AT BERRY'S,
Main and Eleventh Sts.

This is only the second day, but to a man who has "Sworn off" it seems a month since January 1st.

Get your mind off from it—think of something else.

It will interest you and change your line of thought to come in here and look at a few surprises in prices:

Suits.

Start the new year in a fresh attire. We've startling values to offer you at $7.50!—worth $10 and $12.50; really worth it. At $9.75 you can secure a really fine suit—worth $15 or $18!

Overcoats.

Nearly all lengths and weights—nearly all fabrics—are to be found in our OVERCOAT SALE now in progress. Carefully and strongly made up and tastefully trimmed—strong values at $15 and even $18. Your absolute choice here—only $9.75.

Underwear.

You'll find this an attractive place to buy, now, particularly. 25 per cent. and 35 per cent. off on many lines Underwear.

C. H. Berry & Co.
HEAD TO FOOT OUTFITTERS

MISS CASTELLO AT Y. M. C. A.

A Full Day Ends With Delightful Entertainment.

Yesterday was a full day for the Young Men's Christian Association. It was the first time the entire building was open for public inspection since a series of repairs were commenced several months ago. The new baths, which are said to be the finest in the South, were the admiration of all.

The large display of calendars received its full share of commendation. In the collection were nearly 400 ordinary advertising calendars. The collection will be on exhibition for ten days, and will be added to daily. At 5 o'clock two association teams played a game of basket-ball.

At night the first number of the members' entertainment course was given. Miss Bernice Castello, of New York, assisted by Richmond talent, delighted the audience.

M. COHEN SONS & CO.'S STORE.

Contract Calls for Its Completion in February—The Ballard House.

February 22d is the date on which Contractor Sitterding is expected to have ready for occupancy the storehouse on the Exchange Hotel site, which will be occupied by M. Cohen Sons & Co., of Petersburg. The work is going forward as rapidly as possible.

M. Millhiser & Co., whom Messrs. Cohen Sons & Co. will succeed, will retire from business during the present year. Their lease on the Cary-street quarters will expire in May. Many of the employees of Millhiser & Co. will go with the new firm, including Mr. E. B. Sydnor, the buyer for Millhiser & Co.

It is stated that the Ballard House, opposite the Exchange site, may be converted into a mercantile establishment. The owners have been approached by men who contemplate leasing the property, and Mr. Sitterding will make estimates of the remodelling of the old building.

Work of the Police.

Officer Farley, of the Second District, and Special-Officer Duke, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, arrested four negro tramps yesterday morning. They had been fastened up in a box-car, but broke out near Hollywood Cemetery. Although nothing was missing from the car, the quartette will be up this morning for trespassing. The arrests were made under the law enacted by the recent Legislature, which makes stealing a ride on a railroad a misdemeanor.

Two negroes were seen by Policeman Thomas, of the Third Station, on Monday, carrying several pieces of harness. When the pair saw the officer they left their booty and made good their escape. The harness is held at the station awaiting the owner.

A buggy-robe, which was found in the street, is at the Second Station, awaiting identification.

Cutting Expenses to a Fine Point.

The Passenger and Power Company has put into operation a new rule, which permits only motermen and conductors in uniform to ride free over the lines. Heretofore, the men have worn badges, which gave them the right to ride free at any time, and whether in uniform or not.

Interest on City Bonds Due.

City-Auditor Warren will to-day be busy paying out about $100,000 as interest due on the municipal debt.

"COLDS."

Radway's Ready Relief cures and prevents Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Influenza, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Swelling of the Joints, Lumbago, Inflammation, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Toothache, Asthma, Difficult Breathing.

Radway's Ready Relief is a sure cure for every Pain, Sprain, Bruises, Pains in the Back, Chest, or Limbs. It was the first and is the only Pain Remedy that instantly stops the most excruciating pains, allays inflammation, and cures congestions, whether of the lungs, stomach, bowels, or other glands or organs, by one application.

RADWAY'S READY RELIEF

For Internal and External Use.

A teaspoonful in water will in a few minutes cure Cramps, Spasms, Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Sick Headache, Diarrhœa, Colic, Flatulency, and all internal pains. Sold by druggists.

RADWAY & CO.,
No. 55 Elm street,
no 4-Su,W&w New York.

Many thousand dollars are brought to Richmond each year by local insurance companies, and many thousands are sent away by citizens to foreign companies. Moral: Insure with Virginia State.

MORRIS CASE TO-DAY.

WILL BE CALLED BEFORE JUDGE INGRAM, OF MANCHESTER.

OTHER NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

Banquet of the Business-Men Exciting Interest—Officers of Juniors and Daughters of Liberty Installed—Briefs.

The Morris case, involving Dr. Dorsey L. Morris as plaintiff and Mrs. Ella Amelia Morris as defendant, will be called in the Manchester Hustings Court before Judge Ingram to-day at 10 o'clock.

The suit comes up to-day on a petition filed in the divorce proceedings, asking for alimony and counsel fee and praying that Dr. Morris be summoned to appear before the Court and show why he should not give up the custody of Gladys, their 3-year-old daughter.

In accordance with this petition, filed by Mrs. Morris's counsel, the Court issued an order, which was served on Monday night, requiring Dr. Morris to appear in court to-day at the hour named above.

The petition itself is a most interesting paper. It is plaintive in tone and pathetic, and in a measure answers the allegations set forth in the bill for divorce filed by Dr. Morris in December.

This paper, drawn up by Messrs. Smith, Moncure & Gordon and Judge William I. Clopton, counsel for the defendant, tells of the marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Morris in Sanford, Fla., July 15, 1896, while Dr. Morris was a medical student. It cites that their married life was happy until several months after the birth of their child, November 18, 1897. Then Dr. Morris, the paper alleges, became addicted to the habit of taking opiates. This habit, according to the petition, broke down their domestic happiness. The final result was that the husband was unable to provide support for his family, and they lived in the family of Dr. Morris's mother. It alleges that Dr. Morris is incurable, in the judgment of several prominent physicians, and that in his state of mind he has conceived causes for jealousy on his part of his wife's conduct.

The case is attracting a great deal attention. The fight in the court to-day, unless the hearing is postponed for some cause, will be a bitter and brilliant one. Good lawyers look after the interest of both sides. The wife's lawyers have been named above, and Messrs. Pollard & Pollard and Sands & Sands represent Dr. Morris.

THE BUSINESS-MEN'S BANQUET.

The Business-Men's Association are looking forward to a most enjoyable evening to-morrow, when the second annual banquet will be given. Not only will some excellent addresses be made by the members of the association, but some questions will probably come up that will elicit warm interest and discussion.

The ladies of the Central Methodist church will furnish the supper, at the price of 75 cents a plate. Covers will be laid for more than a hundred.

The West-End Methodist Sunday-school gave a delightful entertainment last night. The programme, which was printed in the Dispatch yesterday morning, was carried out. Rev. R. F. Gayle, pastor of the Laurel-Street church, Richmond, made the chief address.

The Manchester Odd-Fellows had an especially interesting meeting last night. Mr. Willis Pulliam, a young lawyer of the city, delivered an address on the history and growth of Odd-Fellowship.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Manchester Lodge, No. 29, Knights of Pythias, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Chancellor Commander, R. F. Ellington; Vice-Chancellor, J. G. Saunders; Prelate, Rev. C. N. Van Houten; Master of Work, H. A. Maurice; Keeper of Records and Seal, C. S. Whitlock; Master of Finance, W. J. Morrissett; Master of Exchequer, F. W. Bass; Master-at-Arms, J. S. Alvis; Representative to Grand Lodge, A. C. Attkisson; Alternate, J. W. Jewett; Trustees—J. W. Jewett, A. C. Attkisson, and W. T. Pugh.

Deputy-Grand-Chancellor James O. Goode, assisted by several Knights of Richmond, will conduct the installation exercises of the officers on next Monday evening. A banquet will be served to the lodge and its visitors at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

POLICE DOINGS REPORTED.

Chief-of-Police Lipscomb has prepared the following reports of the doings of the police: For December—Chief of Police, 5; first assistant, 5; second assistant, 4; third assistant, 6; Chief and third assistant, 1; first and third assistants, 1; Special Officers R. E. Owens and J. J. Burrows, 3; Special Officer J. J. Burrows, 1; Special Officers H. P. Pilkinton and W. H. Dunavant, 1; Special Officer Sam Pool, 1. Total, 28. For felony, 5; misdemeanor, 14; ordinance violation, 9. Total, 28.

For the twelve months just past: January, 46; February, 34; March, 48; April, 48; May, 59; June, 66; July, 52; August, 65; September, 45; October, 57; November, 46; December, 28. Total, 594.

Arrests for 1899, 482; increase, 112.

OFFICERS OF LILY COUNCIL.

The recently chosen officers of Lily Council, No. 3, Daughters of Liberty, were installed last night with interesting ceremonies: Councillor, Miss Nettie Duke; Associate-Councillor, Miss Carrie Huband; Vice-Councillor, Miss Agnes Smith; Associate Vice-Councillor, Walter Smith; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Leonora Meredith; Financial Secretary, Miss Julia Roberts; Past-Councillor, Willis Sanderson; Junior-Past-Councillor, Mrs. Josephine Huband; Guide, Miss Hattie Browder; Treasurer, Mrs. Sallie Huband; Inside-Sentinel, Mrs. Kelley; Outside Sentinel, Mrs. Mary Tatum; Representatives to State Council—J. D. Reams and Miss Lee Taylor.

Liberty Council, No. 13, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, met last night, also, and installed officers that were elected at the last meeting.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. S. T. Bass, of Chesterfield, is visiting in Manchester.

Mr. W. R. Flournoy, of Tennessee, is in the city, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone, of Baltimore, are in the city, visiting friends.

Miss Ruth Blunt is the guest of Miss Blanche Kahl, of Swansboro'.

Mrs. Dr. J. B. Traylor, of Chesterfield, is visiting her nephew, Mr. J. W. Sadler, of No. 10 east Ninth street.

Mr. Thomas Smith, who suffered a stroke of paralysis a few days ago, is yet very ill.

Rev. Landon Green and wife, of Zoar, Va., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bittle, of Chesterfield.

Miss Edna Bolton, of Rocky Mount, N. C., daughter of H. J. Bolton, is visiting friends, in Swansboro'.

Miss Ida Titmus has returned home, after a most delightful visit to friends and relatives, in Hanover county, Va.

Mr. Charlie Clark, of Newport News, has returned home, after spending several days with his brothers, Messrs Bennie and Walter Clark, of Swansboro'.

Mrs. N. A. Drake and Mrs. C. B. Wood, of Petersburg, is visiting J. W. Sadler and family, of No. 10 east Ninth street.

Mr. R. J. Wood, who for several years was associated with Mr. E. W. Weisiger in the drug business, after a few months' absence, has returned to his former position.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Clopton-Street Baptist church will meet this afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Harvey A. Bowen, in Swansboro'.

Miss Blanche Kahl, of Swansboro', entertained a number of her friends on New Year's-Eve night. The happy company of young people saw the old century go and the glad New Year and new century come. It was long past midnight before they disbanded and went to their respective homes.

Catarrh

The cause exists in the blood, in what causes inflammation of the mucous membrane.

It is therefore impossible to cure the disease by local applications.

It is positively dangerous to neglect it, because it always affects the stomach and deranges the general health, and is likely to develop into consumption

Many have been radically and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cleanses the blood and has a peculiar alterative and tonic effect. R. Long, California Junction, Iowa, writes: "I had catarrh three years, lost my appetite and could not sleep. My head pained me and I felt bad all over. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and now have a good appetite, sleep well, and have no symptoms of catarrh."

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Promises to cure and keeps the promise. It is better not to put off treatment—buy Hood's today.

Don't be so inconsistent as to talk of patronizing home enterprises, unless you carry a Fire Insurance Policy in the Virginia State.

GOLF AT LAKESIDE.

Mr. W. H. Palmer, Jr., Won the First Prize—Some of Those Present.

The Lakeside Club opened the new century with a most delightful entertainment. A golf tournament had been announced, according to the usual custom, on the first day of the New Year, and there were a large number of contestants for the three handsome prizes which were offered by the club.

Owing to the arrangements for painting and papering the building, the usual Christmas decorations were necessarily omitted, but the absence of holly and evergreen was more than atoned for by the foaming bowl of eggnog and other good cheer which the committee had provided for the members and their friends. The beautiful hall of the club, brilliantly lighted by an enormous wood fire, was a pretty sight. "Happy New Year," "Blessing on the coming century," were heard on every side; friends greeted friends with smiling faces; all was mirth and jollity.

A large gallery followed the golfers, the closeness of the contest being very exciting. The skill of the handicapper was evidenced by the results. Mr. William H. Palmer, Jr., playing from scratch, won the first prize with a net score of 88, while Messrs. Williams, Joynes, and Granville Gray tied for second and third prizes, with net scores of 89.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bolling, accompanied by their guest, Mrs. Middleton, of South Carolina; Mrs. William L. Royall, Mr. and Mrs. W. Waller Morton, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. D. Myers, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Levin Joynes, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Donnan, Mr. Allen Pendleton, of Cincinnati; Miss Davis, of North Carolina; Mr. Benahan Cameron, of North Carolina; Mrs. Tompkins, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham, of Augusta, Ga.

Mr. Scott Parrish had his brake out with a merry party of smart people.

Miss Margaret Branch entertained several friends at a private golf luncheon.

Miss Hatie Ross, Mrs. Ben Palmer, Miss Callie Ryland, Mrs. Charles Davenport, Mrs. Gideon Davenport, Misses Davenport, Mrs. Dr. Thomas, Miss Helen Montague; Mrs. Heber Robinson, of New York; Miss Berta Wellford, Misses Harris, Miss Sallie Reid Anderson, Miss Sadie Sutton were also present.

The following is the score of players:

Players.	Made.	Handicap.	Score.
F. Tower	...	..	90
A. Warwick	...	..	96
J. E. Wingo	96	4	92
J. S. Joynes	92	1	91
J. N. Binford	104	2	102
C. T. Williams	90	1	89
R. W. Noland	96	4	92
W. R. Massie	102	6	96
W. H. Palmer	...	..	98
G. Gray	95	6	89
W. T. Broome	97	3	94
E. T. Orgain	101	2	99
J. B. Orgain	105	3	102
G. D. Pleasants	104	4	98
R. C. Wortham	98	4	94
W. D. Duke	109	3	106
E. M. Pilcher	105	8	97
Levin Joynes	90	1	89

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Many Calls for the Services of the Ambulance Surgeons.

E. Y. Snyder, a lineman in the service of the Virginia Electrical Railway and Development Company, while at work at the foot of Twelfth street, was painfully injured by a ladder falling with him. He fell headlong a distance of about twelve feet. The ambulance was called and Dr. Gills gave the needed attention. Superintendent Chappell, of the Development Company, sent the injured man to his home, at First and Marshall.

George Tulley, a white man, who was celebrating the advent of the New Year, was the cause of a call for the ambulance yesterday shortly before noon. Tulley was walking along Cary street, near Seventeenth, when he fell to the pavement and sustained several ugly wounds about the face and head. Dr. Gills gave the injured man necessary attention.

Toney Sternsdorf, in a fight with Gavan Jones, was vanquished last night. Both are white men. Jones struck Sternsdorf a solid blow from the front, and the latter fell in a heap on the sidewalk, contact with the pavement producing an abrasure of the scalp. Dr. Gills sewed up the wound.

At the Seventeenth-street shops of the Chesapeake and Ohio, John Smith, an employee, had three fingers of his right hand bruised and mashed.

John Kennedy, employed at the Locomotive- and Machine-Works, was struck on the right forearm by a piece of flying steel, about noon yesterday. Dr. Gills stanched the flow of blood from a severed artery.

WILL DECLARE DIVIDENDS.

Many Thousands of Bank Earning to Be Turned Loose To-Day.

Many thousands of dollars in dividends will be declared by the banks of Richmond at semi-annual meetings to be held to-day. The amount will be considerably in excess of the total of dividends from bank stock declared in this city at the beginning of 1900.

A well-known financial man said yesterday that he thought the banking institution of this city had never had so prosperous year, for in addition to the increase of $10,000,000 in Richmond bank clearances, as compared with the previous year, the profits were proportionately much greater. Speaking of increase of business it is stated that one institution which experienced an increase of 30 per cent. in 1899, will show at a meeting to-day that during the year just ended there has been an increase of perhaps half as much more.

In addition to the meeting of bank stockholders to-day, the stockholders of several other corporations will meet for the purpose of declaring dividends.

The holders of State bonds begun receiving checks yesterday from the Second Auditor for interest from July 1st December 31st. City Auditor Warren will begin to-day expending $100,000 in the payment of interest on city bonds.

Fell from a Stepladder.

Mr. J. T. Montgomery, of Twenty-sixth and Clay streets, who fell several days ago from a step-ladder and severely hurt himself, is on the road to recovery. His back suffered most, and at first it was feared that he was dangerously hurt. But happily this appears now not to be the case.

COSTA RICA RIGHTS.

MINISTER CALVO SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION.

WHY CANAL IS CALLED "NICARAGUAN."

There Was Long a Controversy Over Interest of Mr. Calvo's Country in the Waterway—Period of This Controversy Now Closed.

WASHINGTON, January 1.—The Costa Rican Minister, Senor Calvo, said to-day, in the course of a general talk on Nicaragua canal affairs, that one of the most satisfactory features of the extended negotiations, so far as Costa Rica was concerned, was the universal acceptance of that country's substantial rights and interests in the isthmian waterway. There never had been any doubt of these rights on the part of Costa Rica, but for many years they were brought into controversy, it being claimed that Costa Rica had no sovereign territorial rights over any portion of the route, and that, at the most, her interests should be satisfied by compensation. This brought about the use of the name "Nicaragua" canal, which seems to leave out of account the rights which Costa Rica has in the waterway.

The Minister points out that the period of controversy has now been satisfactorily closed, and that there appears to be no disposition in any quarter to question Costa Rica's rights in the canal route.

COSTA RICANS MUCH INTERESTED.

Mr. Calvo has not heard from his government since the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission was made public. The officials and the public generally in Costa Rica are deeply interested in the fate of the project, for it means much to their future development, and the use of Costa Rican labor and products during the period of construction. The Minister does not wish to discuss the Hay-Pauncefote treaty while it is an open question between the United States and Great Britain. He says, however, that he does not share in the statements made that the interests of Nicaragua and Costa Rica were overlooked during the discussion of the treaty. On the contrary, he regards this treaty as properly one concerning the relations of the United States with Great Britain, and not concerning their relations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica, so that it is natural that the discussion should have centered upon the mutual interests of the first two parties of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and later, the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE MEETS.

Permanent Organization, According to Republican Programme, Effected.

LINCOLN, NEB., January 1.—The Nebraska Legislature convened at noon today, for its twenty-seventh session. Permanent organization was effected in both houses, according to the programme outlined by last night's Republican caucus. William G. Seers, of Burt county, the caucus nominee, was made Speaker of the House, by unanimous vote, on motion of the Fusion minority, after they had given a complimentary vote to D. W. Hamilton, of Butler county (Populist).

There was no opposition to Senator C. F. Steele for president pro tem. of the Senate. The House appointed a committee on privileges and elections, to take up contest cases as early as possible. Tomorrow the Legislature will canvass the vote of the November election.

Negro Professor on Race Question.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., January 1.—Professor William H. Councill (colored), professor in the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Normal, Ala., speaking at the Bessemer Emancipation celebration to-day, on the social problem, said: "This question has been an eating sore, because men have misunderstood the negro, and because it has been used simply and purely, North and South, to make white partisans stand close together, as if the negro, with one mighty bound would land right in the centre of white social circles, and carry off every heart in them. There has never been a time when the true negro thought so little of himself that he would surrender his racial identity and be wiped off the face of the globe by another people. The white woman of the South, who is one of the purest of women in the annals of the world, has maintained on her side the purity of both races, and to-day, in building up the negro race, it can have no higher example of integrity than the white women of the South. Whatever may take place in the future I know not, but I do know now that the salvation of the negro in this country depends upon drawing the social lines tighter, North and South. The moment they become slack the white man becomes brutal—the negro goes down forever."

A SOUR STOMACH

Is Often the Real Cause of a Sour Temper.

That the condition of the digestive organs has a marked effect upon the character or disposition is a truism as old as the hills. Old Ben Johnson wisely said "the pleasure of living depends upon the liver," and it is a fact which none may dispute that a sunny disposition more often results from a healthy digestion than from any other cause.

Acid dyspepsia, commonly called sour stomach or heartburn, is caused by slow digestion of food; instead of being promptly digested and converted into blood, bone, and muscle, it lies in the stomach for hours, fermenting and decaying, creating gases which cause pressure on the lungs and heart, short breath, and general discomfort and irritation.

Such half digested food is, indeed, poor nourishment for the body, brain, and nerves, and the result is shown in irritable tempers, unaccountable headaches, and that depressing condition usually called the "blues," but how quickly all these disappear when appetite and digestion are restored.

Laxative medicines only irritate the already irritated stomach and bowels and have no effect upon actual digestion of food.

The sensible course to follow is to make use of simple natural digestives like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals until the stomach has a chance to recuperate.

The natural digestives which every healthy stomach contains are peptones, diastase, and hydrochloric and lactic acids and when any of them are lacking the trouble begins; the reason Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are so valuable and successful in curing stomach troubles is because they contain, in a pleasant, concentrated tablet form all these absolutely necessary essentials for perfect digestion and assimilation of food.

Henry Kirkpatrick, of Lawrence, Mass., says: "Men and women whose occupation precludes an active out-door life should make it a daily practice to use Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals, I have done so myself and I know positively that I owe my present health and vigor to their daily use.

From the time I was 22, when I graduated from school with broken health from overwork, until I was 34, I scarcely knew what it was to be free from stomach weakness. I had no appetite whatever for breakfast, and very little for any other meal.

I had acidity and heartburn nearly every day and sometimes was alarmed by irregularity and palpitation of the heart, but all this gradually disappeared after I began using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and I can eat my meals with relish and satisfaction, which I had not known since I was a growing boy."

The success and popularity of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is enormous, but it is deserved, and every druggist in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain has a good word for this meritorous preparation.

Stops Falling Out

If your hair is coming out, no wonder you are alarmed. It means that you are to have very thin hair, and that is about as bad as baldness itself.

The trouble is your hair does not have life enough to stay in the scalp. Feed your hair with Ayer's Hair Vigor and it will be all right.

If the gray hairs are beginning to show, Ayer's Hair Vigor will bring back the rich color of youth to them.

One dollar a bottle.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us $1.00 and we will express a bottle to you, all charges prepaid. Be sure and give us your nearest express office.

J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Send for our handsome book on The Hair.

JAMESTOWN ISLAND.

The New Breakwater—Williamsburg Notes.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., January 1.—(Special.)—Preparations are being made to begin work on the new breakwater at Jamestown Island, the first one having been completely destroyed by the action of the waters of James river. Congress made an appropriation of $10,000 to build the first wall, and $15,000 will be expended in the new ones. The contractors in charge of the work are now here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hundley gave a beautiful reception last night at their home, in honor of their son, Mr. Harry Hundley, who is spending the holidays with his parents. A most delightful evening was passed by a large number of young people.

A pretty german took place at Cameron Hall to-night, given by the young gentlemen of the city.

Miss Bessie Ellyson has returned to her home, in Richmond, after a visit to Mrs. J. B. C. Spencer, at the Colonial Inn.

Mr. W. M. Brooks, of Richmond, and Mrs. Brooks are visiting relatives here to-day.

Mr. Blair Spencer, after spending the holidays with his parents, returns to his studies in Richmond to-morrow.

Dr. John Rison spent yesterday in Richmond.

Mr. Marston Christian and Mr. Bob Topham, after spending the holidays here with their parents, returned to Newport News this afternoon.

Mr. William Topham left this morning for Manchester, having spent the holidays with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stamper Bloxton, of Rockingham county, after spending a few weeks with their mother, Mrs. Bettie Bloxton, left yesterday for their home.

Mr. Ashby Bloxton, of Nansemond county, where he is principal of a public school, is visiting his mother, near here.

The public schools will open to-morrow after the holidays with a new principal, Professor H. E. D. Wilson. Professor J. S. Charles, who has resigned the principalship of Nicholson School, has filled that position, with great credit to himself for seventeen consecutive years. The patrons of the school regret to part with him, as he is an able instructor.

FLUVANNA.

Personal—Students Returning—Other Mention.

FORK UNION, VA., January 1.—(Special.)—The news of the improved condition of Miss Ethel Burgess, so long critically ill in Richmond, affords much relief to her friends and neighbors in this section.

Students of the academy who spent the holidays at their respective homes are returning in time for the resumption of school exercises to-morrow.

Miss Gay Broaddus, an accomplished daughter of the Rev. Andrew Broaddus, of Caroline, spent the Christmas with friends here, and left to-day for her home, near Sparta.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ellison, of Waynesboro', Va., after a visit of some days to relatives at "Locust Grove," left yesterday for home. Mrs. Annie Jamar, also of Waynesboro', will remain a few days longer at the "old house and home."

Whether the General Assembly, soon to convene shall adopt as the basis of representation in the constitutional convention that of the members of the House of Delegates or that of the senators, the friends of the Hon. A. A. Gray will press his name for the nomination.

DANVILLE.

Deed a House to an Orphanage—Industries.

DANVILLE, VA., January 1.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Fitzgerald, of this city, have deeded in fee simple their beautiful residence on the north side of the Dan to the Danville Orphanage, as a permanent home. The announcement was made last night at midnight at a watch-night meeting held at Main-Street Methodist Episcopal church. The residence and grounds are valued at $20,000.

The Riverside Mills started on the 10-hour labor system this morning. They will run on this system during the winter months, and eleven hours per day during the six months of spring and summer.

The Morotock Manufacturing Company at its annual meeting, decided to double its capital stock, and will increase its plant largely this year.

Banner Lodge to Celebrate.

LYNCHBURG, VA., January 1.—(Special.)—Hill City Lodge of Masons, the banner lodge of the State, will celebrate its fortieth anniversary in a few days. The anniversary exercises will be participated in by prominent Masons from all parts of Virginia.

Death in Smithfield.

SMITHFIELD, VA., January 1.—(Special.)—Mr. John W. Lawson, Jr., son of Dr. John W. Lawson, died to-day about noon. Mr. Lawson was one of the most popular young men in the town. The funeral services will be held at the Episcopal church to-morrow afternoon.

Fire in Bluefield.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., January 1.—(Special.)—Fire to-day destroyed $15,000 worth of property belonging to the Indian Bridge Coal and Coke Company. It was partly insured.

Fourteen British Captured.

COLESBURG, CAPE COLONY, Monday, December 31.—Two hundred and fifty Boers captured fourteen men of Nesbit's Horse fifty miles southeast of Colesburg. The enemy, since increased to 800, has appeared near Weltevreden, and is driving off stock.

Accident on the N. & W. R. R.

WAYNE, W. VA., January 1.—Westbound passenger train No. 3, on the Norfolk and Western railway, en route for Columbus, ran into a rock near here today. Half a dozen persons were injured. No names have been ascertained.

Keep the money for Fire Insurance at home by insuring with the Virginia State Insurance Company.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Opening.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA., January 1.—(Special.)—One hundred and twenty-five years ago to-day the doors of Hampden-Sidney Academy were opened to students, and its buildings, small and incomplete, were soon filled. Its first principal was Rev. Samuel Stanhope Smith, a native of Pennsylvania and a graduate of Princeton College. He, having been called to Princeton as professor, was succeeded, in 1779, by his brother, Rev. John Blair Smith, who became the first president of the college when it was incorporated, in 1783.

Rev. James Blythe, who entered college in 1786, and afterwards became an earnest minister of the Gospel in Kentucky, a professor in Transylvania University, and president of Hanover College, Indiana, states that at the beginning of the session of his entrance he was the only professor of religion in the institution, but that soon after there was a gracious revival, in which all, or nearly all, of the students were converted.

Some of the distinguished graduates of this early period were Hon. John W. Eppes, who defeated John Randolph for Congress; Rev. Clement Read, who presided at the installation of Rev. Dr. John Holt Rice as first professor of Union Theological Seminary of Virginia; Hon. William H. Cabell, Governor of Virginia for three successive years, and Judge of its Court of Appeals for forty years; Rev. Moses Waddell, instructor of John C. Calhoun, and afterwards president of Franklin College, which became the University of Georgia; Hon. George Bibb, Governor of Kentucky, &c., &c.

Seventy-seven years ago to-day the Board of Trustees of Union Theological Seminary (Virginia) met in college church and installed Rev. John H. Rice, D. D., professor of theology. Dr. and Mrs. Rice had arrived at Hampton-Sidney during the preceding fall, and, no accommodations having been provided for them, President Cushing, of the college, made a place for their personal residence, and also for the instruction of Dr. Rice's first class, consisting of three late graduates of the college. They continued to occupy these quarters for two years, until the erection of the building afterwards constituting the eastern wing of the seminary dormitory. From that time till the removal of the seminary to Richmond, in 1898, the relations of the two institutions were very close. Hundreds of the alumni of the college have gone through the seminary, and scores of them have become distinguished ministers of the Gospel. Among the latter, now deceased, may be mentioned Jesse S. Armistead, Robert Burwell, Thomas P. Hunt, William S. White, Theodorick Pryor, B. M. Smith, J. M. P. Atkinson, John L. Kirkpatrick, Moses D. Hoge, William T. Richardson, R. L. Dabney, William Stoddert, Thomas Wharey, William U. Murkland, Edward H. Burnett, &c., &c. Among the graduates of the college who have held positions of eminent usefulness in churches other than the Presbyterian are Rev. Edward Baptist (class 1813), founder of the institution out of which Richmond College (Baptist) was developed; Rev. Thomas Atkinson, D. D. (class 1825), Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina, and Rev. Landon C. Garland, D. D., professor of Randolph-Macon College, and chancellor of Vanderbilt University (Methodist). While performing this service for the Church of Christ, and especially for the Presbyterian Church, the college has sent out many scores of distinguished and useful citizens into the different vocations of life, among whom are to be reckoned one President of the United States, a dozen or more governors of States, at least as many members of Congress, several United States senators, members of presidential cabinets, foreign ministers, eminent lawyers and physicians, judges of the higher courts throughout the country, professors and presidents of colleges and universities, &c., &c.

In entering on the twentieth century the college does so with a stable hope of continued usefulness, better equipment, larger invested funds, a stronger and fuller faculty, as large an average and as high a grade of students, as much of the confidence of its friends and the public, more of its alumni occupying positions of responsibility, and as assured prospect of filling its place worthily and well, as at any time in the past. It needs a more ample endowment for the further development of its courses and the improvement of its facilities. When this is obtained, its future will be bright—brighter than at any period since its incorporation.

MISS BIRDSONG NOT IN DANGER.

Other Ladies Hurt in Monday's Runaway Doing Well.

The four persons—three ladies and the colored driver—who were injured in the runaway on Fourth street Monday evening, are all getting along very nicely, indeed. Happily the grave fears entertained for Miss Birdsong were not realized. It turns out that her condition is not serious, and not likely to become so, as she is not internally injured to any degree. Mrs. W. H. Sadler is still suffering from the injury to her foot, but is doing very well, indeed. The blow was received on the foot, and not on the face, as the types made the Dispatch say yesterday morning. Miss Garnett's condition was never at all alarming.

Personals and Briefs.

Rev. Dr. J. William Jones has returned to Chapel Hill, N. C., after spending the holidays here.

Mr. George E. Bowden, who has been ill for the past seven weeks, was out on the streets yesterday.

Colonel John McAmerney, of New York, is in the city, having come here to attend the funeral of Mr. Cazneau McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dabney, also Mrs. James M. Langhorne, who have been on a visit to their parents, left last evening for Baltimore.

Messrs. Jeff. Davis, Treasurer of Buckingham county; William Hawk, of Goochland; J. L. Pugh, of Virginia, are at the Alhambra Hotel.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of R. E. Lee Camp will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Camp Hall. The election of officers will take place.

Mr. Charles C. Brown, of the firm of F. L. Brauer & Brothers, who has been on a visit to his brother, Paul A. Brown, in Durham, N. C., has returned home.

Mr. Charles Ruehrmund, Jr., formerly of this city, who was here spending the Christmas holidays with his parents and friends, has returned to New York.

The two companies of the Richmond Blues will hold a full-dress battalion drill on the night of January 10th. Major Sol. Cutchins will probably attend.

Mr. Charles F. Cole, who was seriously injured last Friday, is doing well at his home, No. 111 north Twenty-ninth street, and will probably be out in a few days.

Mrs. E. J. Murphy, of No. 717 east Grace street, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in North Carolina, returned to the city yesterday.

Liberal Grove, Druids, will meet in regular session Thursday night, at which time arrangements for the annual ball and for the sixty-fifth anniversary will be completed.

Mr. W. Wellington Farrow, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Farrow, of No. 520 north Fourth street, has returned to his home, in New York city.

Recruits at the Presidio.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 1.—Orders have been received at the Military Department of California headquarters to organize a second provisional battalion at the Presidio. The number of recruits in the newly-organized camp has increased to such an extent that it will soon be necessary to organize a regiment.

Many thousand of dollars are brought to Richmond each year by local insurance companies, and many thousands are sent away by citizens to foreign companies. Moral: Insure with the Virginia State.

Meyer's
"EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY"

INVENTORY DAY.

The stocks are being measured, counted and listed to-day, and many articles will be placed on sale at lessened prices by more being brought to light than were thought to be in stock.

THE MEYER STORE.

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DEATHS.

ALLARD.—Died, January 1, 1901, at 3 P. M., at the residence of his parents, Joseph C. and Blanche Allard, No. 206 north Thirty-second street, ALBERT ALLARD; aged 15 days.

Interment in Oakwood Cemetery JANUARY 2, 1901.

BURFORD.—Died, at her residence, 116 west Clay street, January 1, 1901, at 5 P. M., Mrs. ANNIE ELIZA BURFORD, beloved wife of A. L. Burford.

Funeral notice later.

MAUPIN.—Died, in Baltimore, Md., December 17, 1900, suddenly, of heart failure, W. H. O. MAUPIN.

Mr. Maupin was a brother of Mrs. Joseph V. Bidgood, 505 west Grace street, Richmond, Va.

OLIVER.—Died Tuesday, January 1, 1901, at 2:45 P. M., at his residence, 1004 north Fourth street, ELLIS GIFFORD OLIVER, in the 29th year of his age, and son of the late Richard T. Oliver, the barber.

Funeral will take place from St. Joseph's church THURSDAY at 10 o'clock A. M.

Washington (D. C.) and Baltimore (Md.) papers please copy.

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Itching Skin, Thin Blood, All Run Down.

Does your Skin Itch and Burn? Distressing Eruptions on the Skin so you feel ashamed to be seen in company? Do Scabs and Scales form on the Skin, Hair or Scalp? Have you Eczema? Skin Red and Cracked? Rash form on the Skin? Prickling pain in the Skin? Boils? Pimples? Bone Pains? Swollen Joints? Falling Hair? All Run Down? Skin Pale? Old Sores? Eating Sores? Ulcers? To cure to stay cured take Botanic Blood Balm, which makes the blood p