

VISITORS CALLED TO DISCUSS PLANS

Newly Elected Board of University of Richmond Will Meet To-Morrow.

INTEREST STILL GREAT

Steps to Be Taken Toward Applying to Corporation Commission for Charter.

The newly elected board of visitors of the University of Richmond, has been called to meet to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Interest in the matter continues to center about the selection of a site, the popular impression being that the place chosen will be somewhere in the neighborhood of Union Theological Seminary.

This tract runs from the Brook Road to the Hermitage, and extends from a point on Brook Road, opposite the Hampton flower gardens, to Westwood Avenue, which marks the line of the laboring property.

Keep Them Together

In laying off the grounds there will be taken to keep the national college in close continuity. Hampden-Sidney will not doubt be offered a position as near to Union Theological Seminary as possible.

In a similar manner Richmond College will wish to have its constituent parts—that is, the varied schools now known as the Richmond College Corporation, in close continuity.

The combined medical colleges will make one of the strongest schools in the South, and will no doubt be allotted a sufficient plot to allow for the building of laboratories, hospitals, etc.

Technological School

One of the most attractive and popular features of the proposed plan is the idea of developing a Mechanics' Institute into a great technological institution, the equal of anything of the kind in the South.

It is being freely said that a school of scientific farming, with the chemistry of soils, the science of fertilizers, and expert instruction in apical farming, would revolutionize the methods of working the land of Eastern Virginia.

Randolph-Macon, now located at Ashland, is one of the best equipped schools in the South. It is suggested as becoming a constituent part of the university, and it may be difficult to get it into the scheme at once.

Another interesting consideration is the possibility of the establishment of an additional normal school by the State.

The school at Farmville is overcrowded, and the State is looking for a position for an additional women's training school for teachers.

MOVE TO FULTON. An Odd-Fellows' Lodge to Change Its Habitat.

Capital City Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., organized more than four years ago, and which has had its meeting place in Sanger Hall, will transfer to Fulton, Va., in doing this, the Odd-Fellows' Lodge, and at the request of a great many people, who want to have a lodge of the order in the town.

WEALTHY NEW YORKER BUYS PLACE HERE FOR STOCK FARM

W. E. Rand Secures "Ingleside," Near Richmond, and Will Make It His Winter Home—More Property Purchased by Jefferson Club.

Messrs. Green & Reed, real estate agents, have recently sold the beautiful country home of Mr. A. R. Ellerson, called "Ingleside," located about seven miles from the city, and containing 225 acres.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

List of Appointments Announced by Grand Master of Virginia Masons.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Grand Lodge Is Now in Full Working Trim for the Year.

Capitan S. J. Quinn, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia, has announced appointments of district deputy grand masters for the fifty districts in the State as follows:

- No. 1—Walter T. Oliver, Fairfax. No. 2—E. E. Lewis, Ashburn. No. 3—C. W. Trenary, Front Royal. No. 4—John T. Cochran, The Plains. No. 5—James H. Morrison, Luray. No. 6—H. M. Rogers, Mt. Crawford. No. 7—W. J. Phillips, Orange Court-house. No. 8—H. H. Johnston, Fredericksburg. No. 9—H. W. Harding, Wicomico Church. No. 10—J. L. Henley, Tappahannock. No. 11—R. A. Fitzhugh, Gloucester. No. 12—J. T. Meares, Wachapreague. No. 13—W. D. Williams, Cape Charles. No. 14—A. L. Evans, Newport News. No. 15—Frank M. Hendler, Norfolk. No. 16—B. W. Ragland, Chester. No. 17—H. G. Harris, Scottsville. No. 18—Walter Dinwiddie, Charlottesville. No. 19—J. T. Smith, Waynesboro. No. 20—W. A. Adair, Lexington. No. 21—H. J. Dobbs, Amherst. No. 22—J. W. Leitch, Roanoke. No. 23—W. S. Taylor, Clifton Forge. No. 24—C. H. Callahan, Lynchburg. No. 25—Henry A. Southall, Lynchburg. No. 26—J. D. Allen, Farmville. No. 27—William J. Sowers, Crewe. No. 28—E. L. Haskins, Torry's Mill. No. 29—V. M. Campbell, Petersburg. No. 30—Alex. T. Hoffecker, Norfolk. No. 31—E. P. Turner, Fergusson's Wharf. No. 32—James E. Sebrall, Courtland. No. 33—C. R. Fulgham, Hobson. No. 34—E. L. Sutton, Ghimerton. No. 35—John M. Newton, Poahontas. No. 36—D. W. Berger, Drake's Branch. No. 37—S. T. A. Kent, Ingram. No. 38—A. M. Southall, Danville. No. 39—H. B. Hundley, Jr., Martinsville. No. 40—William M. Ellis, Shawsville. No. 41—T. S. Taylor, Thessalia. No. 42—N. B. Rhudy, Wytheville. No. 43—J. F. Delp, Elk Creek. No. 44—J. Dave Buchanan, Ellendale. No. 45—John M. Newton, Poahontas. No. 46—A. A. Barrow, Abingdon. No. 47—R. S. Meade, Lebanon. No. 48—L. N. Kelly, Big Stone Gap. No. 49—W. W. Bond, Nickelsville. No. 50—M. G. Ely, Jonsville.

Other Appointments

The following other appointments were announced: Lecturer—W. T. Row, Grand Lecturer, Division No. 5; Parks Jones, Division No. 1; James M. Clift, No. 2; F. W. Whitaker, No. 3; J. C. Pruner, No. 4; C. G. Davis, No. 6, who, with the following, will constitute the committee on work: H. O. Kerns, James E. Gorman, H. M. Rogers, E. L. Cunningham, George W. Wright and R. A. Fitzhugh.

Finance Committee—Charles E. Whigo, Julius Straus, Sol. Cutchen, E. W. Dyer, Ernest Williams, Barry Hodges, Charles B. Marshall, W. McD. Lee, H. O. Kerns.

Committee on Correspondence—Joseph W. Eggleston, Ed. N. Eubank and Henry L. Atkinson. Committee—K. Kemper, George H. Jay and W. E. Watt. Steward's Committee—John P. May, W. M. Williams, George W. Poy, R. W. L. Smith, H. L. Hulce and L. B. Skifford.

TO HAVE BANQUET.

Christian Sunday-Schools Will Enjoy Annual Feast.

The five Christian Sunday schools in Richmond will hold their annual banquet at the Masonic Temple Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

The gathering is intended as a social affair for the purpose of discussing Sunday school work and bringing the workers of these schools into closer Christian unity. Among the speakers will be Dr. Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia; Rev. J. J. Haley, Rev. B. H. Melton, Rev. J. P. Atkins, Rev. G. D. Colburn, Mr. H. W. Sublett, Mr. L. J. McIntosh, State secretary of the International Sunday-School Association, and Mr. J. E. Priddy, of Norfolk, State superintendent of the Sunday schools of the Christian Churches.

Christian Sunday schools of Richmond and Manchester, who compose this association, have an enrollment of 1,500 officers and 1,300 scholars.

Richmond College Notes. Virginia Myers, an alumnus of Richmond College, now in business in Savannah, Ga., called at the college recently.

Dr. C. H. Ryland, with Mrs. Ryland and Miss Bessie Ryland, are visiting friends in Louisiana. The playwright has returned from Louisville, Ky., where he attended the banquet of the Richmond School Alumni Association. He reports the meeting to have been very successful, nearly one hundred guests being present.

Dr. C. Mitchell has been absent from college for a few days on a trip to Atlanta and Pinchard.

WEEK'S SCHEDULE IN CIV AFFAIRS

Discussion of Establishment of Emergency Hospital Will Be Chief Matter.

QUESTION OF LIGHT PLANT

Advocates of Measure Declare It Is Not Dead Yet by Any Means.

There will be no meeting of the Common Council or the Board of Aldermen this week, so far as is now known. Either or both branches may yet be called. The two bodies have invited Mayor McCarthy to address the members during February, on the finances of the city, but the presidents have not yet announced a date. The Mayor is ready to comply with the request and only awaits the fixing of the time.

The Committee on Street Cleaning will meet at 8 P. M. to-day at the City Hall and the Committee on Relief of the Poor at the same hour at the City Home. The Street Cleaning Committee has nothing of special importance or interest to come up. The Committee on Relief of the Poor will hear the discussion incident to the establishment of an emergency hospital in a central portion of the city.

The full committee will sit with the sub-committee in this connection. Dr. Ely, of Williams, who is ably and intelligently urging the establishment and maintenance of such a hospital, will present his arguments therefor and along with them he will present a bill to be introduced into the assembly. There is some opposition in the committee to the plan, which means a divorce of the Almshouse and City Hospital, but the majority appear to be in favor of a careful consideration of the matter.

On Thursday the Committee on Grounds and Buildings will hold its regular meeting, as will also the Committee on Ordinance, City and County.

On Friday the Committee on St. John's Burying Ground will meet.

Not Dead Yet.

Interest in the future of the Dabney electric light and power plant project has but slightly diminished since the defeat of the ordinance relating to it by the Board of Aldermen last Tuesday. The identical ordinance which failed of adoption by three votes in the Board lies on the table in the Common Council, and may be taken therefrom at any time.

Mr. Dabney, its author in the upper branch, and one of its most earnest advocates, is quoted as saying that the project is not dead by any manner of means, and that it is likely to come up for adoption by that body at its next meeting.

Its fate in the lower branch is doubtful, though its friends were sufficiently numerous to defer action on it recently. Several of the petitioners were absent. It will require twenty-four affirmative votes to insure its passage by the lower branch and fourteen by the upper branch. In the event the ordinance should pass in the Common Council without amendment it appears to be a matter of some question whether the Board of Aldermen, after having once defeated it, could again take it up. Some of the petitioners are anxious to have the ordinance again considered by the Board to again consider it. Opposing view.

It is possible that the friends of the project may endeavor to secure a report on the feasibility of the plan and the probable cost of the establishment and operation of the plant. The opponents of some of them expressed themselves as favoring such an inquiry before voting a bond issue, and advocates of the plan may give them a chance to keep their conditional promise. The proposition is certain to be heard from again before the coroner is called to act in its case.

QUESTION OF PAVING STREETS WITH ASPHALT

The matter of paving Marshall and Clay Streets from Eighth to Twelfth, and Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh Streets with asphalt block has been referred by the Board of Aldermen to the City Engineer and the Madison Ward delegation in the Council. The project is a large and expensive one, but if the local delegation can be induced to contribute funds or a large proportion of it for this purpose, or to make a start toward paving those streets, it would seem that the plan would be realized.

The location of the new High School will be a reason for urging the paving of these streets. The Fiscal Merchants' Association have petitioned for the paving of the streets on each side of Broad from Ninth to Adams, inclusive. This is a large and expensive one, but if the local delegation can be induced to contribute funds or a large proportion of it for this purpose, or to make a start toward paving those streets, it would seem that the plan would be realized.

PEOPLE SANG HYMNS AS QUAKE SHOOK CHURCH

Letters have been received in the neighborhood of East Richmond recently from Mrs. J. A. Strickland, of Kingston, Jamaica, giving a graphic account of the earthquake there. Mrs. Strickland is the wife of Rev. J. A. Strickland, conference of Seventh Day Adventists, has three sisters living in Virginia, Mrs. Pleasant Pollard, of Seven Pines; Mrs. Koch, of East Richmond, and Mrs. Strickland, of Henric.

Mrs. Strickland says that when the earthquake came her husband was conducting service in the church. Great excitement, amounting almost to a panic, prevailed, but the minister raised his hands and those on the platform began to sing "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow." Order was shortly restored and all left the building in safety, though the front of it fell out. Of the church-members, one of the children and one native perished as a result of the earthquake.

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Long-Desired Filtration Plant Is Now Rapidly Nearing Completion.

NEW POSTMASTER POPULAR

Weatherford Memorial Congregation Will Renew Effort to Complete Church.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1107 Hull Street. The new filtration plant for Manchester is about ready for work. Mr. C. P. E. Burgwyn, the engineer who has looked after the construction of the plant, says it will be opened for operation within a few weeks. It has recommended that it be inspected by experts, and the tests will be made one day this week. The filter was built by the Roberts Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia, and stands as a monument to the untiring energy and persistent ability of the members of the special Water Committee of the Council. Mr. Carter Jones, of the First Ward, was chairman of this committee.

Superintendent Sharp, of the Water Works, received complaints regularly about the condition of the water served the citizens. One day last week a man walked into the office of Mr. Shays and read from a report in the paper that the water was "used in the water, in order to make it clear."

"That alum has given me indigestion, and unless you use less of it out at that filter plant, I will cut the water off my house," he said. "The plant is not yet built," replied Mr. Sharp; "you are getting water direct from James River, as you have been doing for years."

"That something 'dropped'."

"Shorty" Congratulated.

Postmaster T. H. Smith, who was appointed to the position to succeed Mr. H. C. Beattie, was congratulated on his appointment by his friends in the city. Mr. Smith has given out nothing that would indicate anything concerning his appointment of subordinates to be made in the near future. The office in Manchester pays \$2,400, having been raised \$100 in the past few years.

Mr. Beattie, the retiring postmaster, is one of the most prominent merchants of the city, and is a large real estate owner. He succeeded Mr. W. M. McKinley, who was appointed by President McKinley.

"Shorty" Smith will give up his interest in the real estate firm with which he has been connected for several years, and will devote his entire time to the post-office.

At the New Church.

Revival services which closed yesterday in Weatherford Memorial Baptist Church in Swansboro, are being continued by the same congregation of the strength of the organization that a renewed effort will be made to complete the edifice which has been started and which now is only half-built. The services were held in the basement, which was originally intended as a Sunday-school room, and they have been attended by some of the most representative citizens of Swansboro.

The split in Clifton Street Baptist Church has been, and is yet, a source of deep regret to the many Baptists in Swansboro and in upper Manchester. No regular pastor has been secured, and the church is in a state of stagnation. The former pastor, Rev. C. B. Cook, is preaching in the new church.

The Rev. Mr. Dagan, of Roanoke, has preached for two weeks in the revival services, and many converts have been secured.

Meeting Held.

The Sunbeam Society of Bainbridge Street Church held a meeting yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. E. V. Baldy, who is very active in her work.

Personals and Briefs.

Miss Agnes V. Smith, of No. 513 West Fourteenth Street, who has been sick since Christmas, is improving. Miss Josie McCarthy, of No. 1107 Semmes Street, is quite sick in her home. Mr. Emmet Nunnally, of Swansboro, who has been sick for three weeks, is able to be out.

Rev. R. J. Dagan, of Roanoke, who conducted revival services in the Weatherford Memorial Baptist Church for two weeks, returned to his home on Saturday. Mr. Guy Gregory, of No. 1107 Bainbridge Street, who has been ill with typhoid, is slightly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Baird, of this city, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion Woodall, to Mr. William Allen McGee. The wedding will take place in March.

TO AID CHINESE.

Effort to Be Made to Raise Fund Here.

Announcement was made here yesterday of the decision on the part of certain Richmond people to attempt the raising of a fund to be used in assisting in the relief of the famine-stricken people of China, millions of whom are now suffering. Rev. George H. Wiley, superintendent of the front of the city of Virginia, made the following statement: "I have thought with every notice that I have seen in the papers for the past month about the \$5,000,000 that people are in some instances eating human flesh and in thousands of cases are eating dogs to keep alive. Roots, leaves of the trees, bark and vines, with a little milk, that is all that is left in many places."

"I have asked Dr. F. W. Stiff to join me in saying to the public that we will form through the Red Cross Society any funds sent us."

"Dr. Stiff and I had nearly \$3,000 sent to us some years ago for the starving people of India, and we both are persuaded that hundreds of lives might not have been sent in if we had not offered a convenient and speedy means of sending such funds."

"I have trouble and expense we will contribute every contribution in the papers and will print receipts from the Red Cross treasurer to correspond with our acknowledgments."

"The same firm also sold last week fifty-five feet on the south side of Grace, between Allen Avenue and Woodrow Ford, to Mr. J. P. Ford for \$5,000. Mr. Ford is now preparing to erect two detached dwellings on this property and hopes to have them completed in early spring."

SELECTION WAS NOT CONTESTED

Brigadier Generalship Bestowed on Colonel Vaughan Without a Fight.

MILITARY PROGRAM FOR WEEK

Tuesday the Busy Night—Company T to Attend Funeral. Other Notes.

The election of Colonel Cecil C. Vaughan, Jr., of Franklin, Va., to be brigadier-general, commanding the First Virginia Brigade, was reached on the first and only ballot, the selection being made unanimously. No other name was voted upon by him. It had been expected that another candidate would offer, but the contest did not materialize. The Times-Dispatch was misinformed as to the action being reached on the second ballot.

Neither Colonel Perry nor Lieutenant-Colonel Craigill was a candidate for the honor at any time, and though Colonel R. F. Leedy was urged, he was not voted for. The election of Colonel Vaughan, the new brigadier-general, will probably name his staff soon. His selection was assured by the votes of the Seventeenth Regiment officers, and he will probably remember this fact in the choice of his staff.

Now that the Richmond Light Infantry Blues have ordered their new and handsome uniforms, which will be a reproduction of those worn by the company when it was in the position to resume regular drills. The service dress uniforms and the khaki outfits furnished by the government have arrived, and these will be used in the use for drills. The two companies will drill on the streets until such adequate floor can be secured. With favorable weather, which will soon be assured, the men will be able to drill on some of the asphalt paved streets. Meanwhile, the company will be pretty well assured that the Finance Committee will make some recommendation in the budget which will be in the nature of a start toward a permanent army.

The members of Company F, of the Seventieth Regiment, are requested to meet at the armory in dress uniform at 10 A. M. to-day, or as soon as possible thereafter, to attend the funeral of ex-Sergeant Parsley, of that company, at the Pine Street Baptist Church at 11 A. M. to-day. Mr. Parsley died Saturday afternoon. His retirement from active service was due to ill health.

The following is the schedule of drills and meetings of the military commands of the city for the week: To-night—Company C, Seventieth Regiment, Lieutenant E. R. Loving, commanding. Tuesday night—Company F, Seventieth Regiment, Captain J. H. Stone, commanding. Wednesday night—Company B, Seventieth Regiment, Captain A. W. Miller, commanding. Thursday night—Company H, Seventieth Regiment, Captain R. Page Burwell, commanding. Friday night—Company A, Seventieth Regiment, Captain E. M. Hardy, commanding. Saturday afternoon—General target practice in the armory.

All the friends of Company H, recently disbanded, are requested to meet a committee at the armory on Tuesday night, at which time it is expected arrangements will be made for the reorganization of the company and its reorganization into the regular military commands. Next Thursday it is hoped to elect officers and complete the organization.

All the local companies are campaigning for recruits and endeavoring at the same time to improve the personnel of their commands. The Howitzers have adopted a systematic plan which is proving eminently successful, the battery being recruited almost to the full complement of the Seventieth Regiment officers are growing steadily. The Blues have well-filled ranks, and are even considering the organization of a third company. Everything is getting ready for Jamestown.

The War Department has compiled the scores of the small arms competitions of the army for 1906. First Sergeant Martin E. Dunbar, Company E, Fourth Infantry, led the army, with an aggregate score of 821, closely followed by Sergeant James E. Landers, Company N, Twelfth Infantry, score 820. Captain Frederick S. Stritzinger, Twenty-second Infantry, led the commissioned officers with a score of 802. The best shot of the army was Captain J. A. Cole, Sixth Cavalry, score 287.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR THOSE WHO DIED ON SHIP

Interesting Exercises Conducted Last Night at Salvation Army Headquarters in Richmond—Lesson Drawn From Disaster to Steamer.

Memorial services were held last night by the Salvation Army in the headquarters on Broad Street, for the members of the organization who went down to death in the disaster which occurred to the steamship Larchmont last week. A company of the Salvation Army was on board the ill-fated ship when it was wrecked. They made no attempt whatever to avoid themselves of the chances of rescue in the boats, but stood aside to allow the other passengers every opportunity to make their escape. They themselves formed in line and met death with a battle hymn on their lips, singing just before they were entirely submerged. "While the heavier waters roll, while the tempest still is high," lines from that old familiar hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," which has been sung through so many generations.

The terrible disaster recalled the fate of the English battleship, the Birkenhead, on which was a regiment of British troops bound for East India. As the Birkenhead went down the English soldiers formed in line on the deck and

WORKERS COMING FROM ALL POINTS

Delegations From Virginia Cities Will Attend Sunday-School Institute in Richmond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS YESTERDAY

Expected That Some of Experts Will Be on Hand by Saturday.

Notices were read in nearly all the churches of Richmond yesterday with regard to the Sunday-school institute to be held here from February 26th to the 28th. Mr. Marlon Lawrence, of Toledo, Ohio, who is recognized as the leading expert in Sunday-school work in America, and who has before spoken in Richmond, and will be in charge of the conference, and will have an able corps of assistants, each the authority on some one branch. The sessions will be held in the Grace Street Baptist Church, which was selected from a number offering, on account of the arrangement of the interior, which brings the whole audience near to the platform by a circular aisle, which was thought to be especially valuable, as the lecturers will wish to illustrate their work with frequent use of blackboard and other exhibits.

Special Railroad Rates. The institute is held under the auspices of the interdenominational Sunday-School Association of Richmond and vicinity, of which Mr. R. E. Maggill is the chairman. Arrangements are being made for a considerable number of out-of-town attendants entering the city having issued a special rate of one and one-third fare, plus twenty-five cents, on the certificate of the association. The certificates will have to be secured from the offices at the point of starting, and must be signed by the State secretary here, Mr. L. J. McIntosh, before returning.

Mr. Maggill has had in mind that in his opinion the institute would be an opportunity for the officers and teachers of Sunday schools of Richmond that should not be allowed to pass by. "Many of our schools," declared Mr. Maggill, "will spend from fifty to a hundred dollars a year to send one or two representatives to some summer school for a few days' study. Instead of going to the conferences at Ashville, or Northfield, or Winona, we are bringing the leading instructors in the subject of Sunday-school work here to this city, and our teachers and officers will have the chance to see and hear any Sunday-school teacher that lets this opportunity slip will greatly regret it."

Mr. Lawrence will be Mr. W. T. Pearce, one of the secretaries of the International Sunday-School Committee, whose reputation as an expert in this work is scarcely second to that of the leader. In the party will be Mr. H. H. Palmer, of Peoria, Ill., and Mrs. J. W. Barnes, of Newark, N. J., two ladies of culture and refinement, who have met with extraordinary success in the department under their joint and primary work.

These ladies will hold special classes in the parlors of the Grace Street Baptist Church during the institute, and will discuss methods with all those who are interested in Sunday-school work. Although quite a number of cities throughout the South, Baltimore among the number, made attractive offers for the services of the international committee has arranged for but three in the South—Richmond, Atlanta and New Orleans.

Early in the spring Mr. Lawrence expects to go with the party to Sunday-school workers who are arranging to hold a convention there in May. Three years ago the International Sunday-School Convention was held in Jerusalem, and was attended by a large delegation from the United States. At that time the committee decided that the practice should be continued, and the next convention was ordered to meet in Rome, where the workers will have an opportunity to go to the early Christian Church.

The last meeting of the Sunday-School Association of Richmond the executive committee was enlarged by the appointment of Mr. John Stewart and Bryan to represent Henrico county, and Mr. Joseph E. Davidson to represent Manchester. The committee on publicity was requested to arrange, if possible, for superintendents to exchange visits and present to all the schools in the city, and to arrange to learn the usual privilege which will be afforded teachers and workers to learn the best of the best methods of modern Sunday-school work by attending the coming institute.

Mr. Maggill said last night that Mrs. Bryner would probably reach Richmond on Saturday, February 23d, and if any of the schools would like to see her work in actual operation. It is possible that others of the instructors also will be here by that time.

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14 PERSONS DROWNED.

Steamers Collide and One Goes Down With Captain and Crew. CARDFE, February 17.—The British steamer Heliopolis collided Saturday night with the steamer Orianda, outward bound from Demarsh. The Orianda sank, and fourteen persons, including her captain, were drowned.

The Heliopolis put into this port with her bows damaged.

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BISHOP NILES HERE.

Preached at Monumental Church Yesterday. Right Reverend William W. Niles, Bishop of New Hampshire, preached at Monumental Church yesterday. Bishop and Mrs. Niles are visiting in the city on a vacation. Bishop Niles reports himself as in better health than when he last visited the city. He is expected to be exceedingly careful, he is a- to get out for a while every day. He preaches with vigor, however, and the sermon was highly enjoyed. The afternoon service at Monumental was at 6 o'clock, instead of four as heretofore, and the Rev. Mr. Talley, dean of the Diocese of Virginia, was the speaker.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

Unitarian Church Here Had Celebration Yesterday. The First Unitarian Church of Richmond celebrated its first anniversary yesterday morning, having dedicated the building at the corner of Floyd Avenue and Harrison Street just one year ago.

John L. Robinson, pastor of the church, officiated at the anniversary services, and special music was rendered. This church, although only one year old, has a growing branch at Highland Springs in Henrico county, where services are conducted by Rev. Mr. Robinson each Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

PASTOR SCORES CITIZENS WHO VOTE STRAIGHT TICKET REGARDLESS OF CHARACTER OF NOMINEE.

Anti-Saloon League Has Field Day—First Anniversary of Unitarian Church.

IN THE CHURCHES YESTERDAY

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Marshall Street Christian Church was crowded last night, and chairs were placed in the aisles to seat the people. The pastor, Rev. B. H. Melton, preached a sermon to young people that left a profound impression. His subject was "Decision of Character; or, Who Are Our Heroes and Heroines?" Text: Dan. x. 11.

Mr. Melton spoke of Daniel as a perfect model of decision of character. He always did that which was right, regardless of consequences, and his sterling character won for him the love and admiration of kings and princes. Whether in the lions' den or in the palace he was always for the right.

Continuing, Mr. Melton applied the principle to modern social life. He showed that the true hero is the man who is willing to sacrifice himself for moral principle. He lives in deeds, not in words. He is not discouraged by obstacles. He lives for the good he can do.

"Heroism," said the speaker, "is the divine spark which fires the blood of orators, stimulates the brain of scholars, animates the hand of art, and lives in obedience to the laws of temperance and virtue. In society, in business, in politics, the moral hero stands for the right, regardless of what earthly consideration. That man is a political party ally, regardless of the character of the nominee. We should be afraid of nothing on earth, or above the earth, or under the earth, but to go wrong."

There were eight conversions at the close of the service, and five young ladies were baptized. Many people were given the Holy Spirit, and hands with the eloquent young minister.

SERVICES AT CENTENARY.

Large Congregations Hear Sermons by Dr. Young. At Centenary Methodist Church yesterday morning, Dr. Young, D. D., preached at both services. The subject of the morning sermon was "A Christian's Social Obligation," the text being from the prophet Isaiah: "Ye shall be as a city that is built on a rock, and shall not be moved." Dr. Young spoke in the evening from the latter part of the 23d Psalm: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." The subject of the sermon was "The Christian's Social Obligation."

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