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CUBAN LEAGUE HERE

ONE FORMED AS THE RESULT OF LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

TWO STIRRING SPEECHES MADE.

Dr. Thomas Pictures the Condition on the Island, While Gen. Johnson Arraigns Cleveland's Administration—An Appeal.

Dr. C. N. Thomas, of Illinois, the accredited representative of the Cuban League of America, delivered an address at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall last night, and had an audience of about 500 of Richmond's best citizens who are in sympathy with the fight for freedom being made by the Cubans to hear him. Dr. Thomas made a strong, interesting, and patriotic speech, and pleaded Cuba's cause in a most convincing manner.

When he concluded, General Bradley T. Johnson was called to the platform, and made a strong address, setting forth the righteousness of the cause of the insurgents. Mr. John W. Starke also spoke briefly.

Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., was requested by Dr. Thomas to act as chairman of the meeting, and presided in a most satisfactory manner. When the addresses were over, the audience having been stirred to enthusiasm by the earnest and eloquent words of Dr. Thomas and General Johnston, formed themselves into a Cuban League, and Mr. Smith was unanimously chosen president of the organization.

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order, and in a short but exceedingly interesting talk introduced Dr. Thomas. He said in the outset that he was in hearty sympathy with the Cuban insurgents, and had himself made a trip to Cuba, where he had seen the insurgents and learned to respect them. He described in brief terms the island as he had seen it, and told of Dr. Thomas's mission, concluding his talk by presenting that gentleman.

ADDRESS OF DR. THOMAS.

Dr. Thomas was greeted with a hearty round of applause as he stepped to the front of the stage, and after a few salutatory remarks he plunged directly into his address. He first described the port of Habana as it appeared to him when his ship ploughed its way through the waters to its wharf. He spoke descriptively of Habana, and told his auditors that the causes of the present war were six in number. The first of these causes, he said, was excessive taxation, and he asserted it as a fact that Cuba was more heavily taxed by Spain than any other country, whether dependent or independent, ever had been. He dwelt on this point for some time, and incidentally touching upon the foreign representatives in Habana, paid a glowing tribute to General Lee, of whom he said: "Never did a country send a more gallant or a braver man to represent it at a foreign port than General Fitzhugh Lee. He is the right man in the right place, and I hope that our new President will retain him there."

Dr. Thomas spoke at length upon the wide difference between the Cubans and Spaniards, and said it was absolutely impossible for the Cubans to mingle in harmony with Spaniards. Their tastes were different, their ideas divergent, and there was nothing in common between them.

"Naturally the Cubans, who are a more intellectual people than the Spaniards," said the speaker, "chafe under their thraldom, and they are going to free themselves. They look north to this great country, and realize that we are free; they turn to their cousins, the Mexicans, who are free, and when they note the birds in the air, they realize that they are free. All are free save themselves, hence their brilliant fighting, for they are fighting for liberty; for freedom from their unbearable bonds."

THE ISLAND'S INHABITANTS.

Dr. Thomas told of the inhabitants of the island. He said that about 810,000 were Cubans, 500,000 colored, and 160,000 Spaniards. He then described these people. The Cubans, he said, were an intellectual people, of high moral character, and the colored people were more intellectual and more refined than the negro of America. He had little to say of the Spanish.

Drifting along in his remarks, the speaker told of his journey into the interior of the island. He laid stress upon the suffering that existed on the island, and of the misery among the Cuban women and children he spoke most feelingly and convincingly. He told of how Weyler had driven the helpless women from their homes, and cast them adrift, to beg and starve. This, he said, should not be permitted, and he expressed the opinion, most emphatically, that the United States should interfere. In this connection, he told of indignities that were offered our people and our flag by Spain, and said that if one half the indignities were cast upon England, as upon America, John Bull would blow Habana and Morro Castle into kindling wood.

NEEDS OF THE ARMY.

Dr. Thomas spoke of the needs of the Cuban army. It wasn't men they wanted, he said. "They have them, and brave and determined ones, too," he continued; "but they need arms and ammunition. If they had 40,000 more rifles they could put 40,000 more men in the field. The Cubans," the speaker said, "will never yield, and a treaty is absolutely out of the question. Conducting, as they are, a guerilla warfare, the Cubans are losing but few men. They have plenty of cattle in the eastern portion of the island, and can raise all the sweet-potatoes they need. They can, therefore, continue their fight for an indefinite period, and they will win."

Dr. Thomas spoke of Cuba's ability to govern herself, and pictured a bright future for her after she has gained her liberty. He then concluded his address with an earnest appeal for substantial assistance for Cubans.

Mr. Smith arose when Dr. Thomas took his seat, and, explaining that the audience were expected to assist the cause in a financial manner, suggested that those who did not care to give for belligerents could do so for the sick and wounded soldiers. A collection was then taken up, and while the committee appointed by Mr. Smith were passing the hat, Mr. John W. Starke delivered a short speech.

GENERAL JOHNSON SPEAKS.

When Mr. Starke took his seat, some one in the audience noticing General Bradley T. Johnson in a back seat, called for him to speak. Everybody took the cry up, and General Johnson was made to go up on the stage and deliver an address.

He spoke on the insurrection, and impressed on his auditors the fact that it was not a revolt of negroes, but of the educated and refined Cubans. Referring to Weyler's butchery, he said that in "slaughtering the innocents" the Captain-General was only carrying on the deliberate policy of Spain. The Spanish army, General Johnson said, confined their butchery to farm-hands and women and children, and frequently murdered whole families, marching afterwards with a naked babe impaled on their bayonets.

He described the Spanish soldier, picturing him as a most awful looking character, and said that he would undertake to go down to Cuba with the First Virginia Regiment and "lick 10,000 of them."

General Johnston spoke of the action of this government during the past four years, and said that its every act had been on behalf of Spain. He asserted positively, that an Assistant Secretary of Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet was the paid counsel of the Spanish Embassy, and naturally directed the movements of our little cutters in the interest of Spain. He said that the great triumph of the State Department, as claimed, was the release of General Julio Sanguilly.

Julio Sanguilly was arrested in February or March, 1896. He is an American citizen, and a near connection of George R. Eustis, American Ambassador to Paris.

Yet he was held for a year, without charges, a prisoner in the Morro, notwithstanding the urgent applications of Eustis and Lee, and at last was released by the diplomacy of the State Department. Why Mr. Olney did not intervene in 1895 or 1896, passes comprehension, and it was not until the American Congress moved that Mr. Olney acted. After two years' causeless imprisonment an American citizen was released!

FORM A CUBAN LEAGUE.

General Johnson took his seat amid great applause, and when he retired from the platform, Dr. Thomas suggested that a Cuban League be formed. Mr. Charles M. Wallace moved that such an organization be effected, and Mr. Smith suggested that those who did not care to enter into such a league should retire. About fifty gentlemen remained and were enrolled as members of the league. Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., was elected president; Mr. J. B. Gilman, vice-president; Mr. Ivan Stephens, secretary, and Mr. John W. Starke, treasurer. The league decided to have another public meeting in the near future, to be arranged for by the president.

RUN OVER BY A CAR.

Willie Parsons Seriously If Not Fatally Injured at Barton Heights.

Willie Parsons, a boy of 12 years, whose home is in the ravine between Barton Heights and Chestnut Hill, was run down by Electric-Car No. 124 of the North-Side Line of the Richmond Railway and Electric Company near the Barton Heights School building yesterday afternoon, and seriously, perhaps fatally, injured.

The lad, with several companions, was playing near the tracks, and must not have seen the approaching car. The boys continued their play until the car reached a point opposite them, about twenty feet away, when, with his face turned aside, as if he did not see it, Willie attempted to cross the track. The car struck him, and in a moment's time his body was entangled with the wheels beneath the car. The brakes were applied, and the motorman, Mr. Fred. Gayle, did all in his power to prevent the terrible results; but his efforts were futile, and it was with difficulty that the child's body was removed. When taken away he was unconscious, and was borne to the residence of Mrs. Lorraine. Dr. Michaux was soon at the boy's side, and dressed his wounds.

It was found that the injured lad's skull had been badly fractured; there were several severe cuts on the head, and his collar-bone was dislocated. There were also ugly bruises about the body. The ambulance went later in the evening and removed the youthful sufferer to the Retreat for the Sick, where he will receive every attention as long as is needed.

At a late hour last night his physician said the lad's mind was clearer, but his injuries caused very grave apprehensions.

The accident occurred at an hour of the day when somebody is always passing, and eye-witnesses say that no blame can be attached to the motorman; that he did all a man could do to avoid that which he regrets most deeply. Mr. Gayle was arrested, however, and later was bailed. He has been an employee of the company for a half-dozen years or more, and is considered a careful and capable man.

Willie lived with his mother, Mrs. Alice J. Parsons, between Barton Heights and Chestnut Hill, but attends school on the Heights. He is a manly, sturdy lad, and no reason can be assigned for his heedlessness, but that he was so much engrossed in his play the car's approach was not noticed.

HAS WESTOVER BEEN SOLD?

That Is the Question at Issue Now—Some Say Not.

The rumor that Westover, Major A. H. Drewry's estate on James river, has been sold, which was noticed in yesterday's Dispatch, has not yet been verified, though there is no doubt of the fact that the property is on the market. It was some time ago placed in the hands of Mr. Stevens, of Lynchburg, a land agent, who recently disposed of "Homewood," on the James. It would appear, though, that Mr. Stevens has not effected a deal as yet, as the Dispatch last night received the following telegram from its Lynchburg correspondent in reply to a query sent him:

"Westover has not been sold."

It was reported in Richmond yesterday that the estate had been sold to Mr. David Dunlap, of Petersburg, but this also appears to be premature, as is shown in the following special from the Dispatch's Petersburg correspondent:

"It has been known for some days that Mr. David Dunlop, of this city, was in negotiation with Major A. H. Drewry and his agent, at Lynchburg, for the property, and that a small difference as to figures was the only thing that prevented a prompt consummation of a sale.

"It was understood that the price asked for the property was $40,000, and that an offer of $35,000 cash was made by Mr. Dunlop, but declined. A subsequent offer of $30,000 in cash and a fine farm in Brunswick county, which, with the improvements thereon, had cost between $15,000 and $20,000, was then made, and it was understood by Mr. Dunlop that this proposition was under consideration. He has not been notified of a decision on this latter offer.

"The northern bidder for the property is said to be Mr. A. G. Spaulding, the well-known manufacturer of sporting goods."

A Grand Display.

Saks & Co., the popular outfitters, put another spoke in their wheel of enterprise, when they announced to the ladies of Richmond the opening of a new department of Ladies', Misses', and Children's Cloaks, Suits, and Wraps.

It is needless to say the invitation extended was eagerly accepted by the thousands of ladies under whose eyes it fell, for they turned out in force, and from the congratulations they extended to the firm and the manager of the new department, they must have been hugely pleased with what they saw.

A Dispatch man dropped into the store during the afternoon, and, after elbowing his way through the maze of cases, and racks, and models and crowds of interested womankind, he found Mr. Gans, the manager of this successful business. He was ready to talk. He said: "We have long contemplated the possibilities of a Cloak and Suit Department that would provide the ladies of Richmond with facilities equal to those enjoyed in the larger cities. It is too bad that such a volume of business that should be retained in this city has for years journeyed to New York and Philadelphia; and when we engaged our cloak-buyer we told him we wanted him to put in a stock that would attract the trade. He certainly has done so.

"We told him, too, that Saks & Co. have a reputation for value-giving at popular prices, and that we wanted the Cloak Department to 'toe the same line.' I have been merchandising for twenty years, and not because it's our stock do I say it, but never in all my experience have I seen such garments as he has had made up for this season's selling. Of course, now we are merely having an opening; but a little later, when we settle down to business, and quote prices, we shall surprise our lady friends."

PEGRAM'S PORTRAIT.

IT IS PRESENTED TO LEE CAMP WITH APPROPRIATE EULOGIES.

M'CABE AND PURCELL SPEAK.

Other Distinguished Orators—General Dabney Maury Cheered—A Large, Distinguished, and Enthusiastic Gathering.

The occasion of the presentation of the oil-painting of Colonel William J. Pegram to Lee Camp last night was rendered as brilliant as it was interesting, by reason of the large and distinguished gathering which signalized it. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity.

The choice of an orator for the occasion had fallen, happily, upon Colonel W. Gordon McCabe. Gifted with exceptional rhetorical powers, and able to deal with the subject in the closest personal way, by reason of his having served as adjutant to the valorous young commander, Colonel McCabe was peculiarly fitted to assume the leading role in last night's touching episode. No less apt was it that Colonel John B. Purcell, son of the patriotic gentleman who had, from his ample means, equipped the first battery that left Richmond to go to the front, should have been chosen to accept the portrait on behalf of Lee Camp.

PORTRAIT OF COLONEL WILLIAM J. PEGRAM.

The speeches of these two gentlemen were worthy of the great occasion, and fairly ran the gamut of human emotions, at times creating the greatest enthusiasm, and, then, again, bringing tears into the eyes of many of their hearers.

A SPLENDID PORTRAIT.

The portrait was displayed in the centre of the hall upon an easel. It is handsomely framed in gilt. The picture itself has been admirably executed, and is a speaking likeness of the young soldier as he is remembered by those around him during the last days of his glorious career, bringing out in a striking manner all those delicate characteristics of his most noble face.

It was nearly 8:30 o'clock when Commander Warren tapped the camp to order, and the proceedings were opened with prayer by the chaplain, Rev. James Power Smith. After the transaction of some routine business, Major Brander introduced Colonel McCabe, who, wearing his uniform as past commander of Confederate veterans, had been given the place of honor to the right of the camp commander.

THE PRESENTATION ADDRESS.

Colonel McCabe opened his remarks by saying that on behalf of the surviving officers and men of Pegram's Battalion of Artillery of A. P. Hill's Corps, he had the honor to present to Lee Camp the superb "counterfeit presentment" of their heroic commander; that he should speak but few words, for in the presence of the veterans of that immortal army wherein Pegram won his fame but few words were needed, and that, indeed, he almost feared to speak at all, lest he should injure that memory which he would honor. He rapidly sketched, in outline Pegram's marvellous career, rising each campaign from grade to grade, until the boy who had entered the army in 1861 as a simple private held at his death in battle one of the eight great commissions in the Army of Northern Virginia as full colonel of artillery.

Passing into particulars, he recalled to his veteran comrades Pegram's superb valor on many desperate fields, and aroused the greatest enthusiasm of his old men, as he depicted the stirring scene at the battle of Jericho Ford, when Grant attempted to force the passage of the North Anna, where Heth veterans gave Pegram's command the name of "the fighting battalion."

PEGRAM'S LAST DAYS.

He dwelt upon the closing scene in the career of this brilliant young officer, who died in Colonel McCabe's arms after the desperate fight at Five Forks, and spoke with deep feeling of his rare self-abnegation and lofty character. Turning then to Colonel Purcell, the speaker continued:

"And now, sir, to you, as the representative of Lee Camp, I confide this portrait of our beloved young commander—the brilliant artillerist, the pride of his corps, the foremost figure of all Virginia's immortal youth. It has seemed to us, the surviving officers and men of his famous battalion, peculiarly appropriate that it should be received by one whom we all respect and love as the honored son of a noble sire. Your father it was, sir, who, with characteristic Irish generosity, equipped the first battalion that left Richmond—a battery that everywhere skilfully handled in presence of the enemy, yet lost during its four years of service above 220 officers and men, killed and wounded. It was as captain of this battery that Pegram won his hard-earned fame. Indissolubly, then, is your own honored name associated with the glory and the services of 'the fighting battalion.'

"A little over a year ago mine was the honor to stand in this place, and on behalf of the Building Committee present to this camp the portrait of our great commander (Lee). It is fitting that, as time goes by, you should gather about him the pictures of his famous captains. But to none of them, no matter how high their rank, shall the veterans of this camp accord a more soldierly reverence, a more enthusiastic admiration, than to this simple boy-colonel, of whom men said even in his life-time, as was said of William Napier, that he seemed raised up from among the mediaeval dead and set in our midst to give proof that the spirit of knightly constancy and valor had not departed from our times."

As Colonel McCabe resumed his seat he was loudly applauded.

ON BEHALF OF THE CAMP.

Colonel John B. Purcell, in accepting the portrait on behalf of Lee Camp, said: "It requires some courage to stand before this audience and receive this picture, presented by such an orator, especially when one is unaccustomed to such service. From no worth of my own, but rather as an evidence of the high esteem in which my father was held by the Pegram Battery Association, is due the singular honor which has been conferred upon me. R. E. Lee Camp accepts this token of your love, sir, and will ever cherish it. There is no picture in this hall that will glisten with more distinction that that of Commander Pegram."

Continuing, he spoke of the excellence and greatness of the work of collecting the portraits of the distinguished men whose careers made the world ring with their praises during the war. Colonel Pegram was one of the great types of the heroes that the South had given to history. He gave a brief history of the career of Colonel Pegram, and said he could not refrain from mentioning the name of one other officer, whose portrait he hoped some day to see upon the walls of the camp, and whose career bore a strange resemblance to that of Colonel Pegram—J. W. Lattimer, the boy lieutenant. In very eloquent and expressive terms Colonel Purcell extended the gratitude of the camp to the association for the "counterfeit presentment" of the noble young chieftain.

WORDS FROM THE CLERGY.

At the conclusion of Colonel Purcell's address, which was received with many demonstrations of approval, the commander called upon Rev. Dr. Tudor to address the camp. Dr. Tudor said he could not pass by the inspiration of the occasion. He had only one thing, however, to add to the two brilliant addresses that he had listened to with so great pleasure, and that was a word with which he was very familiar in his vocation—Amen. He paid a touching tribute to Colonel Pegram's valor and high moral character.

Right Rev. Bishop Van de Vyver was asked to address the meeting. He said that he well remembered, as a boy in a French university during the war, the delight with which the news of a southern victory was received. His sympathies had always been with the South, and since coming to Virginia he had learned that the high estimate of southern valor and chivalry that he had formed had been a correct one.

Rev. Dr. Menzel, who was the next to be called upon, said he was a young man of 22 years when the war broke out, living in the Black Forest. He spoke of the excitement prevalent in the old country and the interest taken in all features of the war. It was believed then, he said, that the armies of the North, so much larger and better equipped, must inevitably crush the Confederacy at once, but as the news of the war recounted the repeated victories of the South, the Germans began to learn something of States rights and the justice of the southern cause.

Major Stiles spoke eloquently of the life of the Christian and the soldier, drawing a striking comparison. He paid a glowing tribute to the high moral character of Colonel Pegram. Pointing to the picture, he said in it one might trace the faith, the sweetness, the purity, and the courage of Pegram.

Judge Christian was the next to address the meeting. He eulogized the Army of Northern Virginia, and said that when a boy he had worked with Willie Pegram in the office of James Ellett. He knew him well and had learned to love him much. It delighted him, he said, to see the people of Richmond turn out in such numbers to honor the cause and the men who supported that cause.

GEN. DABNEY MAURY CHEERED.

Upon the motion of Mr. John D. Purcell, General Dabney Maury was introduced, and was greeted with much enthusiasm, which found an outlet in giving three ringing cheers for the distinguished veteran. General Maury said he appreciated very fully the high compliment to longevity. He related several very amusing incidents which came within his personal experience.

Attorney-General Scott then gave some interesting reminiscences of his personal experiences. He said there was much talk now of peace conferences, and he was in favor of peace only if it were honorable. He spoke of the justice of the southern cause, and said no Confederate soldier need blench to acknowledge that he had fought for it. He said that to the names of the noble galaxy, Pegram and Lattimer, which had been suggested, he would like to add that of Pelham.

Colonel J. P. Fitzgerald gave with evident emotion a graphic account of the battle in which Pegram was killed. He was present at that time, and he related some thrilling personal experiences. He eulogized the private soldier and the part he had borne in the struggle. He insisted upon the importance of every Confederate soldier writing his war record, and urged those present to do so.

The camp adjourned shortly after 10 o'clock.

Special Services at Leigh-Street.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Dunaway, who is supplying the pulpit of Leigh-Street Baptist church, will begin a revival meeting to-morrow night, and will preach nightly throughout next week. Dr. Dunaway has made a fine impression upon the Leigh-Street people, and is having large congregations regularly. The special services will certainly be well attended.

Congressman Lamb Gone to Washington.

Congressman John Lamb, who will represent this district in the nation's legislative halls during the next two years, left yesterday at noon for Washington.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

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

TOBACCO CO. WINS.

VICE-CHANCELLOR REED DISMISSES THE BILL AGAINST IT.

PRESENT LITIGATION ENDED.

Points Raised by the Complainants and the Views of the Court—Syllabus Attached to the Decision.

TRENTON, N. J., March 12.—In the suit brought to annul the charter of the American Tobacco Company and break up what is known as the "Tobacco Trust," Vice-Chancellor Reed this morning filed an opinion dismissing the bill, and ending the present litigation against the company. In the language of the Vice-Chancellor, the action was brought "to restrain the defendants from transacting their business, and from conducting it in a manner prejudicial to the complainants, and injurious to the people of the State of New Jersey." The bill was filed by Attorney-General Stockton, on the petition of John R. and Frank W. Miller, jobbers in paper cigarettes, with whom the American Tobacco Company refused to deal, according to the allegation of the Millers, because they persisted in also handling the "Admiral" cigarette, manufactured by a rival corporation.

Among other things, the bill filed set out that for many years prior to January 21, 1890, the manufacturers composing the American Tobacco Company transacted business independently of each other. The trust was then formed, being composed of William S. Kimball and James T. Hart, under the firm-name of W. S. Kimball & Co., of Rochester; Charles G. Emery, under the firm-name of Goodwin & Co., of New York; Allen & Ginter, of Virginia; the W. Duke & Sons' Company, of North Carolina, and the Kinney Tobacco Company, of New York. The capital stock was $25,000,000, and they have been selling 95 per cent. of all the cigarettes sold in the country.

The complainants alleged that soon after they began dealing in "Admiral" cigarettes, they received a communication from the American Tobacco Company, which expressed their displeasure. This was followed by a refusal of the American Tobacco Company to sell them more goods.

THE OPINION.

Vice-Chancellor Reed holds that an equity court has no jurisdiction; that the proceedings should have been brought in the nature of quo warranto, and that corporations have a right, when legally formed, to deal just as individuals do.

The points raised by the complainants, and Vice-Chancellor Reed's full views, may be inferred from the following syllabus, which he has attached to the decision:

"1. A court of equity does not possess the power to restrain a corporation organized under the forms of law from performing acts within its corporate power, merely because some of the steps taken in organizing the company may have been irregular, or because the purpose of the corporators may have been to establish a monopoly.

"2. Under these conditions, quo warranto is the proper proceeding to challenge the right of the corporation to exercise its franchise.

"3. A trading or manufacturing corporation, until its charter is annulled by such a proceeding at law, has the same authority as an individual trader or manufacturer to sell or consign its goods, to select its selling agents, and to impose conditions as to whom they shall sell, and the terms upon which they shall sell.

"4. A decree restraining the officers and agents of a corporation from executing corporate acts is the same as a decree enjoining the corporation itself."

R. V. Lindabury, of Elizabeth, and Joseph Choate, of New York, conducted the case for the American Tobacco Company.

THE POPULIST CONFERENCE.

State Convention Called—Senator Daniel Commended.

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 12.—(Special.)—The conference of Populist leaders adjourned this morning, after adopting the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Populist party hold a State convention in the city of Roanoke; that a committee be appointed to formulate a platform and a State ticket, and report that plan to the next State convention, and that this committee act in conjunction with the Executive Committee in calling the State convention.

DANIEL COMMENDED.

Senator Daniel was endorsed, as follows:

That we recognize the importance of having a representative of Virginia in the United States Senate who will reflect the sentiment of an overwhelming majority of her people upon the vital issue in national politics—of the free and unrestricted coinage of both silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the assent or the co-operation of any other nation or country. While we do not commit ourselves at this time to any particular candidate, we heartily endorse the services of the Hon. John W. Daniel on the silver question, and tender to him our sincere thanks for the zeal, ability, and courage with which he has defended the interests of his constituents against the selfish and greedy demands of the owners of gold.

NEWSPAPERS.

The question of establishing newspapers in various sections of the State was considered, and a committee was appointed to investigate the practicability of the scheme.

FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

Appropriate Services to Be Held in Four Churches To-Morrow Night

At the February meeting of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, President Smith appointed a committee to prepare for the forty-third anniversary of the association, consisting of Mr. Stewart M. Woodward, chairman; C. B. Richardson, Ed. N. Newman, L. G. Burruss, A. T. Ragland, and General-Secretary McKee. The committee have been working quietly, and have at last completed arrangements for the anniversary exercises. To-morrow will be a big day in the association's history, as the anniversary exercises will be held in four different churches at night at 8 o'clock, as follows:

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Rev. J. J. Gravatt, Pastor—Meeting will be addressed by the Rev. Fred. W. Clampett, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, Baltimore, Md.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. R. P. Kerr, D. D., Pastor—The address will be delivered by Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D. D., of Wilmington, N. C.

Centenary Methodist Church, Rev. W. V. Tudor, D. D., Pastor—The address of the evening will be delivered by the Rev. J. T. Wightman, D. D., of Lexington, Va.

Venable-Street Baptist Church, Rev. J. S. Dill, D. D., Pastor—Address by Rev. J. J. Hall, of Norfolk, Va.

All of the speakers are strong men, and it is safe to say that there will be four large audiences. The idea of the committee in having four meetings was that all who desired to attend might have an opportunity to do so. It is more than probable that a number of churches will close to unite in these services.

The past year has been a most successful one in the history of the association. Not only have extensive improvements been made to the building, but the membership has increased. Together with these magnificent results has been the deepening of spiritual life. These meetings will be held for the purpose of presenting anew the work of the association and the need of definite work for young men. Both ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend the meetings. There will be no solicitation of funds.

In the Association Hall at 4 o'clock Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D. D., will address the meeting. Dr. Hoge is a most forceful and eloquent speaker. The meeting will be in the interest of men. Rev. Dr. Hoge is a nephew of Rev. Moses D. Hoge, D. D., of this city, and comes at the invitation of the committee especially to deliver these addresses.

The Grace-Street Baptist church quartette—composed of Mrs. C. T. Brengle, soprano; Miss Effie Cofer, alto; Mr. Haddon S. Watkins, tenor, and Mr. Henry Burnett, bass—will sing. Mr. Haddon Watkins will also sing a solo, and the accompanist of the afternoon will be Miss Fanny Powell. The doors for this meeting will open at 3:30 o'clock.

At 3 o'clock sharp Mr. L. A. Coulter, State Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, will talk to boys in the association parlor and reading-rooms. Mr. Coulter's address will be full of interest to the boys. The meeting will be opened with a special service of song, including a mandolin duet. This will be State-Day, and the boys should hear all about it.

BREEZY STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The Newport News Land Company Elects New Directors.

The special called meeting of the stockholders of the Newport News Land Company developed some exciting, as well as interesting features, yesterday. It was held at noon in the offices of Messrs. Wendenberg & Pollock, counsel for a number of the stockholders of the concern, who had taken exception to the action of the officers in dealing with certain options and stock. Mr. Otis H. Russell was called to the chair.

Mr. W. P. DeSaussure, general counsel for the company, represented the officers and the interests of Mr. L. P. Routt. He announced that he held a power of attorney from Mr. Routt to vote the 335 shares held by that gentleman, but, recognizing that these shares would control the action of the meeting, he suggested that the chairman should appoint a committee of three to vote the shares. This was agreed to, and the Chair appointed Messrs. DeSaussure, V. E. A. Spott, and J. W. Gilliam members of the committee. Mr. Wendenberg moved that the meeting should proceed to the election of new officers, and the motion prevailed, despite the protest of Mr. DeSaussure. The latter then presented the old members of the board, as follows: Messrs. L. H. Blair, A. S. Buford, W. R. McKinney, Governor O'Ferrall, George A. Schmelz, William Ryan, and Carter M. Braxton.

Mr. J. W. Gilliam submitted the following: Messrs. Michael Murphy, J. W. Gilliam, V. E. A. Spott, G. K. Pollock, James Bahen, Dr. G. Smith, and F. B. Steger, Jr.

Upon a vote being taken, the ticket submitted by Mr. Gilliam was elected. When that gentleman voted the 335 shares for Mr. Routt, Mr. DeSaussure entered a very vigorous protest, and wished to withdraw his offer as to the appointment of a committee to vote the stock. This was overruled by the chairman, and, on motion of Mr. Wendenberg, the new Board of Directors was empowered to elect the officers of the company.

The meeting then adjourned until Saturday, March 27th, at noon.

May Be Made Compact Manager.

Mr. Aubrey D. Young, an attache of the London and Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company will, it is understood, probably be made compact manager for the insurance agents here. His chief duty, if he is chosen for the position, will be the adjusting of the tariff in the various lines of insurance.

AN ENCOURAGING CRITERION.

Large Orders Placed by a Prominent Co-Operative Buying Association.

The members of the New York Dry-Goods Exchange held a general meeting at their office, Nos. 45-51 Lispenard street, on Wednesday evening. It was well attended, and one of the most spirited gatherings in the history of the concern. President Fox called the members to order, and invited Ike Cohen, of Richmond to take charge of the meeting.

Mr. Cohen, in a few fitting words, spoke of the many advantages he had derived from co-operation with other merchants, and predicted that at no distant day the great majority of merchants throughout the country would appreciate the necessity of closer union. He remarked that, "what one man knows is a good thing, but what fifty men know is a much better thing."

It was the general impression among those present that an era of prosperity is now before us, and that the results of re-established confidence will soon become apparent.

Some very large orders were placed in conjunction by those present. If the members of the Exchange are a criterion, there is much greater freedom in the buying of merchandize than there has been for twelve months past. The undercurrent of thought seemed to be that goods were as low as they are likely to be for a long time, and that there will be a good demand this season.

We congratulate the Dry-Goods Exchange on its success, as it is now the largest organization of its kind in the United States, and has been built up to its present strength in three and a half years. We believe such institutions have a generally good effect upon the dry-goods business, and should like to see more of them in this city.—Dry-Goods Economist.

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The Weather.

FAIR

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—8 P. M.—Forecast for Virginia—Fair and colder weather; southerly winds.

North and South Carolina—Fair weather, preceded by showers on the coast; colder; northerly winds.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was warm, with heavy rains in the morning, followed by clear skies in the afternoon and at night.

State of thermometer:

6 A. M.	43
9 A. M.	46
12 M.	56
3 P. M.	67
6 P. M.	63
12 Night	55
Mean temperature	55 1-6

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MR. D. B. COLLINS PASSES AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

HIS LONG LIFE IN MASONRY.

Was a Popular Member of the Craft and Officially Connected with Every Branch of the Fraternity in Richmond—His Family.

Mr. Dennis Benjamin Collins, one of Richmond's oldest and most highly-esteemed citizens, died at his home, No. 1010 north Fifth street, yesterday shortly after noon. His illness, which extended over many months, was borne with characteristic patience and fortitude. He was surrounded by members of his family when the final summons came.

Mr. Collins was born in Washington, D. C., November 9, 1822, and was, therefore, in the 75th year of his age. He came to Richmond when quite young,

MR. DENNIS BENJAMIN COLLINS,
(From a Photograph Taken Some Years Ago.)

and engaged in the tinners' business on Broad street, and later he was for a number of years with Mr. John Bowers, of this city. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss White, from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and his second was Miss Frayser, of Richmond. The latter and seven children—Mrs. Albert Witty; Mrs. Robert Glenn; Mr. Harry Collins, of Baltimore; Mr. Walter Collins, of Massachusetts, and Messrs. Myron, Stanley, and Arthur Collins—of Richmond, survive him.

Mr. Collins was probably the best-known Mason in the city, being the tiler of not only all the Blue lodges, but also of the Royal Arch Chapters, and the two commanderies of Knights Templar. He was made a Mason in Dove Lodge, No. 51, in 1858, and has seen thirty-eight years of constant and active Masonic work. He was a member of Lafayette Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Richmond Commandery, No. 2; Knights Templar, and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Mr. Collins was a consistent member of Immanuel Baptist church, and his friends and brother Masons all feel that, as far as possible, he tried to imitate the Most Excellent Grand Master in his virtuous and amiable conduct; in his unfeigned piety to God; in his inflexible fidelity to every trust, and welcomed the grim tyrant Death as a kind messenger sent from his Supreme Grand Master to transfer him from this imperfect to that all perfect, glorious, and Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe in all His glory presides.

The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but will be this morning by a committee representing the various Masonic organizations to which he belonged. The services will probably be held at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon, and the interment will be made with Masonic honors.

Death of a Young Priest.

Brother Lawrence Wiegand, O. S. B., of St. Leo's Military College, Florida, died yesterday afternoon at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wiegand, 901 west Marshall street. Death resulted from an affection of the lungs, which became so serious about a year ago that he had to give up his work at St. Leo's and return to his home, in Richmond, where he had remained since.

Deceased was a native of this city, and was in his 24th year. He attended St. Mary's School here, and then took the course at St. Mary's College, Belmont, N. C., and was one of the brightest young men in the school. He had a fine mind, and gave promise of a brilliant career. He was of quiet, amiable disposition, and was very popular with the students.

The funeral will take place from St. Mary's German Catholic church Monday morning at 9 o'clock, with requiem high mass.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Miss Mary A. Roper died yesterday afternoon at the residence of her sister, Mrs. John Currie, 15 east Franklin street, in the 74th year of her age. Miss Roper was a native and life-long resident of Richmond, and was well known and greatly beloved by the older residents, especially on Church Hill, where she long resided. She was for a long time an active member of Grace-Street Presbyterian church. Deceased was the aunt of Messrs. David M. and John Curry, and the late Mrs. Richmond Lewis. The funeral will take place from the house Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Other Deaths and Funerals.

Mrs. Rosa B. Sutton, relict of Captain Robert A. Sutton, of King and Queen county, died here yesterday at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. S. H. Roane, No. 408 north Thirty-first street. She had been a sufferer for a long time. Mrs. Sutton leaves two sons and two daughters—Messrs. William B. Sutton, of Richmond, and Robert B. Sutton, of King and Queen county, and Mrs. John H. Redwood and Mrs. S. H. Roane, both of this city. The funeral will take place from Shackelford's chapel, King and Queen county, to-morrow.

Mrs. Ann B. Johnson died at the Protestant Episcopal Church Home Thursday morning. She had been connected with that institution for nearly twenty-two years, and was 72 years old at the time of her death. Deceased was the widow of Major William Johnson, and the mother of Mr. Cameron Johnson, an Episcopal missionary to Japan, and Mrs. Virginia Johnson Briggs. Mrs. Johnson's first husband was General Douglass Lane. The funeral took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret A. Danforth, widow of Colonel John B. Danforth, who died at her residence, on Fourth street, on Thursday, will take place from Grace-Street Presbyterian church at 4 o'clock to-day.

Mrs. Virginia Bowen died Thursday night at her home, 101 east Canal street. She was in her 69th year. She was the widow of Daniel Y. Bowen, and only sister of Mr. A. Bargamin. The funeral will take place this morning at 12:30 o'clock from St. James church.

Paid a Fraternal Visit.

Members of Rescue and Richmond lodges of Good Templars paid a fraternal visit to Howard's-Grove Lodge on Thursday night. There was an initiation and an election, and after the work an impromptu entertainment was given, the programme of which included interesting addresses and bright and clever musical selections.

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