

**REV. MR. BARNWELL
DECLINES OFFER**

Will Not Accept Assistant to Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

ELKS MAY PURCHASE Y. M. C. A.

A Splendid Selection of Confederate Relics.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., March 1.—Rev. Robert W. Barnwell, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, has declined the proffered position of assistant secretary of the General Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church in America. Mr. Barnwell has written to Rev. Dr. Arthur S. Lloyd, of New York, the secretary of the board, stating that he wishes to remain in the parochial ministry. Dr. Lloyd recently asked Mr. Barnwell to take charge of his work in a district including the Southern States, and extending westward as far as Oklahoma, one of the three sections of the country into which it is understood the secretary proposes to divide the work. Acceptance of the position would have involved a complete change in ministerial duties, in which Mr. Barnwell is distinguishing himself as a preacher, and in the few months of his rectorship at St. Paul's has made a splendid success in parochial work.

NATURAL CAUSES.
The report that Mrs. Scott, colored, who was found dead in her room on Marshall Street yesterday, died from injuries inflicted by another man was disproved by an investigation by Coroner H. G. Leigh, who found that death resulted from natural causes.

ELKS MAY PURCHASE.
It is rumored that a strong element in the Petersburg Lodge of Elks favors the sale of the lodge's present home at Union and Tabb Streets and the purchase of the Young Men's Christian Association building, the much-disputed sale of which to J. W. Seward will come up for final decision. It is presumed, at a big meeting of one of the association on Friday evening to consider the question.

A branch of the National Tailors' Union has been organized here by District Organizer Irwin, of Chattanooga. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing term: President, Charles King; vice-president, Thomas Slaughter; secretary, Alex. Fitzmaurice; treasurer, Samuel Wells; sergeant-at-arms, Maynard Wrenn.

POLICE REPORT.
Chief of Police R. F. Hagland's February report shows a total of one hundred and two arrests, of which fifty-nine were violation of city ordinances.

What is said to be one of the finest collections of Civil War relics in the city has been purchased by Charles A. Clark, a well-known battle-field guide here, for William Hegner, of Wyckoff N. Y. The collection belonged to a Mr. Brigstock, who lives near Fort Davis, in Prince George county, and is preparing to move to the West.

SLEMP DID IT.
Burroughs's Appointment Over Chief Due to Congressman.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 1.—The appointment of Mr. Thomas Burroughs, the present assistant postmaster, to be postmaster of Alexandria, which was made yesterday by the President, has given general satisfaction to the business men of the city, regardless of political affiliation. It is rumored that within a few days the forces employed here will be materially reduced.

CONSCIENTIOUS LOVER.
Would Not Practice Deceit to Win His Bride.
"Youth has its drawbacks as well as its charms to pretty Miss Leo B. Loan and Archibald Bright, who left their homes, near Goshen, a small railroad station in Bath county, Va., and traveled nearly 100 miles yesterday to the capital city of this morning to apply for the license to marry. To overcome parental objection, Miss Loan, who is but 14 years old, consented to marry the 24-year-old lover to escape to Washington.

Skeleton Identified.
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Plumbers On a Strike.
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REDUCTION AT NAVY YARD
Governor Roberts, of Connecticut, and Party at Jamestown Exposition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., March 1.—The Merritts have undertaken to remove the cargo of lumber from the wrecked schooner George M. Grant, and their barge, Haggerty, is now alongside, taking off the schooner's deck-load. The Clark tug, Edna V. Crew, was employed by the Merritts in this work, but when the tug Rescue came in this morning, towing the troubled schooner, Dr. J. Sawyer, she turned the schooner over to the Edna V. Crew and took the latter's place on the salvage job. The weather is favorable for salvage operations. The wind this morning blew at the latter's place on the salvage job. The weather is favorable for salvage operations. The wind this morning blew at the latter's place on the salvage job. The weather is favorable for salvage operations. The wind this morning blew at the latter's place on the salvage job.

REDUCTION AT NAVY YARD.
The navy yard is greatly handicapped by lack of appropriations sufficient to maintain the force necessary to meet the demands upon the station. Every department is curtailed by the cutting down of force on yesterday an even hundred men were furloughed from the department of steam engineering for an indefinite period. This is practically a discharge, but furloughed men are recalled that they will be the first to be recalled on an increase of force. In the meantime the work suffers and the men must look elsewhere for work. It is rumored that within a few days the forces employed here will be materially reduced.

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The Heavens in March

First of the Faint Summer Groups. The New Comets, the Nature of Comets, the Planets, etc.
By PROF. DOOLITTLE, Astronomer of the University of Pennsylvania.

The bright winter stars are still with us, filling the whole northern and western part of the sky down to the very ground. The three most brilliant groups of all, Taurus, Gemini and Orion, which first appeared in the east last November, have been moving steadily westward and are now perceptibly nearer the ground than they were last month. They will continue for a few weeks to make beautiful the evenings of early spring, but for the rest of the year they are nearly run. Soon they will sink below the ground in the West, and the

was discovered in the early morning of December 6th, has now passed around the sun into the evening sky. During January and February it moved rapidly eastward, reaching the constellation Centaur about the middle of February. During March it will move entirely across this constellation along the path P. G., Fig. 1. In January the comet passed very near to the earth so that on January 2d it was nearly sixty times as bright as at the time of its discovery. Now, however, it is very rapidly leaving

by their friction with the upper air burns them up before they can reach the ground. It is a very remarkable fact that as the brighter comets pass around the sun their tails always point nearly away from the sun, as shown in Fig. 6. The smallest particles of the comet are pushed away by the sun, but what the nature of the force which repels them is not known. It may be electrical or it may be due to the so-called light pressure. The explanation both of this and of the cause of the faint light which the tails emit is yet to be found.

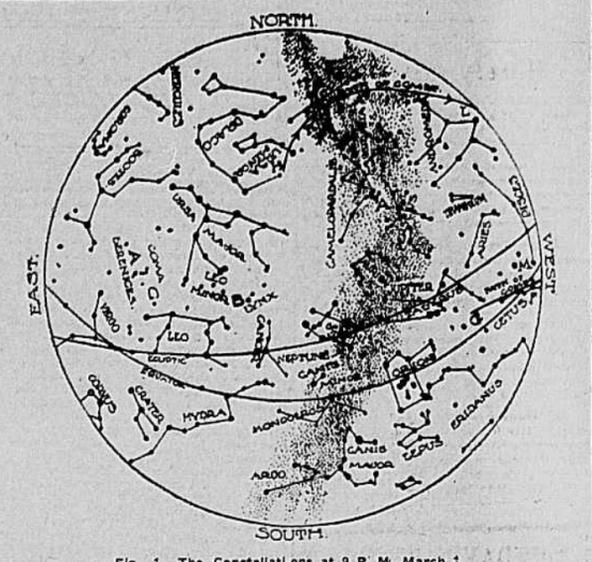


Fig. 1. The Constellations at 9 P. M. March 1.

brilliant heavens of winter will have changed into the far fainter summer sky.

Already the first of the faint summer groups is beginning to appear. If the observer will follow eastward from the Twins, passing through the strange, faint, little group known as the Crab, and past Leo, which is the last of the winter constellations, he will see the end of the large faint summer group Virgo just emerging from the ground. As the weeks go by he will see that each evening this group is a little higher up in the sky than the evening before, but not until May will it be wholly above the ground, and not until July will it have passed the meridian in the evening. By that time, all of the winter

us again and is only visible in the larger telescopes.

The second comet that has recently been visible was discovered at Genoa on November 13th. The most remarkable thing about this body was its extraordinary rapid motion. When first seen it was very near the North Pole, at H. Fig. 1; three days later it had reached the point K in Cepheus, and in the course of a week it passed entirely across Cassiopeia and Andromeda to L. (Fig. 1). To those who had the pleasure of viewing the comet through a telescope, its rapid motion was very striking. It could be seen drifting past the stars in its path, but four or five minutes being required for it to move entirely across the field of view. This comet passed so near to the earth that it was hoped its distance might be accurately measured in miles, and from this the distance from the sun to the earth in miles could be found. This is the great fundamental distance in astronomy, the measure, in terms of which all other distances are expressed.



Fig. 2 and 3. Telescopic Comets.

groups except Leo will have disappeared behind the sun in the west; four weeks later Leo will have also gone, and the complete change of the winter into the summer sky will be finished. Several of the faint, little known groups are now in excellent position for tracing out. Many of these are very interesting, for example, Comelopardalis, or the Giraffe, which is long and straggling like its namesake, has a remarkable cluster of no less than five double stars which the observer can find just west of Procyon at H. Fig. 1. Just above Cancer is the Lynx, a group so faint that the astronomer who first gave it its name observed that those who examine it ought to be lynx-eyed to see it. The little group hardly contains a single main or cluster, but is remarkable for its large number of double stars, one of these is at B. Fig. 1, and to the left of this there is a faint nebula.

Just east of the Lynx is the Lesser Lion, well beyond this, filling the space between the Greater Bear and Arcturus, is the delicate Coma Berenices, or Berenice's Hair, a beautiful group of gossamer stars spangled with dew drops. Among the Arabians it was the Pond into which

Both of these comets were very unlike the popular idea of a comet, being merely faint, round, woolly-looking objects, without any trace of a tail, as shown in Fig. 2. Nearly all of the comets which are discovered have this appearance, though some of them are condensed and brighter at the center as in Fig. 3. It is only rarely that a comet develops a definite head and tail, though the very bright comets usually do so.

The size of even the smallest comets is enormous, their dimensions being expressed in millions of miles. This is well shown by Fig. 4, which shows the head of the comet of 1858 compared in size with the earth. The little round dot to the right is the earth, drawn in the true size, and it will be noticed that it quite sinks into insignificance in comparison even with the small part of the comet which is shown.

But though the comets are almost inconceivably large their weight is but small. On the average it is certain that a cubic foot of cometary matter weighs less than a cubic foot of the best so-called vacuum, which can be obtained in the air pump. It may seem strange that these enormously extended, inconceivably bright bodies can swing around the sun so rapidly as they do, but it must be remembered that in outer space there is no air or other thing to oppose their motion and break them up. It is believed that though their average density is so small yet they are made up of countless separate particles which probably vary in size from grains of dust up to meteorites weighing several tons. The showers of shooting stars which come at fixed dates each year are almost certainly caused by the collision of our

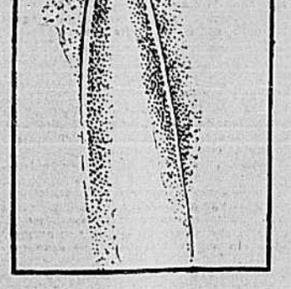


Fig. 5. The Great Comet of 1882.

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their Gazelle was springing to escape the lion, the Gazelle being the group known to us as the Lesser Lion. The whole western and southern part of the constellation is filled with nebulae, though most of them are faint. One just southeast of G. Fig. 1, is the Pinwheel Nebula, one of the photokinetics of the sky. Just to the west of the star I is a faint double star D, which is remarkable because it lies almost exactly at the pole of the Milky Way.

All of the faint stars that lie between the two Magars, extending from the head of the Whirlwind Snake to Orion, make up the constellation Monoceros, or the Unicorn. This group was known to the early Persians and to the Chinese; it is chiefly remarkable for the large number of double stars and star clusters which it contains.

The New Comets.
The brightest comet of the year, which

The Planets.
Jupiter is still in excellent position for observation and will remain the brightest and most conspicuous evening star during the month. Venus will also be easily visible after sunset, having changed from a morning to an evening star on February 13th. It is rapidly moving eastward across the constellation Pleiades; by the end of the month it will be about one degree west of the bright star M. Fig. 1, setting about 8 P. M. In a small telescope it will then be seen as a most beautiful narrow, silvery, crescent, looking like the moon when about three days old. The position of the planet is also shown on the map. The other planets are not visible in the early evening.

William and Mary College.
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:—Sir,—I beg the favor of a small portion of the college, and the appropriations will continue, even if no transfer occurs. The whole matter of money in the hands of the General Assembly, and they can increase or diminish the amount as they please them, at any time, as well before the transfer as after. The Constitution especially exempts William and Mary College from the application of the section inhibiting appropriations to any other college or university, whether the bill making the transfer passes or not.

The new law will be created by the proposed action of the Legislature. There will be no changes. The courses at William and Mary will continue as they are. The law is simply a declaration of intent, which is appointed by the Governor under the existing arrangements. In fact, much the larger part of the college revenue is derived from the connection with the State, whether the bill making the transfer passes or not.

Rev. John W. Crider.
NORFOLK, VA., March 1.—The Rev. John W. Crider died last evening at the home of his son-in-law, Edward S. Ashlin, No. 44 Bute Street, in the city. He was 67 years of age. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and was a member of the Baptist Church, and his remains were laid to rest Friday.

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Mrs. Lula J. Morris.
Mrs. Lula J. Morris, formerly of this city, died in Newport News on February 27th. Her body reached Richmond yesterday. The funeral will take place from the residence of her father, Mr. A. J. Thacker, and the interment will be in Riverview Cemetery. The following will act as pall-bearers:

Mrs. C. S. Smallwood.
WELDON, N. C., March 1.—Mrs. Charles S. Smallwood died here this morning at the home of her husband, Mr. J. W. Smallwood, at 2:15 P. M. She was 67 years of age. She was a native of Virginia, and was a member of the Baptist Church, and her remains were laid to rest Friday.

Mrs. Mary E. Lawrence.
Mrs. Mary E. Lawrence died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Froman, in Henrico county, at one A. M. yesterday, aged 80 years. Her funeral will be held at 10 o'clock on Friday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Froman, in Henrico county. The interment will be in the cemetery at 11 o'clock.

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The funeral services will be held in Emmanuel Church to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Mary Eubank.
Little Miss Mary Eubank, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eubank, died Wednesday night at the residence of her parents, 215 West Marshall Street. She had been ill several weeks with typhoid fever, and strong hopes were entertained for her recovery until two days ago. The funeral will be held at Marshall Street Christian Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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this State at Glade Springs and formerly was pastor of churches both in Wisconsin and in South Dakota. He lived respected and died regretted by a large number of friends. The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Berman, in this county, to-morrow.

Mrs. Bettie Norman.
CHATHAM, March 1.—Mrs. Bettie Norman, wife of George S. Norman, died at Chatham, Va., on Wednesday, after an illness of several days. She was nearly sixty years old. Her husband, three daughters, Mrs. J. Anderson, Mrs. J. W. Collier and Mrs. J. Whitehead, and one son, D. H. Norman, all of Pittsylvania county, survive. Burial was in the Chatham Cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Sara Goodman.
NORFOLK, VA., March 1.—Mrs. Sarah Goodman died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rachel Berman, in Norfolk, Va. She was 70 years of age. She was the mother of S. Goodman, Harry Goodman, Hyman Goodman and Mrs. Berman.

A Pioneer Dead.
CRAB ORCHARD, LEE COUNTY, VA., March 1.—Martin H. Witte, one of the oldest pioneer citizens of this county, died at his home in Lower Crab Orchard, yesterday morning. He was nearly 100 years old.

DEATHS.
CONNER.—Entered into rest at his residence, "Oakland," Henrico county, on March 1st. F. M. CONNER in the sixtieth year of his age. Funeral on Friday AFTERNOON, 3:30 o'clock, at 215 P. M. FRIDAY, March 2nd. Cars leave Twenty-ninth and P streets at 2 P. M.

EUBANK.—Died, February 28th, at 8:45 P. M., at the residence of her parents, 215 West Marshall Street, MARY GOULDEN, daughter of Chapman and Josie Y. Eubank, aged seven years. Funeral from Marshall Street Christian Church FRIDAY, March 2nd, at 3 P. M.

GOULDER.—Died, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. I. M. Estes, 101 1/2 North Twenty-third Street, Wednesday, February 28th, 12 o'clock P. M., Mrs. MARY A. GOULDER, wife of Alonzo L. Goulder, aged thirty-two years. Funeral from Laurel Street Methodist Church, 3:30 o'clock at Union-Station, M. E. Church. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery.

LAWRENCE.—Died, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Froman, in Henrico county, at 1 A. M., March 1st, Mrs. MARY E. LAWRENCE, age sixty-nine years. Funeral from Laurel Street Methodist Church at 11 o'clock.

MCCOY.—Miss MARGARET A. MCCOY, daughter of the late William B. and C. D. McCoy, died here yesterday, at 5 P. M. She leaves an only sister, Mrs. Sophie Roble, to mourn her loss.