THE CITY IN BRIEF.

PLENTY OF PITHY AND POINTED PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

WHAT RICHMONDERS ARE DOING.

Facts About Their Movements Gathered by Dispatch Reporters and Served Up for the Delectation of the Reading Public.

The Rev. F. S. Stickney is quite unwell with la grippe.

Mr. E. T. Gregory, of this city, leaves for Jacksonville to-day.

Mr. John Roach continues very ill at his home, on Orleans street, Fulton.

Mrs. R. W. Courtney still continues very ill at her residence, No. 217 Floyd avenue.

Governor O'Ferrall is threatened with the grip, and did not leave the Mansion yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Stacy, of Charleston, W. Va., are stopping at 312 east Franklin street.

Engine No. 4 was called to the Fifth-street dump yesterday morning to put out a fire at that point.

Mrs. W. C. McDowell, wife of the manager of Ford's Hotel, is slowly recovering from an attack of grip.

Mr. E. M. Milstead, City Sergeant of Newport News, was a caller at the First Auditor's office yesterday.

Dr. Boyce D. Brooker, who was so ill last week, is so much better as to be able to attend to his practice again.

Fitzhugh Lodge, No. 93, I. O. O. F., will meet Tuesday night, when the installation of officers will take place.

The Richmond Road Club will hold an important meeting on Monday night at its club-house, 601 west Main street.

Mr. Lewis F. Mason, of 613 north Sixth street, who has been confined to his room by severe sickness, is still very sick.

Miss Rosa B. Hexter left Thursday morning for Charleston, S. C., where she will be the guest of Miss Jennie Kramer.

The officers of Richmond Lodge, No. 219, Knights of Honor, will be publicly installed at Eliett's Hall next Friday evening.

Rev. Benjamin Dennis, rector of Meade-Memorial church, Manchester, will preach at Monumental church this afternoon.

Miss Nora Sanford, of Hoytville, Pa., and Miss Lottie Watkins, of Powhatan county, are visiting at 938 west Grace street.

Mr. George P. Hening, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with friends in Ludlow, Ky., has returned to the city.

Mr. A. R. Ellerson and family, of Hanover county, have removed to the city for the winter, and are residing at 308 east Franklin street.

Miss W. Louise Stubbs has returned home, after spending the holidays quite pleasantly with her friend, Miss Nannie White, of South Boston.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Pickett Camp will have their regular monthly meeting Monday at half-past 3 o'clock. The members are requested to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Finke have just returned from their bridal trip. Mr. Finke has been suffering with a slight attack of la grippe since his return.

Captain William L. Bridges, a prominent real estate broker of Washington, D. C., has been on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. F. L. Tolson, of Barton Heights.

Dr. Mark W. Peyser was called to Petersburg last week to the bedside of his father, who is very sick. His practice is being attended to by Drs. Gordon and and Henson.

Miss Bettie Pierce, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. T. Horner, No. 121 south Fourth street, was tendered an agreeable surprise party on Wednesday evening. Pleasant games were indulged in, and all had an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dalrymple, of north Sixth street, entertained a number of their friends last Thursday evening. Games and refreshments were indulged in until a very late hour.

Thieves got into the Watt Plow Company's place Friday night, but carried no spoils away. They entered by the back way, and into the warehouse by a window. The police have the case in hand.

On Thursday at 8 P. M. there will be a very important meeting of the local council of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at Monumental church. All Brotherhood men are cordially invited to be present.

At St. James Episcopal church, corner Marshall and Fifth streets, on Monday evening, from 8 to 10:30 o'clock, the congregation will be entertained at a sociable given to the Rev. William Meade Clark.

The regular meeting of the Holy-Name Society will be held in the basement of St. Peter's Cathedral this evening at 8 o'clock, after which members will attend services in a body in the church, at 8:30 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of unusual importance Monday night at Rescue Lodge, Good Templars, at their hall, 318 west Broad street, when it is expected a large membership from both Richmond and Trinity lodges will be present.

The nightly services at Laurel-Street Methodist church are increasing in interest. The pastor, Rev. T. J. Taylor, is preaching with power, and there have been many conversions. The meetings will be continued during next week.

The regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Sunday-School Association of Richmond and Manchester will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Fulton Baptist church. Mr. B. F. Johnson and Professor Hovey will make addresses.

Mr. Joseph B. Smith, who has been visiting Mr. J. J. Williams, of No. 2707 east Grace street, returned to his home, in Brooklyn, after a month's vacation. He expressed himself as charmed with our lovely city and hospitable people.

Mr. J. N. Atkisson, of this city, but, who is now conducting a large cigar factory in Frankfort, Ky., was called home last week to the bedside of his sick child, Ruth. He returned Thursday, carrying with him several hands for his factory.

The condition of Mr. J. S. Baker, who has been seriously ill for some days past with typhoid-fever, at his residence, on the corner of Thirty-fifth and Clay streets, is causing his friends much anxiety, and grave doubts are entertained of his recovery.

On Wednesday evening, January 6th, the members of St. Patrick's choir were handsomely entertained by Rev. Father Donahoe, pastor of the church. At 9 o'clock a magnificent repast was partaken of, after which recitations and music were greatly enjoyed.

The members of the Epworth League Union of Richmond and Manchester will meet next Tuesday night in the Young Men's Christian Association building at 8 o'clock. The council will elect officers for the coming year, as the terms of the present officers expire this month.

The officers of Damon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, were installed Friday night, by District-Deputy-Grand-Chancellor R. P. Lord, as follows: Past Chancellor, W. P. Woodson; Chancellor Commander, W. T. Gaines; Vice-Chancellor, H. C. Beck; Prelate, Z. P. Perkins; Master of Work, W. Dickey; Keeper of Records and Seal, R. A. Hughes; Master of Finances, B. C. Lewis; Master of Exchequer, J. F. Allen; Master-at-Arms, T. V. Wright; Inner Guard, D. E. Monroe; Outer Guard, C. F. Batkins. R. A. Hughes will be the representative to the Grand Lodge.

Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, January 9.—(Special.)—G. C. Governator, Morton; J. H. Griffith and wife, Imperial; C. Millhiser and wife, Miss F. Hirsch, Mrs. L. Hirsch, Holland; E. H. Gunst and wife, Savoy; J. C. Lewit and wife, Marlborough; E. G. Glenn and wife, Grand.

Entertainment for the City Poor.

The list on the programme for the great vaudeville to be given on next Thursday for the benefit of the poor numbers the following: One-act comedy, entitled, "In Want of a Servant," Misses Lizzie and Therese Gearing, Miss Kate Schepers, and Messrs. A. H. Felthaus, Joseph Hulcher, and Charles Gearing; Old Dominion Sextette, Jefferson Quartette; Mr. J. A. Page, "Banjo King"; Toler & Freeman, black-face comedians; J. M. Ryall, Irish comedian; Davis Brothers, banjo players; Mr. J. M. Sale, assisted by the Misses Sale and Messrs. Charles H. Philips, Frank Cunningham, Misses Winnie Newman, Grace Jeffreys, Woods, and others. With such an attractive programme and for so worthy a cause, the Academy should be well filled on the night of the 14th. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the City Mission or at the box-office on Wednesday and Thursday.

Married Christmas Week.

A very pretty marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, No. 639 north Second street, in this city, the morning of December 29th, when Mr. Malcolm C. King led to the altar Miss Bessie C. Harris. The bride was becomingly attired in a travelling suit of gray cloth, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mr. Wilton King, the groom's brother, acted as best man, with Mr. John Smithers as usher. The groom is a popular and well-known employee of Heppard & Co. The bride is a most attractive young lady.

The couple left over the Chesapeake and Ohio road, accompanied by the groom's sisters—Miss Sarah King and Mrs. A. P. Grady—Captain Grady, and Miss Eugenia Samuel, and Miss Pattie Moore, of Danville, to the home of his father, in Hanover, where they were entertained at an elegant reception. The presents were numerous and handsome.

To Speak on Phrenology.

Professor J. N. Garfunkle, of Cincinnati, is in the city, and will deliver a lecture some day this week before the Jefferson Club. His subject will be "Phrenology," and he will treat it from a scientific standpoint. Professor Garfunkle is a remarkably able and distinguished lecturer, and his address on this important science will be sure to be entertaining and instructive.

E. HARVEY SPENCE TALKS.

The Wrong Side of Broad Street Trunk Man Makes a Deal—He Will Set Every Lady in Town Talking About Him To-Morrow.

On the wrong side of Broad street stood an old opera-house that caught the eye of Harvey Spence for his pet scheme of opening a trunk house, for which he decided to give up the selling of shoes after gaining the name of carrying the finest stock in Richmond. He was unable, however, to find any one firm willing to make so large a deal until Saturday. "Talk about sales," said Mr. Spence yesterday, "there is going to be the greatest shoe sale this town ever saw next week, and here I am busy sending out 1,000 pairs, so that the firm who bought them can have them ready by Monday, as I promised to deliver the balance of over 1,000 pairs more Monday or Tuesday. Now, what do you think these people are going to do with them? Why, offer them to the public at a choice of 50 cents a pair." "Do you mean to say the Shoes that you sold for $4 and $5 are to be sold for 50 cents." "Yes, every pair of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Button Shoes, Oxford Ties, and Fancy Slippers, and none of which are worth a cent less than $2, and the majority I sold for from $3 to $5, are to be sold by this firm at a choice of 50 cents a pair." "Pray, who bought these Shoes?" anxiously queried the news man. "Can't you guess the large Broad-street firm which has the enterprise necessary to handle such large lots? It's Meyer's, the big dry-goods store corner Sixth and Broad, and you can say for me it will create a sensation," was the parting remark, as the news man left with the idea of corralling all of his lady friends, and informing them of the great shoe chance.

New Bell Telephones.

BLACKSMITHS.
570—Price, A. D.
BOOTS AND SHOES
74—Taylor & Brown.
COAL AND WOOD.
410—Cottrell & Sons, B.
GROCERS.
1440—Carter & Youmans.
309—Brown, W. J.
1022—Martin, D. J., & Co.
1024—Griffin & Smithers.
1030—Ball, Edward W.
1430—Eubank, J. E.
LIQUOR DEALERS.
1005—Pettus, R. E.
MARKET.
1097—Brauer's, B., Son & Co.
PHYSICIANS.
35—Long, Dr. J. W.
715—James, Dr. M. L.
PRODUCE COMMISSION.
428—Seymour, W. F.
775—Montgomery & Co.
RESIDENCES.
302—Morrissett, B. H.
423—Burruss, C. H.

S. Ullman's Son is selling Groceries at way-down prices. It will pay economical housekeepers to read his advertisement in to-day's paper, and see what a great saving it is to buy your supplies from him: Good, Carolina Rice, 4c. a pound; Best Granulated Sugar, 4c. a pound; Pure Leaf-Lard, 6c.; Pure Lard, 5c. per pound; California Ham, 6c. per pound; Good Salt Pork, 4c. a pound; two cans Tomatoes for 9c.; Best Corn, 5c. a can; 4 large cans Pie-Peaches for 25c.; Light Brown, 3c. per pound; Silver King, Best Minnesota Patent Family Flour, 33c. a sack, or $5.75 a barrel; Best Lump Starch, 3c. per pound; 10 bars Octagon-Shape Soap for 25c.; two boxes Washing Powder for 5c.; Breakfast Bacon, 7c. a pound; 1 pound Prints Creamery Butter, 15c.; Apple-Butter, 3c.; a pound; Jap. Brand Roasted Coffee, in 1-pound- papers (best you ever drank); Java, and Laguayra; Tea-Dust, good as any Tea you ever drank, 10c. a pound. S. Ullman's Son. Down-town stores, Nos. 1820 and 1822 east Main; old and new 'phones. Up-town store, No. 506 east Marshall street; old and new 'phones, 34.

January Investments.

Special attention of those desiring new investments is called to the Prepaid Stock of the United Banking and Building Company. This stock is sold at $50 per share, the par or maturity value of which is $100. Upon the cost of this stock a cash dividend of 6 per cent. per annum is paid until maturity, when the holder will be entitled to receive $100 per share.

For further information apply at the home office of the company, No. 821 east Main street.

After Trying Faithfully

many other remedies, I have concluded that for a slight or deep-seated cough, soreness in the chest, pain in the lungs, Dr. David's Cough Syrup, of pure pine tar, horehound, wild cherry, &c., is a specific. It stops the cough, heals the soreness, and gives sound and refreshing sleep at night. This old-fashion remedy of our mothers is the best known, and especially recommended for children. It is harmless. Price, 25 cents everywhere.

The Dispatch's New 'Phone.

The No. of the Dispatch's new 'phone is 1258. Patrons will please note this. The old 'phone No. is 158.

Meyer Sycle is showing a new line of Chiffons, Mousseline de Soie, Ripple Crepes, Evening Silks, Laces, All-Over Nets, All-Over Laces.

Muslin Underwear sale at Meyer Sycle's, formerly Isaac Sycle & Co.

Meyer Sycle, next corner First and Broad, is showing a new line of Embroidered Chiffon; also, New Neck Ruches.

CLEAR THE TRACKS! WE'VE PUT ON A DOUBLE HEAD OF STEAM AND WILL LET 'ER GO!

FOR THE

Greatest Clothing Run on Record!

With Truth at the throttle and the keenest reductions as fuel, nothing will be able to resist the big run of Clothing from off our counters into the hands of the men of Richmond and vicinity. See the four Big Drivers—$5, $6.75, $8.75, and $13.75! How quickly they will TURN Clothing into cash! True, into only half as much cash as the value of the Clothing, but into cash all the same—and this being inventory time, cash is what we want. Read the following particulars and come at once.

First Trade Driving Wheel: $5.00 Moving out all our $7.50 to $8 Men's Suits and Overcoats.

This is the first time in our history as clothiers that we are offering Men's Suits and Overcoats at $5, and we sincerely trust it may be the last time, as well. Yes, we know certain houses sell $5 suits all the year round. They're garments made of the poorest materials, so as to sell at $5 with a profit. The $5 Suits and Overcoats we offer at this sale are in reality our regular $7.50 and $8 garments. They're honest goods, made to wear for several seasons, and they will.

Second Trade Driving Wheel: $6.75 Moving out all our $8.50, $10, and $12 Men's Suits.

The Suits sacrificed at $6.75 come in pretty dark and medium colored plaids, checks, mixtures, and plain shades; also, blue and black worsteds, in single-breasted styles, and warranted to be strictly all wool.

The Overcoats sacrificed at $7.75 are made of all wool Cheviots, Kerseys, Chinchillas and Beavers.

The old prices still appear on the garments, but no matter whether the ticket says $8.50, $10 or $12, $6.75 is all you pay for suits.

Third Trade Driving Wheel: $8.75 Moving out most of our $15 Men's Suits and Overcoats.

These are truly first-class all-wool garments, the Suits being made of fine Cheviots, Cassimeres, Diagonals, Worsteds, Serges, Tweeds, etc., while the Overcoats are cut from choice Beavers, Chinchillas, &c.

Men who ordinarily would not think of paying less than $15 or even $18 for a Suit or Overcoat are now making their selections from this $8.75 line, many of them buying both Suit and Overcoat.

Fourth Trade Driving Wheel: $13.75 Moving out all our finest Suits and Overcoats.

This is the principal wheel on our great Engine of Trade, for it means that you can come right in and select nearly any Man's Suit or Overcoat in our entire stock—a stock that's admitted by everybody the finest in town—that embraces thousands of regular $20 and $22 Suits and Overcoans—For Thirteen Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents. This is the best chance ever offered to stylish and economical gentlemen.

Compare the Old Price on the Front of the Ticket With the New Price in Red Ink.

Men's $3.50 and $4 Pants. About 250 pairs—all thrown together in one lot, and choice offered for **$2.50**

O. H. BERRY & CO.,
MAIN AND TENTH STREETS.

Men's $5 and $6 Pants. About 250 pairs—all new patterns, perfectly tailored, some equal to custom made; take your choice from all for **$3.50**

NEW YEAR IN SOCIETY

OPENING WEEK MARKED BY SEVERAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE BRILLIANT RICHMOND GERMAN.

One of the Leading Social Events of the Winter—Mrs. Tatum's Reception—Features at the Woman's Club—The Coming Ball.

Madame de Stael, that incomparable conversationalist, once said that the art of conversation was the most important and least considered of all the arts. She established a salon, unrivalled before or since in its brilliancy; and, conspicuous, not only as the gathering-place of statesmen, artists, literateur, and gifted men in every branch of learning and genius; but also for the polished wit and versatility which gave it its distinctive tone.

Apropos of the recollection, some one has said that Virginia wanted but a Madame de Stael to make her the recognized intellectual centre of the United States, and the point of assembly for the most gifted representatives of the pen, the brush, and the forum. I think there sounds a gnashing of teeth and a howl of indignation, should I seek to centre the peculiar force of that great woman upon any one accomplishment; yet she herself spoke of the reign of popularity as the "revival of the lost art of conversation," thus significantly singling out as a pre-eminent characteristic that which in every other age has perhaps received the least attention. Let's question awhile, and see whether there has been a decadence of conversation since that day. Doubtless, so; there are clubs galore—clubs benevolent, and clubs philanthropic; clubs religious, and clubs agnostic; clubs social, and clubs literary; clubs musical, and clubs scientific—but where is the club conversational?

That would be counted a stupid party, indeed, where people "just sat around and talked"; yet the most resplendent period which marks history socially is the one in which the keynote and ruling spirit was the desire to "revive the lost art of conversation." It is not a lost art now, only it resteth awhile. In the midst of other gayeties and in the fearless emulation of a matchless precedent, is there no intrepid Madame de Stael who dares give a conversation party? There are many who could. Some one will do it.

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The Richmond german excelled its own record in the features which it presented last Monday night in elaborate and tasteful decorations, a large and brilliant attendance, exquisite dresses of the participants, and the elegance of the supper. The Woman's Exchange is noted for the excellence of its menus, and the beautiful service which is a prominent feature of every banquet under its supervision, but at no time has it done itself fuller justice than in the magnificent supper which was served on the occasion of the first Richmond german of this year. The beautiful arrangement of the flowers, so susceptible of pretty adjustment—American Beauty roses and smilax—was beyond criticism as it was beyond description. The chaperons were Mesdames George Ross, Thomas Bolling, Levin Joynes, David R. Tennant, Alfred L. Harris, Jr., Edward T. Christian, James W. Allison, and Thomas N. Carter. Those present included Misses Helena Lefroy, Della Tompkins, Virginia Hayes, Eleanor Bosher, Virginia McLeod, Ella Jackson, Anna Lee Alfriend, Maude Stokes, Mary Marian, Kate, and Julia Harris, Mary McCaw, Anne Tennant, May Handy, Annie Rose Walker, Hattie and Fanny Ross, Henning, Flossie Talbott, Mary and Bessie Pace, Kathleen Anderson, Louise Mayo, Bessie Ship of Lexington, Marianne Meade, Judith Deane, Garrett of Norfolk, Annie and Lelia Grey, Belle Perkins, Smith of Norfolk, Brown of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Williams, Mrs. Harry Frasier, Mrs. W. J. Walker, Mrs. Edward Mayo, Mrs. Caskie Cabell, Mrs. John Lottier, Mrs. J. Skelton Williams, Mrs. Sarah Grant Jackson of Atlanta, Mrs. A. C. Young, Mrs. George W. Stephens, Mrs. Charles Antrim, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bolling; Messrs. Charles Antrim, William S. Tunstall of Washington, Ben. Stacy, Hugh McLeod, William Grant, Jr., McMullen of Georgetown, Brown of Baltimore, Alfred Young, George Arents, King of Washington, Harry L. Cabell, Dr. Arthur Cabell, Walter Claiborne, Edward C. Mayo, W. S. P. Mayo, Anderson, Currie, Davenport, Rutherfoord, Chamberlayne, Stewart Bryan, Jonathan Bryan, Robert Campbell, David Tennant, John G. Walker, Preston Noland, G. A. Walker, and others.

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Mrs. A. Randolph Tatum,
Miss Tatum,
January 7th, at 8:30.
Cards.

That, with all it conveys of graceful and elegant hospitality, was the invitation received by about seventy-five favored members of the younger fashionable set. It meant even more than charming graciousness—it meant decorations in which the color-tone was an exquisite blending of pink and green; it meant a superb supper, and, altogether, it meant a delightful evening. The guests included for seven-handed euchre early in the evening Misses Stokes, Sanders, Morton, Harris, Talbot, Johnston, Tennant, Hobson, Bosher, Harrison of Baltimore, Virginia Hayes, Mary Hayes, Mactier, Elsie Cameron, Annie Gray, Lelia Gray, Roy Ellerson, Allering Meade, McCaw, Brown, Deane, Mary Hill, Lefroy, Lina Mayo, Glasgow, Robinson of Washington, Anderson, Binford, Walker, Tompkins, Garrett of Norfolk. At 10 o'clock the following gentlemen arrived: Messrs. Townes, Baskerville, E. C. Mayo, Hobson, W. S. P. Mayo, Willis, Granville Gray, Palmer Gray, Anderson, Cham. Pleasants, Young, E. V. Williams, C. N. Williams, Jr., Rutherfoord, Gibson, Bragg, Holliday, Reid, Blankenship, Wellford, Hawes, Brander, Lucian Tatum, Bosher, H. L. Cabell, J. Currie, P. H. C. Cabell, David Currie, R. L. Williams, Spotswood, A. L. Pleasants, Grant, Dill, Mayo, Binford, Harrison Blair, J. Binford, R. Kennon, Clemens, Mishler of Pennsylvania. The married people present were Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alston Cabell, and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Davenport. The prizes were won by Miss Maud Stokes, Miss Mabel Walker, Miss Julia Morton, Miss Annie Gray, and Miss Marianne Meade.

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That the social features of the Woman's Club claim attention, and with most agreeable results, no less than the literary, is evidenced in the delightful teas which occur fortnightly. Monday evening last Mrs. W. L. Sheppard dispensed the courtesies, assisted by Mrs. Hazard and Miss Lulie Williams. There seems to be an idea prevalent that admission to the club is surrounded by great difficulty, involving endless red tape and all sorts of complications. This mistake has doubtless acted somewhat against an increased membership. The prerequisites to admission to any organization in which ladies are thrown in frequent and personal contact are obvious, and in this case the only practical essential is the endorsation of three members of the club, which is virtually a guarantee of admission, as certainly the judgment of three of its members would be sustained by the remainder of the club. Its objects are purely literary and social, and it should be encouraged in every possible way.

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The "Mistletoe Ball" to be given on the 29th of January at the Masonic Temple, was the principal topic of discussion at a meeting of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities Board Friday afternoon. The arrangements in detail have not yet been completed; but it has been decided, in view of the comfort and enjoyment of the guests, to limit the invitations issued so that the ball may not be overcrowded. The ball will in every respect sustain the established reputation of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities as designers and conductors of entertainments of the highest degree of elegance, and will be among if not the chief, social event of the season.

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The Woman's Club is especially fortunate in including in its course of lectures such an eminent lecturer and writer as Hon. Robert Bruce, ranking as he does among the foremost platform orators of the day. The Albany Evening Journal says of him, "His lectures are among the masterpieces of the lyceum," which opinion is sustained by press and personal notices.

Mr. Bruce will appear before the Woman's Club Monday evening, January 18th, at 8:30 o'clock, when he will lecture upon Robert Burns, a subject which touches a tenderly-responsive chord in the hearts of all lovers of a pure and simple life, and of songs which breathe forth the very sweetness of the flower and melody of birds. Burns's poems are nature caught and preserved in the loveliest mood, and Mr. Bruce is a faithful interpreter of the "Bonnie Highland Laddie." Mr. Bruce will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. William Pemberton.

The papers to be read at the "Woman's afternoon" January 11th, will be on the first part of "Faust," by Miss Annie Empie Sheppard, and on the second part, by Mrs. T. William Pemberton.

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It would be impossible to say too much, and difficult to say enough, in praise of Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart's reading, before the Woman's Club Friday night. Mrs. Archer Anderson, in her introduction, said that a long-anticipated pleasure was being attained that night. Mrs. Stuart is inimitable in her rendering of a dialect, which requires a mellowness and sweetness of voice which few possess, and her familiarity with the scenes which she depicts enables her to give with accuracy and spirit a delineation of characters interesting in their pathos and incomparable in their unconscious wit. Her selections were from "The Dividing Fence"; "Lourny"; "Camelia Ricardo," and "Plantation Verses."

"The Dividing Fence," especially, was no stranger to most of the large audience present, and the philosophy implied in the suggestion that, 'tis strange "how the surpluses on one side fill up the lacks on the other," was recognized as worthy of a Seneca. The involuntary expression of regret which met the announcement that a few "Plantation Verses," which would consume but three or four minutes, would conclude the readings evidenced plainly the keen enjoyment with which the preceding selections had been listened to. The clubrooms were taxed to their utmost capacity by the members in attendance, and should Mrs. Stuart be kind enough to give at some future time another evening of readings in Richmond, the club would, perhaps, have to secure a more spacious assembly-room, so as to share their rare privilege with the many who were denied the pleasure of being present at this meeting.

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The popularity of Mrs. Caskie Cabell's current-events class was attested by the large number present at the first meeting in the new year, Wednesday, January 6th, including many faces familiar to the members but new to the class. Mrs. Cabell touched happily and forcefully upon many leading topics of the day, and a truly artistic finish was effected in the reading of that beautiful product of the pen of Margaret E. Sangster: "At the Parting of the Ways."

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The ladies of the "Associated Hospitals Bazaar" held a meeting Wednesday at the Retreat for the Sick. There was a full attendance, and the reports from the committees representing the different hospitals was very encouraging. Miss Anna Boykin was elected treasurer of the bazaar, and Mrs. William Tatum chairman of the restaurant. A full meeting is desired for next Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

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Miss Maria Blair's Shakespearean class held its first meeting since Christmas on Tuesday afternoon. The lecture was upon a favorite play, "Othello," and one rich in suggestion to a student of Shakespeare. Miss Blair treated her subject as only a scholar could, and her address, like all preceding ones, was an intellectual treat. There were a good many visitors present.

"Goethe's Faust" will be the subject of the literary meeting at the Woman's Club to-morrow (Monday) afternoon at half-past 4 o'clock, with Mrs. E. C. Minor as chairman.

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Miss Marion Waller will be the guest of Miss Bessie Wight, No. 711 west Main street, after January 15th.

Mr. Robert H. Fisher continues quite sick at his residence, north Twelfth street.

Mrs. Charles P. Lee, of Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Goddin, No. 607 west Grace street.

Miss Mary Gordon Wallace is the guest of Miss Elie Maury Werth, No. 313 east Main street.

Miss Elise Goddin left the city last Monday for an extended visit to Illinois, Missouri, and Indian Territory.

Mrs. T. Catesby Jones, of Iron Gate, Va., will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Meade, No. 106 south Third street, for a few weeks.

Miss Ellett Whyte-Stover left Wednesday for her home, in Louisa, after spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. R. B. Stover.

Miss Lelia Garrett, of Norfolk, is visiting Miss Pegram.

Miss Louise Harrison left for her home, in Baltimore, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Boisseau, of Durham, N. C., formerly of Richmond, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Barrett Sydnor, on west Franklin street.

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Mrs. Allison Hodges entertained her whist club at an elegant card party on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph A. White will be "at home" to her friends on next Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Forbes have gone to Lexington to visit their son Blanchard, who is at the Virginia Military Institute.

Some of Mrs. John Dunlop's friends are again her debtors for a most enjoyable afternoon last Thursday, when they were entertained by her at a delightful and handsome tea.

Mrs. John P. McGuire added to her list of courtesies an afternoon reception to a few of her friends on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. T. Carrington, the Misses Carrington, and Mrs. E. R. Stettinius will be "at home" to their friends next Thursday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Sheltering-Arms Hospital Board will be held Monday, January 11th, at 12 M., at which time there will be an election of officers and the collection of annual dues.

THE SOUTHWESTERN HOSPITAL.

Annual Report of This Institution Has Been Printed.

The ninth annual report of the Board of Directors of the Western State Hospital has just been printed, and is now in the hands of the Public Printer, at the Capitol.

The financial exhibit shows the institution to be in excellent condition, so far as finances are concerned. On September 30, 1895, the balance on hand was $5,539.23, and there were received from appropriations and other sources of revenue, during the subsequent fiscal year, $53,891.89. The total cash expended was $58,750.26, and the available cash balance was $590.86. There is also due the institution, on account of transportation, $661.02, making the total balance, after paying all expenses, $1,251.88.

Superintendent Preston, in his report, which is embodied in and made a part of the report of the board, gives a detailed statement of the operations of the institution during the fiscal year, and such statistics as may tend to show the result of the work done and the treatment carried out. He shows that there were 390 patients remaining September 30, 1895. There were 114 admitted during the year; there were 79 discharges, and 10 deaths, which leaves remaining at the close of the fiscal year 325.

The total number treated during this year was 414; the largest number under treatment on any one day was 324; the lowest number, 222; the daily average was 306.

The number of admissions is shown to be larger than for several years, as also the number of discharges. The total number under treatment (414) was higher than any year since the opening of the hospital.

Of the 79 discharges, 72 were discharged as recovered; 7 as improved. Of the 10 deaths reported, 3 were from paresis; 4 were from exhaustion following mania; 1 from apoplexy; 1 from nephritis; 1 from meningitis.

The death-rate was lower than any previous year of the hospital.

Special reference is made by Dr. Preston of the training school and medical and hospital service. The following table shows the form of insanity of those admitted during the year:

Form of Insanity.	Males.	Fe'les.	Total.
Mania—Acute....	18	7	25
" Chronic	2	3	5
" Recurrent	9	6	15
" Epileptic	2	2	4
Melancholia—Acute ..	13	15	28
" Chronic.	10	12	22
Dementia—Primary ..	1	..	1
General—Paresis	1	..	..
Primary — Delusional insanity	..	3	3
Paranoia	..	1	1
Toxic insanity	6	3	9
Total	62	52	114

Some of the most unique causes were anxiety, apoplexy, bad treatment, bite of spider, blow on head, catalepsy, disappointment in love, domestic trouble, excessive use of tobacco, fright, financial trouble, grief, insomnia, jealousy, la grippe, lightning stroke, malaria, overstudy, overwork, old age, opium habit, religious excitement, and sunstroke.

An itemized account of expenditures is given and the report concludes with a memoriam to Dr. Thomas D. Kernan, assistant physician, who died suddenly, on July 24th.

Pay Up or Pay Interest.

Persons who are in arrears in the payment of their taxes must either settle up this month or lay themselves liable to the 6 per cent interest charge. This ordinance goes into effect February 1st, and Collector Frank Cunningham is preparing to make up the delinquent list.

Hotel for Southerners.

Amid the thousands of places for public entertainment in New York there is probably no hotel which furnishes such substantial comfort and elegance in every respect as does The Windsor. It is roomy, and under the skilful management of Mr. Warren F. Leland, its appointments are well nigh perfect. Its location is everything that could be desired.

Colonel John Tyler Dickson, formerly of Norfolk, Va., has recently become connected with the hotel, and speaking of this fact, the New York Press says:

"Men and women from the South have not known where to harbor since the destruction of their former refuge, the New York Hotel, and it has come to pass that our old Mosby "gorilla," Colonel John Tyler Dickson, known all over the southern country, has undertaken to devote his spare hours to showing wanderers from the land of Dixie that the Windsor Hotel is the proper place for them when they come hither to tether. In this interesting device he is sustained by Warren F. Leland, proprietor of The Windsor. I understand that there is a toddy and moonshine awaiting every respectable Southron who registers at The Windsor, and it goes without saying that only respectable ones go there."

DEEP-RUN HUNT CLUB MEET.

Fine Weather and an Excellent Chase Enjoyed Yesterday.

Saturday with the Deep Run Hunt Club is becoming quite an institution, and the fields are invariably large. Yesterday was no exception to the rule, for besides the twenty-five people who rode to the hounds, fully forty people were out in carriages.

The meet yesterday was at the club-house, and the run extended through the Grant lands to Captain Ashburner's old place, and on to Bethlehem church, where the hounds finished one of the fastest and most exciting runs of the season. It was a spirited and very fine chase, and the fifteen miles were covered in about an hour and a half. There were few checks, and the course ridden was a very rough one. Miss Johnson, of Macon, Ga., had two falls, and so had Mr. George Lee, but fortunately neither were hurt.

There was an informal reception at the club after the chase, at which fifteen ladies were present.

Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Pearson both had large house parties out in their drags, and a number of other private vehicles were at the meet.

MADAME URSO'S CONCERT COM'PY.

It Includes Mlle. Carlotta Devignes, the Celebrated Contralto.

Madame Camilla Urso, the celebrated violinist who will appear as the bright particular star of the third concert of the Metropolitan series, will be supported by Mlle. Carlotta Desvignes, prima donna contralto; Mr. Edward Douglas, tenor, and Mr. George H. Wesley, pianist.

The combination is an exceptionally brilliant one, and is sure to command the support and endorsement of a large audience. Madame Urso has established a world-wide reputation as one of the foremost violinists of her day. Carlotta Desvignes was born in Milan, of French and Italian parentage, and is perfect mistress of French, Italian, German, and English. She made her debut when 16 years old in Italian opera at Parma, and the following season was engaged for leading roles at Monte Carlo and Barcelona. She was heard by Sir Augustus Harris, the English operatic impressario, who engaged her for the two following seasons at Covent Garden, where she met with great success. Her latest success was achieved at the Worcester festival.

Seats will be on sale at Messrs. Walter D. Moses & Co.'s to-morrow morning. Prices have been reduced for the balance of the series.

Ladies wearing small shoes can pick from more than 500 pairs Spence's $3, $4, and $5 Shoes, at 50c. pair. Meyer's, Sixth and Broad.

DEATHS.

BELL.—Died, Tuesday, January 5th, with croup, little LUCILE RYON, oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bell, of Marysville, Va.; aged 3 years and 4 months.

Mrs. Bell is sister to Mrs. E. F. Taylor, of this city.

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BOEHME.—Died, in Richmond, Va., January 8th, at 6 A. M., Mr. ERNST BOEHME, in the 63d year of his age.

Funeral will be held SUNDAY, at 2:30 P. M., from his late residence, No. 607 east Marshall street, to St. John's German Evangelical church.

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CHAPPELL.—Died, Thursday morning, January 7, 1897, near Baltimore, Md., CHARLES C. CHAPPELL, son of Captain Samuel J. Chappell, in the 18th year of his age.

His remains will arrive this morning at 9:17 o'clock via York-River railroad.

Funeral from Calvary Baptist church THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON at 3:30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend. Interment at Hollywood.

MOUNTCASTLE.—Died, at his residence, No. 3519 Erin street, Fulton, January 8th, at 9:30 P. M., Mr. A. B. MOUNTCASTLE, in the 45th year of his age.

He leaves three daughters to mourn their loss.

Funeral TO-DAY (Sunday), January 10th, from Fulton Baptist church, at 11:30 A. M. Friends of the family invited to attend.

SHIELDS.—Died, at his residence, at 3 A. M., Saturday, January 9th, JAMES W. SHIELDS; aged 86 years.

Funeral from St. John's church at 3:30 o'clock TO-DAY (Sunday).

WORMLEY.—Died, in Manchester, Va., Saturday, January 9, 1897, at 7:50 o'clock P. M., WARNER L. WORMLEY, son of the late Dr. Carter W. and Ellen B. Wormley, of King William county, Va., in the 58th year of his age.

Funeral will take place from Meade-Memorial church, Manchester, Va., MONDAY, at 12 o'clock M.

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