."

VENABLE-STREET'S ROLL-CALL.

The roll-call rally at Venable-Street Baptist church Sunday morning constituted a unique service. There was a large congregation. After short services by Pastor Dill, the clerk, J. B. Wood, took charge of the roll-call. The name of every member was called, and in answer those present would come forward to the pulpit and deposit the envelope with an offering for the church debt. Three hundred envelopes were given in, aggregating the sum of $1,225. When those not yet returned have been collected, the sum will, it is thought, reach $1,500.

It was a very happy day with Pastor Dill and his people, and though there was no sermon, it was a true spiritual service—the sacrifice of freewill offering to the Lord. At the close of the service the pastor emphasized that this was the true and best way to raise money, and asked everybody who liked this better than a "bazaar" to rise and sing the long meter Doxology. The whole congregation rose and sung with hearty good will.

As a result of the good work under the preaching of Rev. H. A. Bagby the past two weeks, the pastor has seven candidates awaiting baptism.

OLD TESTAMENT; HIGHER CRITICISM.

Rev. Joseph M. Seaton, of the Unitarian church, addressed an interested and attentive audience Sunday evening on the "Old Testament and the Higher Criticism." The speaker stated in the outset that his object in discussing the question was to show that the higher criticism did not destroy the Bible, but rather built it. He went on to show, by citing from the works of Vater, De Wette, Reuss, Graf, Kuenen, and Wellhausen, the processes by which the various strata of writings in the Old Testament were brought to light.

In concluding his remarks, the speaker said: "The main conclusions of the higher criticism have come to stay, but many of its minor theories have already been, and many more in the future will be, consigned to the waste-basket. We need not fear all that scholarly research can bring to us about the Bible. The Bible will not be destroyed. It will always remain an imperishable record of God's presence among men. Mr. Seaton will complete the discussion of the subject next Sunday evening.

BRIEF CHURCH NOTES.

The Episcopal Clericus held its weekly session yesterday. There was only routine business. There will be interesting reports next Monday.

Dr. Cooper introduced at the Baptist Ministers' Conference on yesterday morning a proposition for a general evangelistic movement among the churches in Richmond. The consideration of the matter was deferred until next Monday.

At Barton Heights church the hand of church fellowship was given to four on Sunday.

There were three conversions at Union-Station church on Sunday.

SAYS HE WAS NOT TO BLAME.

Mrs. Mackie Makes an Appeal in Behalf of Her Husband.

The case of William Mackie came up in the Police Court yesterday morning and was continued over until to-day. Mackie is scarcely 24 years of age, and has resting upon his shoulders the very grave charge of pushing his wife from a second-story window, the fall very seriously injuring her.

The story is not all one of brutality, but has a coloring that shades the picture into sadness.

The husband says that for four years they have lived peacefully and happily together, and the wife, with the joy of their two baby children, has made the home life very bright. But Saturday night the trouble came in a veritable torrent. Mrs. Mackie said to the officers soon after the occurrence that her husband pushed her from the window. This statement Mackie has stoutly denied all along, but says that his "better half" became so infuriated with him that she declared she would get him into trouble, and adopted the rather unusual, but yet woman-like, way of sacrificing herself to do so, and jumped from the window.

When the case was called yesterday morning a note was handed his Honor from Mrs. Mackie, at least purporting to be from her, stating that her husband was not to blame, and begging that he be sent home to watch over her and their sick child. This tender appeal his Honor would have readily granted, but he was not sure of its genuineness, so an officer was instructed to go to the home with a magistrate and let Mrs. Mackie declare her statement before him.

The father is much more needed in the home now than that even the behests of justice be obeyed. "The man may have dropped his wife from the window, the note may be genuine, women are more forgiving than men," said Justice John.

A white boy, named Meville Miles, was charged with being drunk and resisting the officer, and fined $10 and costs.

Leroy Eubank, charged with striking Otto Hunter with a rock, was required to give security in $100 for six months.

Walter Ricks, charged with being a suspicious character, will have another hearing this morning.

The case of Otto Hunter, charged with striking Leroy Eubank with a 2-pound weight, was sent on to the grand jury.

Young Eubank and a crowd of other white boys were snowballing each other, when a negro boy passed by. The opposing parties joined forces and attacked the boy, and Eubank struck him. The boy raised considerable noise, when Hunter rushed out of a store near by with the weight, which he threw at Eubank, hitting him on the head and making quite a serious bruise.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: Jennie L. R. Holt's trustee to W. H. Parrish, 25 1-2 feet on Cary street southwest corner of Second, $5,500.

J. L. Rhodes's and Minor S. Crump's trustee to Clara A. Wunsch, 25 feet on east side of Randolph street, southeast corner of Wallace, $2,400.

W. B. Waldron's trustees to E. A. Saunders, 50 feet on south side of West avenue, 158 feet west of Harrison street, $4,300.

Henrico: William H. Bell and wife to Catherine Bell, 60 feet on west side of Twenty-fifth street, 20 feet south of T, $5.

Charles H. Corey and wife to William Jones, 37 3-4 feet on Fells street, northeast corner of St. John's avenue, $500.

T. G. Crouch and wife to George E. Atkins and Elizabeth, his wife, 30 feet on west side of Twenty-second street, 150 feet north of W, $750.

To Sing the Messiah.

Upon the first Sunday after Christmas-Day there will be a special service held in St. Paul's church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at which a part of the "Messiah" will be sung.

The regular choir of the church will be considerably augmented for the occasion, and the solos will be sung by Mrs. Reinhardt, Miss Meade, and Signor Campobello.

Only the first part of the oratorio will be sung, as it has a more particular reference to the nativity of Christ. The work has been in rehearsal for some time, and that it will be splendidly executed goes without saying.

Mrs. Snead's Funeral Yesterday.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret A. Snead, notice of whose death appeared in Sunday's Dispatch, took place from the Southern Depot Monday morning, December 7th, at 10 o'clock. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Dr. Jackson B. Wood, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Colonel T. A. Brander, Captain F. H. Deane, and Messrs. John P. Yancey, N. Talley, J. P. George, J. B. Montgomery, and Rutherfoord Rose. Rev. Dr. Hoge conducted the services, and the interment was in Shockoe Cemetery.

At Park-Place Church.

The revival at Park-Place continues with increasing interest. On Sunday there were twenty-four conversions, and last night there were seven. A religious fervour pervades the audience at every service. At 4 P. M. daily there is a Bible talk, conducted by Mr. Holcombe, and at 7:45 P. M. there is a devotional service, led by Dr. Potts, after which there is preaching by Mr. Holcombe.

Mr. Stumpf's Brother Dead.

Mr. Joseph Stumpf, of this city, received a letter yesterday, announcing the death, in Diepurg, Germany, of his brother, Mr. George J. Stumpf. The deceased was 32 years of age. He never visited America.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if fails to cure. 25c.

REVIEW THEIR WORK

REPORTS SUBMITTED AT THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY'S MEETING.

THE EXHIBIT MOST GRATIFYING.

Valuable Additions to the Collection of Relics Acknowledged and Increased Interest Indicated—Officers for the Year.

The annual meeting of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society was held at the Museum yesterday afternoon, and a great volume of business was transacted. The session lasted for several hours, and stands adjourned until next Friday, when other matters of importance will be discussed and disposed of.

Some idea of the amount of work done may be gained from the fact that, in addition to the reports of the president, secretary, and treasurer, communications were also received from fifteen vice-regents and seven chairmen of committees. Without exception, these reports were favorable, and particularly gratifying.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

In the course of her very interesting address, Mrs. Joseph Bryan, president of the society, drew particular attention to the roster of prisoners confined during the war at Elmira, N. Y., which had lately been presented to the Museum by Mr. R. A. Harrison, of New York city. For the benefit of the younger members of the society she narrated some of the sufferings endured by the southern soldiers. They were imprisoned, she said, in an open field, overlooked by snow-clad mountains; they had scant clothing, and little food, and bore all manner of indignities, for three long years—1863 to 1865—rather than take the oath of allegiance. The roster contains the names of men who died there, with the company, regiment, and division to which they belonged. It also states where the men had been captured, designated the disease from which they died, and gives a list of their personal effects. Few of the men had more than clothing absolutely necessary to cover them, and only one man had so much as 50 cents. Mrs. Bryan paid a touching tribute to the loyalty of these men, and drew a tender comparison between their uncared-for graves and those of the men who fell at Gettysburg, and whose bones now rest beneath the shade of beautiful Hollywood.

OTHER REPORTS SUBMITTED.

The reports of the secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer were particularly gratifying. It was announced that since the opening, 7,500 visitors had been registered at the Museum, and of this number 1,500 came from northern cities and foreign countries. The door receipts and sale of souvenirs have brought in a very considerable sum of money. The whole conduct of business has been eminently satisfactory, and shows that a great amount of interest is being taken in the welfare of the institution.

The treasurer's report showed that funds are at a low ebb, and urged action to revive the treasury.

The number of members has been more than doubled during the year, and twenty life-members have been added to the list.

The reports received from all officers and vice-regents were very encouraging, particularly those from the Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia rooms. From every State money and relics have been received, and the southern people generally have shown great interest.

Reports were also received and adopted from the committees on Membership, Finance, Ways and Means, Publication, Grounds, Relics and Souvenirs.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mrs. Joseph Bryan was re-elected president of the society by acclamation. The vice-presidents were chosen as follows: Mrs. E. C. Minor, Mrs. R. T. Colston, and Mrs. Annie E. Grant. Mrs. M. S. Smith was re-elected treasurer; Mrs. Stephen Putney, recording secretary; and Mrs. L. C. Daniel, corresponding secretary.

All the vice-regents were re-elected, with the exception of Mrs. R. E. Northen, of the Mississippi Room, who requested that Mrs. Edward C. Pendleton, who is a native of that State, should be made vice-regent in her place.

Mrs. Norman V. Randolph was re-elected vice-president of the Tennessee Room, despite her urgent request that Mrs. Traylor and Mrs. Ann Buchanan Hyde, both of whom were born in that State, should be elected in her stead. Mrs. Traylor and Mrs. Hyde, however, declined to serve in this capacity, and were elected alternates.

Next Friday regents and members of the Advisory Board, and the several committees will be elected.

Valuable Relics in the North Carolina Room.

Mrs. John W. Gordon, of this city, deposited yesterday in the North Carolina Room of the Confederate Museum three war-relics, which will, doubtless, be very interesting to the younger people of this generation, as well as to others, who have never seen such documents, and also to old soldiers, who have.

One is a descriptive list and account of pay and clothing of William A. Curtis, a member of Company A, Second Regiment, North Carolina Cavalry, and is dated near Stony Creek Station, September 8, 1864. It gives Mr. Curtis's rank, age, color of eyes, color of hair, complexion, height, where born, occupation; when, where, and by whom enrolled as a soldier; when, where, and by whom mustered into service; period, for the war; last paid by Major Neal, quartermaster, to April 30, 1864, the amount of $100. It shows that he last drew clothing October 1, 1863, and that he had up to that time participated in the following engagements—viz.: New Berne, N. C., March 4, 1862; Tuscarora, N. C., April 14, 1862; Foscnes, N. C., May 14, 1862; skirmishes around Warrenton, Va., October, 1862; Haymarket, Va., October, 1862; Fredericksburg, Va., 1863; Brandy Station, June 9, 1863; Middleburg, June 18 and 19, 1863; Union, June 21st; Upperville, June 21st; Williamsport, Md., July 6th; Funkstown, Md., July 8th; Conescheague Bridge, July 11th; Brandy Station, July 19th; Little River, May 27, 1864; Howes Shop, June 3, 1864; Young's Bridge, June 13, 1864; Malvern Hill, June 15, 1864; Yellow Tavern, June 18, 1864; Blacks & Whites, June 23, 1864; Staunton River-Bridge, June 25, 1864; Davis's Farm, August 21, 1864; White's Tavern, August 15 and 16, 1864; Reames's Station, August 25, 1864. This document is signed by J. V. B. Rogers, captain commanding company.

HIS SOLDIER'S TICKET.

Another one of these interesting relics is a soldier's ticket, issued to Mr. Curtis by the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, on account of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company, and is dated April 19, 1864, and reads as follows: "This ticket is issued by agreement between the road issuing it and the Quartermaster-General of the Confederate States, and each road is to render its own account to the department, and this coupon is to be reserved as a sufficient voucher." The ticket is printed on bluish paper, which had already been printed for other purposes on the reverse side.

ENDORSEMENTS ON A FURLOUGH.

The third relic referred to is a furlough granted to W. R. Stallcup, a private in Captain W. M. Addington's Company, K, First Regiment, North Carolina Cavalry, and bears some interesting endorsements. The furlough reads as follows:

"To All to Whom It May Concern:

"The bearer hereof, W. R. Stallcup, a private in Captain W. M. Addington's Company K, First Regiment, North Carolina Cavalry, age 24 years, 6 feet high, light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, and by occupation a farmer, born in the county of Macon, State of North Carolina, and enlisted at Camp Woodfin, Buncombe county, N. C., on the 25th of June, 1861, to serve for the period of war, is hereby permitted to go to his home, in the county of Macon, N. C., he having received a furlough from the 29th day of January to the 18th day of February, 1865, at which period he will rejoin his company or regiment at Belfield, Va., or wherever it may be, or be considered a deserter. Subsistence has been furnished to W. R. Stallcup to the 26th day of January, and pay to the 3d day of August, inclusive.

"Given under my hand at camp, First North Carolina Cavalry, this 18th day of January, 1865.

(Signed) "SAMUEL B. GIBSON,
"First Lieutenant Commanding Company K, First North Carolina Cavalry."

Across its face this paper is endorsed: "Transportation from Weldon, N. C., to Columbia, S. C., January 28, 1865. Signed, C. H. Langdon, Captain A. Q. M., and also transportation from Columbia, S. C., to Walhalla, January 31, 1865. Signed, W. R. Sharp, A. Q. M." On the other side it is endorsed: "Company K, First North Carolina Cavalry, January 18, 1865, Private W. R. Stallcup—twenty-one days—applicant has never received transportation while on furlough of indulgence nor compensation in lieu thereof, and has never been absent without leave during any campaign. Furlough authorized by circular January 9, 1865, headquarters Army Northern Virginia. Twenty-one days asked for because applicant lives in extreme western part of North Carolina, remote from any railroad. Respectfully forwarded approved, S. B. Gibson, First Lieutenant Commanding Company K. Headquarters First North Carolina Cavalry, January 18, 1865. Respectfully forwarded approved. Furlough authorized by circular January 9, 1865. Headquarters Army Northern Virginia. Signed, W. R. Cheek, Colonel. Headquarters Barringer's Brigade, January, 1865. Respectfully forwarded approved. Signed, R. Barringer, Brigadier-General. Headquarters Cavalry Division, January 20, 1865. Respectfully forwarded approved for twenty-one days. W. H. Lee, Major-General. Approved by order of General Lee, C. S. Venable, A. A. G. Rations three days, W. A. Shepherd, Major C. S. A., Weldon, N. C., February 25th. Headquarters Enrolling Office, Anderson Courthouse, S. C., February 18, 1865. This soldier having been detained on account of damage done the Greenville and Columbia railroad by late rains, he is now hereby ordered to rejoin his company forthwith, and is entitled to transportation. Signed, B. B. McCrery, Major and Enrolling Officer." Endorsed across its reversed face is: "Transferred to Aiston from Belton, February 18, 1865, K. L. Simons, Captain, &c."

IS NOW AN EDITOR.

Mr. W. A. Curtis, who contributes two of these relics to the museum, is now proprietor and editor of a newspaper published at Franklin, Macon county, N. C., and Mrs. Gordon hopes through him to obtain other interesting relics from his section of the State.

Mr. W. R. Stallcup, who contributes the other relic, is proprietor of the leading hotel at Franklin, Macon county, N. C.

STABBED HER EIGHT TIMES.

William Christian Butchers His Wife on Sixth Street.

William Christian, a notorious negro, who has figured in the Police Court with great frequency, and who was some time ago ordered by Justice Crutchfield to keep away from his wife, Callie Christian, paid no heed to that order, and last night he visited Callie at her home, on north Sixth street, armed with a sharp knife. He accused her of infidelity, hot words ensued, and the knife was brought into play. Eight times was the cold steel plunged into Callie's body, both in front and in rear, and she was perforated almost as extensively as is a porous-plaster.

The irate William took his departure as soon as he got tired of stabbing his wife, and Callie made her way to the Second Police-Station hollering "bloody murder" at the top of her voice. The ambulance was summoned and she was conveyed to the almshouse, where she was made as comfortable as the circumstances would admit. She is not dangerously wounded.

William, after leaving his wife, rushed through a bar-room on Sixth street, and asking everybody what meant the disturbance which he himself had made, passed out through the rear, succeeding in successfully eluding the police, who are on a hunt for him.

Work of the Police.

Mary Lucy Lee says she would have "fit and fit till she died 'fore she would let four men beat her," but she was right glad when Officer Holdcraft dropped in on the scrap last night, and took her from out the pelting of the storm to a safe harbor in the First Police Station. In the scrap a considerable bruise was added to Mary's personal charms, while, on the other hand, she was relieved of much the greater portion of her clothing. Most of her skirts were literally torn away.

George Hunt was run in at the First Station for being a sneak-thief, and taking a pair of trousers from the store of Hafry Hirshberg.

An Exchange of Pulpits.

Special services were held by Dr. Jabez Hall Sunday night at Marshall-Street church, while Rev. Mr. Garrison preached at Seventh-Street. Dr. Hall handled his subject—"Man's Heritage"—in a masterly way, and spoke of what a rich age it was in which we lived, and how, by patient toiling, investigation of the great secrets of nature, and hence God's thoughts, had been revealed to man. He dwelt particularly upon the fact that as man became more appreciative of the truth and more willing to disseminate its blessings, he had been permitted "to think God's thoughts after Him."

The Methodists' Christmas Services.

At the Methodist Ministers' Conference, held yesterday morning in the library of Centenary Methodist church, arrangements were completed for the Christmas-Day service. Rev. Dr. Paul Whitehead was elected to conduct the service at Centenary church at 11 o'clock A. M., and Rev. B. M. Beckham was chosen as his alternate. Rev. Dr. Starr, with Rev. E. H. Rawlings, was selected to conduct the Christmas service at Union-Station church, and Rev. T. N. Potts was elected to preach at Central church, Manchester.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Going Abroad.

Dr. James N. Ellis will leave on Saturday for Europe, and after a tour of the Continent will spend about eighteen months in Berlin, where he will perfect himself in surgery. Mrs. Ellis will accompany her husband, and when he finishes his course of studies in the German institution they will return to this country, and will probably locate in Atlanta, Mrs. Ellis's former home.

The Gesangverein Meets.

The regular monthly meeting of the Gesangverein Virginia was held at Sanger Hall last night, President Charles H. Phillips in the chair. After the usual routine business had been disposed of arrangements for the next entertainment to be given by the society were discussed.

It was decided that a grand concert, theatrical entertainment, and ball should be given on New-Year's Eve, and Messrs. H. G. Miller, John Mole, and August Pohlig were appointed a committee to arrange all details.

Concert on Church Hill.

The concert at Cocoran Hall last night under the direction of the Webb Quartette and Old Dominion Sextette for the benefit of the Third Presbyterian church was a decided success. The attendance was good, and those for whom "the concord of sweet sounds" has charms did not go away disappointed, the church as well receiving an upward lift in its work.

To Have Long-Distance Telephones.

A meeting of the officers of the Western Telephone Construction Company will be held at the company's office in this city to-morow for the purpose of arranging for the construction of long-distance lines, connecting the various cities in Virginia with the North and West. President J. E. Keelyn will come here from Cincinnati to attend the meeting.

CITY OF MANCHESTER

NEWS OF TWO DAYS GLEANED FOR DISPATCH READERS.

SERMON ON RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

Rev. Mr. Lear Thinks They May, with Propriety, Take Any Part in Christian Work—Services in Other Churches—Personal Notes.

The Clopton-Street Baptist church, Rev. W. R. Haight, pastor, had its annual business meeting last night in the church, and elected, as follows, the officers for the ensuing year for the church: Treasurer, B. H. Morrissett; Clerk, G. M. Trevillian; Auditor, W. T. Jones; Chorister, W. J. Morrissett; Organist, Mrs. W. J. Morrissett; Assistant, Miss Cappie Clements. For the Sunday school: Superintendent, B. A. Hancock, Assistants, W. T. Jones and J. W. Holt; Chorister, W. J. Morrissett; Organist, Miss Cappie Clements; First Assistant, Mrs. W. H. Marshall; Second Assistant, Miss Mary R. Hancock.

The Finance Committee for the ensuing year will consist of Messrs. L. W. Cheatham (chairman), H. J. Batton, W. T. Jones, B. H. Morrissett, Miss Ella Hancock, Mrs. George Reams, and Mrs. Hattie Reams; while the ushers, re-elected, are: Messrs. E. G. Hooker, W. E. Bass, R. L. Ellis, H. J. Batton, Lloyd Fuqua, and B. W. Criddle. When the various elections were concluded an interesting discussion was held relative to the proper duties of the Finance Committee, which revealed some very important facts concerning the financial outlook of the church.

THE SOCIAL CIRCLES.

The residence of Mr. Melton, on Fourth street, was the scene last night of a very delightful gathering, many of those present being from the city across the James. The evening passed quickly in music and recitations, and not till a late hour did the gay company realize that a home-coming should follow their pleasant hours. Among those present were: Misses Mill Bagby, Maggie Shound, Mattie Bagby, and Messrs. Tom, Bagby, Edward Bagby, and Captain Bagby, of Richmond.

There are four young people in Swansboro'—two young ladies, and the same number of lordships—who are the recipients of the warm congratulations of their friends on the auspicious occasion of a "pie-party." In the exercises of which they were to participate. The pie-party was to take place twenty miles in the country, and a friend was instructed to engage a horse for the trip. This the friend did to his own satisfaction, and off the gay quartette went to the fun. When in a desolated section of the country, and ten miles from Swansboro', their blooded, or bloodless, animal, "as you like it," decided that it would not be advisable to go any further, and gave up the position he had held, with so much annoyance to his retainers. So, sympathetically, they resolved to remain with their beast, and had to eat their part of the pies. Turning their footsteps homeward, they subsisted on pies, and, depredating on the 'simmon-trees that, fortunately, fringed the road, and, finally, arriving at their starting post, wiser young people on "pie-parties" than most young people are.

THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

At the Sunday morning service of Central Methodist church the pastor, Rev. W. W. Lear, preached a special sermon at the request of the Woman's Missionary Society, on "Woman's Rights Under the Reign of Christ."

The preacher touched on the much-mooted question of the propriety for the women speaking in public, assemblings and in debate with men. He contended for the equality of the sexes in State and in Church rights, and privileges, and that the idea of woman's inferiority was un-Christian, and, primarily, an outgrowth of heathenish ideas and teachings. Said he: "God, who created them both, put woman at man's side, not under his feet. If He set man at the head of affairs, this was a superiority of office, not of order. The Bible recognizes woman's right to fill any office in Church or State, and to take any part in the spread of the Gospel, from which she is not barred by nature or by higher duties. If any say that Paul forbade woman to have anything to say in the Church, I deny it. Paul did, apparently, forbid a woman from taking part in certain debates with men, and interrupting the service with foolish questions, but in the very epistle in which this prohibition is found, he gives specific directions to the women who should prophesy (or preach) and pray in public."

In closing, Mr. Lear reviewed the work of the society, and complimented its members on the success of their labors, and bade them go forth with renewed vigor into the white fields of harvest and glean there the scattered sheaves for the Master's garnering.

The organization is by no means an aged one, and has now only thirty-four members, but during the past year raised the neat little sum of $112.

POWER IN ABRAHAM'S LIFE.

Rev. W. R. Haight, of Clopton-Street church, preached an able sermon Sunday on "The Elements of Power in the Life of Abraham." The preacher dwelt on the keenness of the "Father of the Faithful" in hearing and recognizing God's voice, and how his abiding faith led him to follow the bidding of that voice. "Abraham," said he, "was naturally a timid man, and yet when God bade him he went forth, amidst unknown perils. But through all his troubles he drew his power and consolation from close communion with God. There was always a place for the altar in his life emblematic of sacrifice and prayer." Mr. Haight spoke of the tenacity of purpose shown forth in Abraham's character, and the gentle benevolence that presided over his every action. "Abraham was human, and a man of like passions with ourselves. We may have these same elements of power, through Christ, which strengthen us. The secret of their possession lies in surrender to Him, as the secret of Abraham's power lay in his surrender to God."

PASSION FOR SOULS.

The subject of Rev. W. E. Hurt's sermon at Stockton-Street church Sunday morning was "Passion for Souls." Mr. Hurt took as his text: "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen, according to the flesh."—Romans ix., 3.

"The apostle," said he, "does not mean he was willing to die forever to save his relatives. Paul used a hyperbole. He meant in the most vehement of all possible ways to declare his anxiety for the salvation of his friends and relatives. It is a fervent outburst of unselfish love, that may not be coldly criticised, weighed, and measured; it is close akin to the spirit of Christ's self-sacrifice, and to that "foolishness of God," which 'is wiser than men.' The apostle's lips have been touched as with a coal from off God's altar. The impress of the cross is on his inmost soul. The passion of Christ for humanity has taken possession of him. He has gained a new point of view. Humanity and the world are viewed from the cross. Humanity is a precious seed, and longs for the salvation of his fellow-man. We are to have the spirit of the apostle to the Gentiles if this world is ever to be lifted out of the slough in which it has been sinking and floundering for nearly nineteen centuries."

Mr. Hurt discussed his subject with intense earnestness, and, in conclusion, said: "If you have been in military life you know what the soldiers call the 'long roll.' All the drums beat it, because the enemy is approaching, and all troops must immediately get into line. What scurrying around the camp and putting of the arms through the straps of the knapsack, and saying 'good-by' to comrades you may never meet again. Some of you may have heard it just before the battle of the Wilderness. Yes, it's stirring and solemn-meaning, and so I sound the 'long roll' to-day. I beat this old Gospel-drum that has for centuries been calling thousands to take their places in line for this battle—on one side of which are all the forces heatific, and on the other side all the forces demoniac. Hear 'the long roll,' 'who is on the Lord's side?'"

OTHER SERVICES.

At the Bainbridge-Street Baptist church the Rev. J. R. Harrison, of Richmond, preached in the morning. His theme was "The Duty of Thanksgiving." Rev. Dr. Thornhill filled his pulpit at night, preaching on "The Christian in Adversity."—Revelations xxiv., 10: "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." Dr. Thornhill preached at Branch's church in the afternoon on "Well Doing and the Weary Workers."—Galatians vi., 9.

Rev. J. A. S. Spencer, of the Cowardin-Avenue Christian church, preached in the morning on "Some Lessons from Solomon's Life," and to a large audience Sunday night on "Christian Unity."

At the Presbyterian church Rev. Charles N. Van Houten preached Sunday morning an excellent and eminently thoughtful sermon on "Hallowed Be Thy Name."

The Young Men's Christian Association District Conference will be in session at Clopton-Street church on December 19th and 20th.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Rev. Robert H. Rudd is the guest of Mr. T. E. Norvell, of Swansboro'.

Mr. Paul Jewett, a machinist, who was recently removed from the Southern shops here to the shops in Salisbury, N. C., has become dissatisfied, and is expected home shortly.

Chicken-thieves have been at work again about the city. Nick Black, a colored man, lost seventy-five on Friday night. Others have recently lost smaller numbers.

Mr. Thomas Turpin, of Washington, D. C., and his sister, Miss Nannie Turpin, of Hallsboro', have been stopping in this city for a day or two.

Mrs. Hattie Coggins was fined $1 and cost in the Police Court yesterday morning for assaulting Mrs. Annie Durnan.

Mr. Russel Taylor, a prominent citizen of Bremo Bluff, is the guest of Postmaster D. L. Toney. Mr. Taylor is here making all arrangements for his wedding, which takes place at Bremo Bluff in a few days.

The Fire Commissioners, with full attendance, met last night in the Council chamber, and went over the routine business of the past month.

The Street Committee will meet to-night in their committee-room in regular session.

The Heptasophs met last night in the Odd-Fellows' Hall, Ninth and Hull streets, and completed their organization.

The Water Commissioners will meet to-night in the Superintendent's office at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cogbill, of Chesterfield Courthouse, were in the city yesterday.

Mr. R. M. Anderson has heard from his brother, in San Antonio, Tex., who has been very sick with the spinal meningitis, and his many friends will be glad to hear that he is much improved.

Miss Mary Harris, of Chapel Hill, N. C., who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Eula Holt, on Seventh street, has left for New York, where she will pursue her studies in art this winter.

Friends of the Home.

The following is a list of recent donations to the Richmond Industrial Home: Walter Anderson, O. B. Norman, Robert Glass, J. Blair, Charles Dicker, A. J. Adams, W. W. Hewitt, H. W. Ruff, R. W. Landrum, C. H. Cratz, G. Gremschied, O. Strand Wallace, Gregory & Brother, W. A. Lambert & Son, A Brauer & Son, T. H. Wood, F. R. Fairlamb, J. T. Vaughn, W. A. Lambert, G. W. Taylor, A. Schmidt, Leonard Meat Market, J. C. Siewers, C. J. Howell, H. Beakstaffer, C. A. Martin, T. H. Peas, J. S. Brauer, W. H. Brauer, J. W. Brauer, W. Hechler, J. Acree, E. A. Acree, E. E. Smith, F. Keck, C. Kastleberry, T. T. Courter, F. Fergerson, M. M. Fletcher, Richmond Dairy Company, Drinkard's Bakery, J. H. Nolde, T. D. Briggs, Messerschmidt's Bakery, New York Bakery, T. A. Gill, Kunker's Bakery, Charles Trower, Miss N. E. Trower, Mrs. Kirsh, Dr. Latimer, C. P. Nelson, Mrs. Perkinson, Roe & Hankle, E. Brauer's Meat Market, H. Schmidt, J. E. Robinson, Mrs. Robinson, W. Talley, Mrs. Keller, R. R. Carter, J. H. Wagner, Tiller & Tiller, J. C. Jones, C. Holtzback, H. Hooper, J. B. Blake, J. Strand, T. W. Wood, William Loamix, James Clark, C. W. Saunders, Kain & Brother, J. Watson Phillips, Joseph Charity, Jane Lightfoot, Sarah Moss, C. W. Tanner, Ligner's Bakery, M. T. Page, T. Schanerscey, — Lauterbach, Mrs. Moesta's Bakery, J. Doc. Sears, Mrs. William Bowen, J. Coffee, Mrs. Donohue, Mrs. T. Gogan, Mrs. Magie, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. P. O'Neill, Mrs. Ann McKinley, T. Garver, Woodson & Brown, Mrs. Poor, Dr. A. A. Scott, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. P. A. Casedo, S. B. Scott, Dr. W. H. Scott, G. J. Porter, W. C. Tyler, J. Dodson, M. Briell, Mrs. Conners, P. Leistein, M. Boequett, W. B. Kidd, A. Feitig, J. R. Price, G. W. Saunders, C. C. Unger, Savage & Beveridge, R. C. Denston, Charles Holtzbach, Mrs. Wood, J. T. Beal, F. Helfort, Timberlake & Co., F. Fletcher, D. D. Pleasants, M. Martin, S. P. Fleenoy, R. D. Brown, J. M. Berch, Victoria Gilliam, Tom Lee, Virginia Fish Company, J. E. Rose, Dixie Soap Company, Cohen's Bakery, C. H. Hagen, Bridget Conners, J. J. Rankins, J. R. Bowen, Mrs. James Rankins, L. Westerman, Tiler & Co., P. J. Ryan, Cardwell Meat Market, P. H. Mayo & Brother, Jacob Keck, John Smith, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Mrs. T. W. Powers, Mrs. R. Lang, Mrs. Smithers, Mrs Christian, Mrs. Cratz,