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How natural it is to gentle hearts to be considerate and delicate toward any inferiority. —Dickens.

The Jamestown Exposition.

Mrs. Kate Langley Bosher has done a public service in preparing for The Outlook a descriptive and illustrated article on the Jamestown Exposition. Mrs. Bosher has caught the spirit of the exposition, having explained at the outset that the prime motive of this celebration is sentiment; that the promoters desire, first of all, that a celebration of so significant an event as the birth of the American nation shall possess those features which will distinguish it from all other expositions, and, therefore, that it is deemed more fitting to emphasize the historical, educational and social side of the occasion than the commercial and industrial.

Having impressed that fact, she gives the readers of The Outlook a graphic and entertaining description of Jamestown Island, and especially of the points of interest which cluster around it as a nucleus. She tells them about James River and the many historic relics along its banks; she tells them of Fortress Monroe and the Rip Raps, of Hampton and its Normal School and Soldiers' Home, of Newport News, the magic city of the Tidewater country, of Norfolk and its surrounding resorts, of Williamsburg, Yorktown and Richmond. She gives photographs of the quaint looking aeroplane buildings (of colonial type) and concludes with a description of the magnificent pier which will be the great pleasure attraction of the exposition. This pier will be built by the government at an expense of $140,000 and is thus described:

"The place will be really two piers, two hundred feet wide and joined at the end by a similar span twelve hundred feet in length, giving an enclosed area of 240,000 square feet of water.

"It is intended to plant two rows of cedar trees along each pier, between which will be promenade space. At about every four hundred feet there will be located booths for concessionaires, and at the end of the pier there will be two immense towers. The bridge connecting the ends will be constructed on the Eiffel plan, permitting small craft of all kinds to pass under it into the basin, where all of the marine exhibitions will be held. Along the inshore side of the pier will be a landing, either after the manner of a terrace, as in the case of Dewey's, so that the tides will not render the piers useless at any time. This will enable the small boats from the warships to land their crews with safety on the pier regardless of weather conditions.

"The most beautiful and attractive feature of this marine pier will be its illumination. Thousands of incandescent globes and arc lights will be used. One half-mile of brilliant fire-work will be made in a mass of colors of such extent as the piers, which it is hoped will stand."

It has been hard for many of the Northern and Western people to understand that when the Jamestown Exposition will be, for there can be no doubt in the minds of any who will read Mrs. Bosher's graphic and interesting article, a restatement of theology in terms that will be thoroughly compatible with modern knowledge and modern conditions.

And yet, despite this theological unrest, if not because of it, the practice of those religious principles which theology tries to state was never more sincere or more general. In the skeptic and faithful alike there is an instinct that cries, "O that I might know the good and do it!" For centuries mankind was taught that to know and to believe was sufficient. To-day knowledge of spiritual things is not so self-secure, and belief in non-essentials of the creeds of other ages is no longer the dominating principle.

But the spirit that the creeds embodied, so far as finite phrase could shadow forth infinite truth, has spread, we know not how, until to-day on all sides and in all nations, in the hearts and lives of the very men who often bewail their own doubts, flourish the fruits of a belief whose object is to teach men to believe that they might do.

This spirit of service is growing and blossoming in new and beautiful fields, and the proposal of Mrs. Ziegler is a shining example of the practice of a religion which has become a part of the warp and woof of Western civilization.

Salicylic Acid.

After thorough tests, conducted upon his celebrated "poison squad," Dr. Wiley, the government food expert, announces that salicylic acid is not so bad as some have pointed it. Salicylic has been used freely as a food preservative, especially in the case of beef, and has usually been regarded as the most injurious fluid so used. Dr. Wiley does not recommend the salicylates, but he does say that it is erroneous to consider them in the category of poisons.

Stimulated appetite sometimes accompanies the use of salicylic. This symptom was shown by the young men upon whom the government has been experimenting. The general effect, however, is proved harmful in that the acid breaks down the tissues faster than it permits them to be restored. Salicylic acid, for commercial purposes, is readily prepared from carbonic acid and sodium carbonate. Like other chemical preservatives, it is valuable as a medicine, and is used to good advantage in rheumatism and certain septic diseases.

This acid may have been the subject of slander regarding its effects on the human stomach, but it does not appear to be the sort of compound that a man would care to introduce, unwittingly and in quantities, into his interior. Nor is there any need why he should. Food can be preserved satisfactorily in other ways, known to be unobjectionable, and salicylic may be safely relegated to its proper place as a medical antiseptic.

The Marlboroughs.

The separation of the Marlboroughs comes as something of a surprise to newspaper readers in this country. No international wedding, perhaps, ever aroused more interest than that of Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt to the young and mighty representative of the Duke of Marlborough, celebrated eleven years ago next month. The marriage was happily free from the stilted, commercial air which has characterized other similar alliances. It was said to be a love match, and there seemed no reason why the young people should not settle down to a happy married life.

But many American wives of titled husbands have made such a place for themselves in the land of their adoption as the young Duchess of Marlborough. A tactful supporter of charities, a most accomplished and intelligent worker for the interests of the Democratic party and a favorite in society, she has made herself extremely popular. Rumor has it, indeed, that she became too popular to suit her husband's taste. She, it was said, herself, perhaps, was paid, and this old and regular trick, the oldest trick of all, was played. It appears, also, that he has an inferior opinion of Americans as contrasted with the foreign nobility, and has been very backward about making this point of view plain. So unhappiness gradually alienated to the ducal household.

This final disagreement, just announced, is a matter of regret. Few Anglo-American matches have been made under more favorable auspices.

Modern Practical Religion.

Mrs. Rhodes, the widow of the baking-powder millionaire, will devote a large part of her fortune to [illegible] distributing as a free gift to everybody printed copies of the Bible. To those who have all this Christmas season experienced a surcease of sorrow, it should be a happy Christmas indeed. What joy, what peace and tolerance it will bring! And how great it must be will be for the children, to be able, from now on, to read Christmas at home in the warmth and comfort of their own homes, without being obliged to listen to the delayed.

The person in Kentucky who killed a mockbird should be severely punished. To the lovers of song their love of song is [illegible] an unspeakable affliction, and the person who killed the mockbird in question was terrible, and yet, there seems to be no mortal "Parsons Law" under which he could be sued. There is the rule of evidence, or failure to appreciate the subject, and sort of kindness in other ways, but even in times of greatness [illegible] forbor no step for its suppression [illegible] parable to that proposed by Mrs. Kingsley was even suggested. That [illegible] charity sermons for the day of doubted creeds and questioned dogmas.

In our time religion is being daily tried and tested as it has not been for generations, perhaps, by multitudes of skeptic professors, who, during their leisure, [illegible] intent in good works. What is free of the clergy is in even greater demand than of the laity. Formal teachings are often cast aside or disregarded by men who were brought up conventional theology from their youth up. Church attendance and Sunday observance are both declining. In nearly all the Protestant denominations [illegible] are being [illegible] because they refuse to accept literally the old-time expression of their [illegible] creed, while from the laity at large comes an ever-strengthening demand for a restatement of theology in terms that will be thoroughly compatible with modern knowledge and modern conditions.

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A Monumental Dictionary.

Dr. James A. H. Murray, the English philologist and lexicographer, is at work on what will be, when completed, by far the largest and fullest dictionary ever published. Dr. Murray began it in the [illegible] and he is now sixty-nine years old. The work is called "The Oxford New English Dictionary." It is designed especially for students and scholars, and is being published by the Oxford press of Oxford University.

A staff correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, now in London, writes that the English people will [illegible] the work, which needs [illegible] is [illegible] Coleridge that [illegible] Shakespeare and Edgar Allan Poe. Dr. Murray's [illegible] Dictionary [illegible] was spent. There will be [illegible] of errors or failure to appreciate the subject and sort of kindness in other ways, but even in times of greatness [illegible] forbor no step for its suppression [illegible] parable to that proposed by Mrs. Kingsley was even suggested. That [illegible] charity sermons for the day of doubted creeds and questioned dogmas.

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A Kindly Hint.

It was announced in one local columns yesterday that an association known as the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Lyceum has just been formed among some of the most prominent colored people of the city, the object being the discussion of race conditions and other questions which are concerned with the cause of strained relations between the white and the black peoples in certain sections of the Southern States. It is also desired that, through the means of this organization, a strong, healthy sentiment will be created against all criminal practice and lawlessness, and that education and better knowledge of what is expected of them be disseminated among the negro race.

There is an organization under the same name in the city of Philadelphia, and it was the vice-president of the Philadelphia organization who recently published in the Philadelphia Ledger a communication containing the following language:

"In reading the article signed J. V. McClure, I earnestly hope your readers took note of the fact that it was from a section of the country teeming with sedition, lawlessness and rancor, which have never subsided for one moment since the South was defeated by the North. They have accepted their defeat with such ill-concealed malevolence that it is absolutely impossible for them to take a frank, dispassionate view of any question concerning the negro.

"Do the intelligent, unbiased readers of the North know that the stories sent broadcast over the world from time to time, telling of crimes committed by negro men against white women, are as false as the twentieth century journalism itself?"

If the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Lyceum of Richmond will at its first meeting adopt a resolution denouncing these charges as false and slanderous, it will have better standing from the start in this community. However, the Richmond Lyceum has a good purpose in view, and The Times-Dispatch hopes it will succeed in its endeavors.

Secretary Taft recently delivered a political address in the city of Baltimore, in which he paid his respects to President Roosevelt for having pushed through Congress a measure to destroy the rebate system and to regulate the rates of railroads, and further said that the fear of the law had entered into the hearts of the trusts. He therefore appealed to his hearers to aid in returning a Republican majority to the House of Representatives in order that the good work might go on. That is specious argument. There was such opposition among the Republican members in both branches to the President's reform measures that he was compelled to appeal to the Democrats to help him out. It would appear, therefore, that the best way to aid the President in carrying on his reform work is to help elect as many Democratic members of Congress as possible.

Saturday was President Roosevelt's forty-eighth birthday—the sixth which he has celebrated as an occupant of the White House. Characteristically, the President signalized the day by getting through a little more work than usual, a considerable part of which consisted of opening felicitatory telegrams, "a fast game of tennis" and a family dinner brought the day to an appropriate close.

The Pennsylvania man who fell six feet without injury of any kind will doubtless not feel warranted, however, in contracting the habit.

Professor Felix Adler, who says that Americans are too optimistic is obviously not a reader of the Brisbane editorials.

If 45 per cent. of Chicago's population is insane, it would be mighty interesting to get a late rating on New York.

Receiving a lemon in Wall Street is usually the preliminary symptom of a squeeze.

Cuba's little hour of limelight also seems to have passed.

The dress-shed ones are rapidly getting seasonable.

Road-Making in Orange.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—As interest in the good roads movement in the State is increasing, and as it is a matter of such vital importance to the future of Virginia, I have thought it would interest many of your readers to know what we have actually done here in Orange.

As a county, the people are still asleep and ignorant as to their best interests, but in this district, Madison, we are fortunate in having a supervisor, Walker W. Sanford, Esq., who is energetic and clear-headed, and has joined heartily in the movement to build permanent stone roads, operating with a Lambertson crusher and crusher of 90 tons per day capacity, he has built, largely with his road force of men and mules half a mile on the Gordonsville Road, and is now building one mile on the Plank Road. In addition to this, the machinery has been used during the past summer to macadamize the streets of the town of Orange. The material used was the ordinary hard rock of the country, known locally as "Niggerhead," and called by the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture "Altered Diabase, a very hard, tough trap rock." The 3,000 tons used by the town was quarried, hauled and crushed by local contractors this summer, running forty-four days, and delivered in the town's wagons for 25 cents. Our enterprising Mayor, Dr. Perry, informs me that the town paid for hauling, distributing, leveling, grading, etc., $1,200 additional, making a total cost of 65 cents for one and a half miles, averaging in width rather more than twenty-one feet. As the county roads are only being laid ten feet in width, the same expense would build three miles on about $700 per mile, including some little profit to the contractors, who paid very high wages for labor, $1.25 per day, teams, etc. Doing the same work with convict labor, as provided for in the recent statute, the cost would be greatly reduced.

We have had a very rainy time lately, and the comfort and economy of these stone roads have already been demonstrated, so much so that two enterprising gentlemen living three miles north of the town, Messrs. Robert S. Walker and T. O. Gulliam, for themselves and friends, have offered to contribute $100 if the county would build the three miles to Madison Mills, and another gentleman in the opposite direction has stated his willingness to contribute forty per cent. of the cost if the county will extend the road two miles south to his property. I am sorry to say that so far the county has not accepted either offer.

Our experience here has taught us that the cheapest way to procure the rock is from a good quarry; next best from rock fences and piles in the fields, and to pick it up from a field is the most expensive by far. Working not over one to one and a half miles from the crusher in opposite directions, the above figures will hold good with conditions similar to those described above.

W. G. GRESHAM, Jr.

Orange, Va.

Borrowed Jingle.

Lay of the Newspaper Hack.

If you think this doesn't close with the work turned out by Gray,
Recollect, are on you pass, that I do this every day.
Gray some seven years put in working on one bit of rhyme;
I'll have filled with verse a box in one-tenth that length of time.

Wordsworth babbled like a brook; he had wondrous lyric powers!
But I'm told his time he took, working only union hours.
He could stroll among the birds while he polished up a line;
That is why he turned out words worth a great deal more than mine.

Byron worked by starts and dis; I must grind like any clerk;
That's one reason why his life rank afar above my work.
Burns was always half sore; that is why his stuff is good.
But I do my daily chore like a hired man saws his wood!

—Philadelphia Bulletin.

MERELY JOKING.

Square.

Her: "Now that we are married I may as well tell you that I wear a wig." She: "So do I."—Jester.

As Usual.

Tom: "I hear Fred is married. I always thought he was too timid for anything of that kind." Jack: "Oh, he married a widow." Tom: "A widow! Where did he meet her?" Jack: "He didn't meet her at all; she overtook him."—Chicago News.

What He Really Said.

Towle: "You must be mistaken about Crooks. He's not out of pocket." Browne: "But I'm certain I heard him say so himself. I understood him to say he was out for good and all." Towle: "You misunderstood him. He probably said he was out for the goods and all."—Philadelphia Press.

Exactness Preferred.

"Ah!" sighed the rich old widower, "I would willingly die for you." "How soon?" queried the pretty but practical maid.—Chicago News.

Needed None.

"What is the goal of your ambition, Harry?" "I ain't got no goal. I'm named after ma's bachelor brother, who's a millionaire and ain't going to leave anything to charity."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Fair Question.

Prospective Employer: "Why did you leave your last place?" Irate Cook: "Why did yer last cook leave here?"—Baltimore American.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

If New York contains enough sisters to aid Hearst, Hearst is good enough to be Governor of New York.—Charleston News and Courier.

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Notwithstanding that an Illinois man has chafed every means from its borders that State will continue to advise the South as to the solution of the race problem.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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President Hadley says Yale will not adopt the simplified spelling. What would it do if Mr. Carnegie offered the university an endowment of $1,000,000 to change its name?—New York Press.

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Bertha Krupp's husband is a poor man. She thus disproves the assertion that a poor young man has no chance of rising in this world.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Speaker Cannon's prediction that the Republicans will have "a respectable majority in the next House" is not a prediction in the present membership.—Washington Post.

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It costs Atlanta another cent a pound cash, every cent in Texas will be earned by Christmas.—Houston Post.

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Having had a revolution, a big embezzlement and a typhoon, Cuba may take the advent of the moon-lake with good humor.—Baltimore American.

COMMENT OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.

The State Fair.

The Phoenix was one of, if not the, best paper in the State that issued a clear and urged the holding of a State Fair. We never agreed with President Stuart and the majority in favoring it long a kind of experiment. Nothing of the kind had been seen in the State in a long a time we feel sure, even after the best work that it could not be a failure, but we feared it would not be as it is and as it was for. We believe an interest in an exposition in a few years, however, will come and pass away. But a State Fair built up upon the idea as suggested would fail, though long years it might.—Chase City Progress.

Slemp and the Negroes.

In the Richmond circle the colored Republicans have formed one of their own organizations, and are working against Slemp. They claim that the interests of the race are being sacrificed to the interests of the white people. They ask the voters of the race to withhold their votes from the Democrats all over the State. It would be a good thing if they did so, for nobody in the Democratic ranks congratulated the Republicans in getting the white man's party in the state so badly taken.—Norfolk News.

Southern Tolerance.

Southerners are too much proud of the fact that during half a century or more no duels have been started in them because of the slaughter of the Civil War, "Blue Tom's rabbit," on the other North and South, in reunions for the purpose of brotherly love, and celebrations of national days should be handled by mutual consent. "The Passport" is an effort to make a serious political play, treated not as relief and entirely. While not embracing plans the appeal to prejudice and sectional feeling, one still must chuckle at the way the author [illegible] his fun-tramping.—Virginia Citizen.

Don't Feel the Tax.

Philadelphia: "Who is suffering because of lack of tariff revision? The country was never more prosperous than now, and never has there been known so little complaint or dissatisfaction with prevailing conditions. Nobody of any consequence is complaining of the tariff or anything else, and that is to be expected.—Dresden Journal.

Danger of Overconfidence.

One of the most dangerous things in politics is overconfidence. While the News has no doubt of the result of the election on the 6th day of November in this congressional district, it is nevertheless not at all satisfied with the apathy displayed by the Democrats throughout Northern Neck.—News.

Whose Fault?

In 1900 there were more than ten million farmers in this country. There are not half a dozen farmers in Congress to represent the agricultural interest. Isn't there something wrong about this?—Toledo News-Review.

Work for the Sprinkler.

Now after the experience of last Sunday, maybe the firemen will not kick up so much about sprinkling streets.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

James Hazen Hyde, former vice-president of the Equitable, who is living in Paris, has entered into a wager for a cup between Harvard and Yale for Paris.

In the vatican at Rome is the largest topaz in the world. It weighs seven pounds and has carvings upon it that occupied three Neapolitan lapidaries sixty-one years.

Don Manuel Torres Aguerda has been appointed Mexican consul at Baltimore to succeed Jose Y. Tornel. He was at one time chief secretary of the Mexican legation at Washington.

Former Senator J. Ralph Burton, of Kansas, was arrested a week or more ago at Boston, Mass., for abusing his wife. Mr. Burton, who was sentenced to prison for a judge who had been his room at De Paul University.

The decoration of the French Legion of Honor was conferred upon Caruso, the tenor, at the Trocadero, Paris, at a musical fete held there on the 25th [illegible] in the benefit of Coquelin's Association of Dramatic Artists.

Joseph Lake is the one prominent political figure in Michigan who declines to be listed as a Roosevelt subscriber. He intends to [illegible] for some period of campaign rest away from Washington.

James H. Johnson, of Washington, who drove the opening goddess of the Davis family at the funeral of Mrs. Jefferson Davis in Richmond, has driven the Davis carriage at the funerals of each of the members who have gone before. He drove at the funerals of Jefferson Davis and Miss Winnie Davis. He has never missed attending a Confederate reunion since the war.—Philadelphia Record.

It is [illegible] for an earldom in England, getting to be an American citizen and a Los Angeles resident, and spurns a title which is in the [illegible] asking. His father recently died, but he was nothing could induce him to give up [illegible] citizenship. His wife is an American girl, and Mr. Carew was at one time a Michigan State Senator.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Dream that the lips once breathless
Might quicken if they would;
Say that the soul is deathless;
Dream that the gods are good;
Say March may wed September,
And time divorce regret;
But not that you remember,
And not that I forget.

Remembrance may recover,
And time bring back to time,
The name of your first lover,
The ring of my first rhyme;
But rose-leaves of December
The frosts of June shall fret
The day that you remember
The day that I forget.

—Swinburne.

Engagement Announced.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Ethel Stratton McCurdy to Mr. Phifer Baxter Bostic, of Muskogee, Okla.

Miss McCurdy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McCurdy. Mr. Bostic is the son of Mr. John Baxter Bostic, of Kansas City, Mo.

The wedding, which will be witnessed by the family and a few intimate friends, only, will take place on December the sixth, at "The Shenandoah."

Cards of Invitation Out.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Ethel S. Cole, daughter of Mrs. Sue Cole, of Fredericksburg, Va., to Mr. Edward Hatcher Ould, of Middlesboro, Ky. The ceremony will take place in the Fredericksburg Baptist Church on the evening of Tuesday, November 6th, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Cole is a graduate of the State Normal, at Farmville, and since her graduation has been an eminently successful teacher. She is very popular and highly accomplished.

Mr. Ould is a native of Virginia, and is regarded as a very successful business man. After an extended bridal trip to Florida, the couple will make their home in Middlesboro, Ky., where Mr. Ould has large business interests.

Hallowe'en Festivities.

One of the most beautiful Hallowe'en entertainments of the season will be given by the ladies of the Home Mission Society of Park Place Church, at the parsonage, No. 612 West Grace Street, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The entertainment is for the benefit of the repair fund of the church, and to this end a silver offering will be accepted at the door. An interesting program, consisting of songs and recitations, embodying the idea of Hallowe'en, will be rendered by such talented artists as Mrs. R. E. Michaels, Miss Lillian Taylor, Miss Mary Wright and others.

In addition, a magic cabinet, presided over by the Witch of Romance, will test the fate of those courageous enough to watch the omens of the oracle. The sand-diviner will also assist in the art of necromancy, and various spells will be conjured for the mystification and amusement of the guests.

Decorations will be very unique, and refreshments at moderate prices will be dispensed by the witches. A cordial invitation is extended, and an enjoyable evening promised to all who will attend this revel of the witches.

Annual Club Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Art Club of Richmond will be held in the club rooms, Grace and Madison Streets, on Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

The board meets at 8 o'clock, and a full attendance is requested. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

On Etruscan Art.

Miss Julia Wooldridge will read a paper on "Etruscan Art" Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock, in the rooms of the Art Club. Mrs. B. Lorraine will preside at the tea table.

Tuesday German Meets.

The members of the Tuesday German Club held a meeting Friday evening in Masonic Temple, when the following officers were elected: Mr. Thomas Branch McAdams, president; Mr. Roy M. Jones, vice-president; Mr. Thomas W. Brockenbrough, secretary and treasurer. The board of governors includes Messrs. Henry G. Elliott, Robert Williams Daniel, Barksdale Lathrop and Stuart Cook.

The names of lady patronesses and the date of the first and following dances to be given in Masonic Temple will be announced later.

Important Meeting.

An important meeting of St. John's Circle of King's Daughters will be held to-day in the home of Mrs. John Charleton, No. 204 East Franklin Street.

Crawford—Roundtree.

The wedding of Miss Bessie Reba Roundtree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watkins Roundtree, to Mr. Ernest B. Crawford, of Harrisonburg, Va., will take place in All Saints Church on the evening of November 8th, at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. William Crenshaw Newman, of Ellerson's, Va., will be the bride's matron of honor. The list of bridesmaids will include Misses Helen White, of Oxford, N. C.; Ethel McCurdy, Ellie Holmes, Courtney Roundtree and Isabel Walker. Mr. Charles T. Roller, of Fort Defiance, will be best man, and the ushers, Messrs. W. W. Haines, Howard Jenkins, Maxwell Dietrick, A. Valentine Roundtree, E. A. Crawford, of West Virginia; Dr. Frank Crawford, of Fort Defiance, and W. W. Waller, of West Virginia.

Little Miss Mildred Chalmers, of New York City, is to officiate as flower girl. The wedding trip will be to Hot Springs, Va., and Northern points. Mr. Crawford and bride will be at home after December 1st, in Harrisonburg, Va.

Robins—Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander H. Taylor, of Rutherford, Tenn., have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Martha Elizabeth, to Mr. Claiborne Robins, of this city. The ceremony will take place Thursday, November 8th, at 10:30 A. M., in the bride's home at Rutherford.

Mr. Robins is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Robins, of this city.

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Whist Tournament.

The Woman's Club inaugurated its winter season of whist Friday night with the first of the whist tournaments which was held in the club rooms. The players numbered thirty-two, at eight tables. The best score, north and south, was made by Mrs. Bland Smith and her brother, Colonel Spottswood. The top score, east and west, was a tie between Mrs. C. T. Ripley and Miss M. E. Moore, and Mrs. C. W. P. Brock and Mr. C. C. Chapin. Following the tournament a collation was served. The next tournament will be held at the club rooms on Friday, the 23d of November.

Following is a list of those participating in the enjoyment of the evening: Miss Moore, Mrs. Ripley, Mrs. Brock, Mr. Chapin, Miss Rutherfoord, Mr. Cary, Miss Knox, Miss Harris, Mrs. Travers, Mrs. Borden, Mrs. Glazebrooke, Mrs. Boykin, Mrs. Pattison, Mr. Wilmer, Miss Guillaume, Admiral Webster, Mrs. Smith, Colonel Spottwood, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Gay, Miss Bryan, Miss Smith, Mrs. Webster, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Correll, Mr. Tyler, Mrs. Wingo, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Belvin, Mr. Belvin, Mrs. Webster, Mr. Webster.

Meeting of Alumnae.

The regular fall meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Woman's College will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the college chapel. A full attendance is desired, as much business will be transacted, especially in reference to the Educational Conference to be held in this city next month.

Young Lady Students.

A number of earnest young women, whose standing in the intellectual and educational life of Richmond is of the best, are in attendance upon lectures at Richmond College, where they not only add a pleasant contingent to the social affairs of the institution, but win for themselves high honors in the lecture-room.

The group includes Misses Hattie Smith, Gay Broaddus, Noland Hubbard, Peachy Harrison, Mary Hawes Tyler, Isabel Walker, Emily Blake, Lelia Betty, Lily Trevette, Nannie West, Julia Barnes, Mattie Brown, Montague, Lena Gregory, Caroline Holladay, Bertha Knapp, Rachel Lovenstein, Sadie Hellstern and Elsie Fellheimer.

The Chi Epsilon Literary Society, composed of these young ladies, will hold an open session Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, to which the members of the faculty, with their wives, and former young lady students of the college will be invited. Professors Boatwright and Mitchell will make informal talks during the afternoon.

The officers of the society are Miss Gay Broaddus, president; Miss Hattie Smith, vice-president; Miss Bertha Knapp, secretary, and Miss Mattie Brown, treasurer.

Donation Day.

Wednesday, November 7th, will be the annual donation day at the Sheltering Arms Free Hospital. A committee of ladies will be at the hospital all day to receive contributions. It is hoped that the public will make a generous response to this appeal, as the institution is greatly in need of supplies of all kinds, and is entirely dependent upon public beneficence.

Unique Entertainment.

The Girls' Missionary Society of the Second Baptist Church will have a "good luck" tea in the church parlors Friday afternoon and evening from 4 to 6 and from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Personal Mention.

Miss Mary Gravely, of Danville, is the guest of Miss Mary Drake.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Branch McAdams have returned from their wedding trip and are at No. 914 West Franklin Street.

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Mayor and Mrs. S. S. Walker, of Lexington, Va., are spending a few days with Colonel and Mrs. Fred Pleasants, of No. 310 Shafer Street.

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Miss Emma Lyle, of Yost, Va., recently visited in Richmond.

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Mrs. G. T. Beaver, of East Radford, is in the city for medical treatment.

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Mr. W. T. Robertson, of South Pine Street, has been on a short visit to Miss Annie Scruggs, in Washington.

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Miss Annie Salzman has returned to her home in Danville after a delightful visit to Richmond.

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Judge and Mrs. John G. Dew and Miss Mary Sue Dew have returned from their country home in King and Queen county.

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Mrs. C. A. Muire has returned to Richmond after a pleasant visit to friends in King and Queen county.

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Mrs. George P. Stacy and Miss Louise Stacy, who have been spending the summer at their country home at Walkerton, Va., are the guests of friends in Richmond. Mrs. Stacy and Miss Stacy have recently returned from a visit to Buffalo, N. Y.

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Mrs. Charles Watkins has returned from spending some time with relatives in Roanoke.

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Miss Flora Brown will be in New York for several days of this week.

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Mrs. Prize Jones and Mrs. Bragg, of Petersburg, spent Saturday in Richmond, with a party of Mrs. Bragg's friends from Florida, who desired to visit points of interest here.

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Miss Janie Jenkins has returned to the city, after some months spent with friends at Salida, Va.

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Miss Bessie Brown, of Jarratt's, Va., who has been the guest of relatives here, has returned home.

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Mrs. K. Rosenfeld has returned to her home in Bedford, after a visit to friends here.

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Mr. J. M. Harbour attended the Confederate reunion in Roanoke last week.

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Mr. L. W. Clark, of Radford, spent last week in Richmond.

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The Rev. John Hallowell Dickinson, returned Saturday from a visit to Harrisonburg and Alexandria.

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Mrs. Edward Echols, of Staunton, entertained Friday evening in honor of Miss Constance Knowles, of Atlanta; Miss Evelyn Young, of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. A. Erskine Miller, of Staunton, who is well remembered in Richmond as Miss Gladys Frazier.

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Mr. Garland P. Peed, of Norfolk, was in the city Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harris and the Misses Harris have returned from Hot Springs, where they spent the summer.

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Mrs. Charles Kruse, of New York, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Belvin.

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Mrs. L. F. Harman, of North Seventh Street, is improving, after her recent illness.

Fair Directors.

The board of directors of the Virginia State Fair Association will meet in Murphy's annex to-morrow night at 8 o'clock to transact important business. At this meeting the financial operations of the recent fair will be discussed, and a balance struck, which will show a snug little income over expenses.

The question of keeping up interest in the association will also be considered. It is said that because of the phenomenal success of the first event, many stockholders are ready to double their subscriptions.

Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

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BEN BOLT.

By THOMAS DUNN ENGLISH.

Thomas Dunn English was born June 29, 1819, in Philadelphia, Pa. A doctor, journalist and writer, whose most popular ballad is given below.

Don't you remember sweet Alice, Ben Bolt,—
Sweet Alice whose hair was so brown,
Who wept with delight when you gave her a smile,
And trembled with fear at your frown?
In the old churchyard in the valley, Ben Bolt,
In a corner obscure and alone,
They have fitted a slab of the granite so gray,
And Alice lies under the stone.

Under the hickory tree, Ben Bolt,
Which stood at the foot of the hill,
Together we've lain in the noonday shade,
And listened to Appleton's mill.
The mill-wheel has fallen to pieces, Ben Bolt,
The rafters have tumbled in,
And a quiet which crawls round the walls as you gaze
Has followed the olden din.

Do you mind of the cabin of logs, Ben Bolt,
At the edge of the pathless wood,
And the button-ball tree, with its motley limbs,
Which nigh by the doorstep stood?
The cabin to ruin has gone, Ben Bolt,
The tree you would seek for in vain;
And where once the lords of the forest waved
Are grass and the golden grain.

And don't you remember the school, Ben Bolt,
With the master so cruel and grim,
And the shaded nook in the running brook
Where the children went to swim?
Grass grows on the master's grave, Ben Bolt,
The spring of the brook is dry,
And of all the boys who were schoolmates then
There are only you and I.

There is change in the things I loved, Ben Bolt,
They have changed from the old to the new;
But I feel in the deeps of my spirit the truth,
There never was change in you.
Twelvemonths twenty have past, Ben Bolt,
Since first we were friends—yet I hail
Your presence a blessing, your friendship a truth,
Ben Bolt of the salt-sea gale.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 21, 1906. One is published each day.

GRANDPA'S BOY

11-Year-Old Boy Writes Letter for Him.

"I am a boy eleven years old, in the fifth grade in grammar school, and my grandfather wants me to write you what Grape-Nuts has done for him," says a Calif. boy.

"For more than fifty years he was troubled with a kind of nervous chill, which would attack him in the night, especially when he was very tired, and no cure could be found for it.

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"After eating Grape-Nuts for a little while the attacks of heartburn and indigestion disappeared altogether.

"To-day, at the age of 78, he is hale and hearty, and is entirely cured of all his old troubles. I can never thank you enough for what Grape-Nuts has done for my dear grandfather.

"As for myself, I believe Grape-Nuts is the best food a boy can take while attending school." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

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