Staunton Social

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

STAUNTON, VA., April 13.—Rev. Dr. O. F. Gregory, of this city; Rev. Charles Manly, of Lexington, and Rev. A. B. Woodfin, of Waynesboro, members of a special committee of the Baptist Education Commission of Virginia, representing the Augusta Association, met Thursday evening at the Baptist parsonage in this city and discussed plans for raising their portion of the $5,000 to be raised for the endowment of the new Baptist Woman's College in Richmond, Va. Steps are soon to be taken to get the endowment, and the Augusta Association will not be slothful in raising her part of the $5,000 to be furnished by Virginia. Dr. Gregory is chairman of the committee, and Rev. G. A. Davis and Mr. John W. Ellison, of Waynesboro, are members. The last two were not at the meeting. Rev. Dr. B. C. Hening, of Richmond, is secretary of the Education Commission.

Misses Mattie and Evelyn Shrecklise entertained Thursday in honor of their friends and guests, Misses Dorothy Orborne Laidley, of Charleston, W. Va., and Miss Margaret Geddes, of Washington.

LEXINGTON SOCIAL.

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LEXINGTON, VA., April 13.—Professor W. LeConte Stephens, of Washington and Lee University, has returned from New York, where he attended the annual meeting of the Simplified Spelling Board, and was one of the speakers on that occasion. Professor Stevens some time ago read a paper before the Fortnightly Club in Lexington on simplified spelling, and the same was later published in the Popular Science Monthly. The article attracted the attention of Mr. Andrew Carnegie and he invited Professor Stevens to be present at the meeting of the board in New York as his guest. Mrs. Stevens' accompanied him on his visit.

Mr. James A. Joyce, of Washington, D. C., has accepted a position in the Post Band at the Virginia Military Institute. He is an accomplished musician, a musical composer, actor, and was until recently commander of the Roosevelt Garrison of the Army and Navy Union in Washington.

President George H. Denny, of Washington and Lee University, is attending educational meetings, first at Pinehurst, N. C., and later at Pittsburg, Pa.

Rev. W. S. Hammond, the new pastor of Trinity Church, Lexington, reached here Thursday evening from Middletown, Frederick county, Va., where he completed a most successful four years' pastorate. He will occupy his pulpit Sunday morning and evening. His family consists of his wife and four young children.

Miss Nannie Laird spent the past week in Alexandria, attending meetings of Trained Nurses' Associations, and inspecting hospitals in Washington, D. C.

Rev. A. Poe Boude, of Marksville, Va., is visiting friends in Lexington, his old home. He is accompanied by his bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Guisenberry are visiting in Richmond this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McNulty, of Roanoke, were in Lexington last week visiting Mrs. W. B. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore were visitors the past week in Charleston, W. Va.

TWYMAN'S MILL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

TWYMAN'S MILL, VA., April 13.—Mr. C. S. Hill and his mother paid a visit to the latter's sister, and returned home yesterday. When they were in about two miles of home the team which they were driving ran away, throwing the occupants out. They were very much bruised, but not seriously hurt. The surrey was badly broken up. The horses were stopped by a colored man about two miles up the road.

Mr. Harry Mahanes and Miss Sue Carpenter, of Elly, were married yesterday at 3 P. M.

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Lieutenant R. H. Staines, commissioner for Director Bostock, has had about as many narrow escapes from death in the jungle and on the veldt as any man living to-day, and probably more than any other person in Richmond to-day.

In speaking of his unusual escapes from death, Lieutenant Staines related the following experience with the wild dogs of India:

"It was in the month of August when my friend Russell and myself made up our minds to make an excursion to Nag Tibba. Nag Tibba is situated at the foot of the perpetual snow line, and is a little village inhabited by a curious race of people speaking their own curious language. It was in this village that "Gauri," the widely-famous "shikari," or huntsman, lived. He was a magnificently-built half-breed, with undaunted courage. Cool and collected under the most strenuous circumstances, meeting a tiger or other savage beast was to him like his daily duty of carrying milk to his various customers up in the great sanitorium of Mussoorie in the Himalayas. When we arrived in this green little homely village we inquired if 'Gauri' was in. I am, of course, a master of the 'Pahari' tongue. This is the language spoken by this curious little people. Having received an affirmative answer, I demanded to be conducted to his humble hamlet. He was cooking his afternoon's repast, but on seeing us left the work to his eldest son. His wife had passed away to better lands just three months ago. He inquired the motive of our visit, and we told him we were desirous of making a trip to the foot of the snows to hunt the animals that were at this season of the year to be found directly at the foot of the snow line. 'Gauri' had only to hear the word hunt and spot a gun when his spirits rose to their zenith and his heart to joyous overflowing. He was a brave fellow, a trusty guide, a keen observer and an ever-ready, willing worker. Needless to say, 'Gauri' at once made up his mind to lead us to the sporting field. Next morning, therefore, we set out. It was a Sunday, the 17th of August, 1896. Up, up, up, we climbed, until we reached the long-looked-for hunting-grounds.

"Russell and Gauri left myself and a 'Pahari coolie' to go in an opposite direction. We agreed to meet at about 5 o'clock at the spot where we parted. I had a long walk, and the Pahari coolie began to show signs of fatigue. We sat and rested a while and drank from a refreshing stream of pure unadulterated crystal water. While sitting and looking around, the Pahari coolie suddenly uttered an exclamation of joy and, beckoning to me, pointed out a herd of magnificent 'ghurril,' a kind of antelope. They were too far to shoot at from our present position, so I told him to remain where he was and that I would stalk the ghurril myself. I told him he was to rush down as soon as he heard shooting.

"I made my way down a valley toward the spot where the ghurril were feeding. They either heard my footsteps or else scented me. However, they made off, but as I saw them start I sat still, and watched them take up a fresh position amongst some pine trees about a thousand yards from me. I now followed, but had not gone very far when I heard a familiar yelping sound. I halted and my heart beat fast. I turned to run toward my coolie companion, but it was too late. Not 300 yards from me I spied a pack of about sixty or seventy 'jungli qutta,' wild dogs) making straight for me at a headlong pace. I had not a second to lose. I made my way up the mountainside towards a bunch of pines, and quickly climbed up to a place of safety. It was not long before the dogs spotted me, and then the most awful and deafening din filled the clear atmosphere. Barking, snarling, yelping, tearing and biting at the trunk of the tree, they presented a spectacle that baffles description. It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon; my gun lay at the foot of the tree; it was cold, freezing cold, and the sun was rapidly sinking. Every minute seemed more dreadful and vivid to my frightened imagination. I did not think it was going to be as terrible as it afterwards turned out. I was obliged to sit on a bough of the tree the whole night. I took one of my puttee leggings off and tied myself to the tree so as to prevent myself from falling through fatigue and cold. I shudder when I think of it. My canine pursuers kept up a dismal yelling all night. They were simply mad with rage and disappointment, doubly increased by hunger. They did not leave me until about 3:30 o'clock Monday morning. I did not, however, move from my position of security until 10 A. M., as I suspected that they might be lying in wait for me. At 10 o'clock I crept down from the tree, picked up my gun and made for the camp, where I had left my friends the previous afternoon.

"Russell and Gauri were in a terrible state. Guided by my coolie companion, who made his way back to the camp, reaching there about 7 P. M., on Sunday, and unconcernedly stating I was lost, they found me looking 'horribly dissipated,' as Russell described it. I related my adventure to them, and Gauri laughed heartily and suggested that we should go after the dogs. I objected. We then made for the camp, where I put in three hours of good sleep. We went out again in the afternoon and secured a good bag of four ghurril, two bears, fifteen brace of pheasants (kasturas), and three montjaks, or barking deer, called by the natives 'Kerkar,' from the sound they make. We returned on Tuesday morning to the village, and on the following day we were in Mussoorie.

"I shall never forget this little escapade as long as I live, and hope I shall never have a similar experience."

SCOTTSVILLE, VA.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., April 13.—The ladies of the Scottsville Circulating Library gave a very enjoyable dance in the assembly hall of the High School building Tuesday night. Delightful refreshments were served during the evening. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Beal, Mr. and Mrs. Jacinto V. Pereira, Mrs. A. G. Bell, Mrs. G. W. Briggs, Misses Fannie and Irene Briggs, Marietta and Lucie Powers, Annie Farrar, Lucy Holladay, Clara Pitts, Marjorie and Helen Harris, Mae Beal and Lizzie Briggs; Messrs. H. G. Harris, S. R. Gault, W. S. Dabney, C. B. Harris, Jr., R. W. Harrison, Reave Nicholas, Bennie Darrier, Douglas Kincaid, Marion Pitts, Willoughby Rhodes, Jackson Beal, Jr., and Dr. Fletcher Jordan.

Snow, sleet and rain have fallen alternately here during the last few days, and winter clothing is as much in evidence as if it were January. No glad Easter raiment has yet had an opportunity to disport itself, as all the enticing spring weather arrived in this locality just a week too soon, and departed as suddenly as it came.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison and Miss Alexina Harrison, of Gordonsville, arrived in Scottsville Thursday night, and will make their home here with their son and brother, Mr. R. W. Harrison.

The portion of the Albemarle telephone line between Scottsville and Esmont is to be rebuilt shortly.

The James has been out of its banks this week and has interfered considerably with the work on the bridge.

The Rev. Mr. Copeland, of Accomac, preached in the Scottsville Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. Henry Londeree, who enlisted in the United States Army three years ago and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., has returned to his old home here.

Miss L. K. Davis, who has been spending the winter in Richmond, is at home again.

Miss Maggie Clements left on Monday for Norfolk.

Mr. M. F. Briggs, who has been quite sick, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Tompkins, of Richmond, have been spending a part of the week at "The Locusts."

Mr. T. T. Omohundro and Miss Fannie Omohundro, of Glendower, visited Richmond this week.

Miss Ella Schultz, of this place, who has been spending the winter at Arvonia, visited friends here a few days ago.

Mrs. J. Martin Moon and Mrs. G. A. Hogg have returned to Richmond, after a visit to Mr. M. T. Heath.

Miss Lizzie Briggs is at home again, after spending some time with relatives in Culpeper.

Mr. W. D. Patterson spent several days in Charlottesville this week.

CARTERSVILLE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CARTERSVILLE, VA., April 13.—The quarterly meeting of the stewards of the Methodist Churches on Cartersville circuit, which was to have been held Friday, the 12th, was postponed on account of the inclement weather.

The West Hanover Presbytery will convene in the Presbyterian Church here on the 16th of April. Quite a large delegation is expected.

Miss Marie Rhodes has returned to her home here, after spending the winter teaching near Waynesboro, Va.

Miss Annie Mae Rhodes is at home again, after a visit to relatives in Manchester.

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Margaret A. Brown in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mrs. Brown formerly resided in Cumberland county, and her daughter, Mrs. Carrington Walton, lives near Cartersville. Her brother, Judge John O. Reynolds, lives in Cartersville also.

CLUSTER SPRINGS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CLUSTER SPRINGS, VA., April 13.—Judge William R. Barksdale, of Houston, is holding court this week at Lunenburg.

Mr. Thomas P. Bruce, aunaged and esteemed citizen residing near Dennistón, is in extremis.

The Trinity Park High School of Durham will play the academy nine on their grounds here to-morrow afternoon.

Although the weather has been intensely cold for over a week, with frequent frosts, which have blighted the buds on trees and all vegetables above the ground, a good deal of the fruit seems to be unhurt, though it is so chilled that it may drop off when the weather gets warm.

There are no new developments concerning the tragic death of little Stanford, the four-year-old son of Samuel C. Adams, at this place a week ago.

His father has good reasons for suspecting foul play, but it will probably never be known whether the child was the victim of foul play or whether he found a match and set the stable afire, in which his little body was burned beyond recognition.

WAVERLY SOCIAL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WAVERLY, VA., April 13.—The Philomathean Club was entertained last Friday evening by Mrs. Lucy A. Chappell, when the following program was rendered:

Scott, the Novelist, Miss Alice Pasteur; Scott, the Poet, Thos. H. Howerton; A visit to Abottsford and other Scott's associations, Rev. W. F. Dunaway; Review of Ivanhoe, D. Jennings Sipe; reading, selection from Lady of the Lake, Mrs. H. E. Rountree; reading, selection from Marian, Mrs J. W. West. Music was fusnished by the ladies and refreshments by the hostess. The club will meet next with Mrs. J. F. May.

Judge and Mrs. J. F. West attended the Hamilton-Bryan wedding in Petersburg Wednesday.

A very sad accident occurred here Friday morning, when Mr. Junius Spain, a white employe of the Gray Lumber Company, was cut to pieces by the machinery of the mill, dying in about twenty minutes after he was struck by the saw. The remains were buried at the town cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Temple was in Emporia and Lawrenceville during the past week on professional business.

The Sussex county commissioners are arranging to make a very creditable exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition. The exhibits are being collected, labeled and packed, and will be ready for shipment Monday. They consist of peanuts, corn, tobacco, wheat and other farm products; a nice variety of canned fruit, bottles of wine and relics. Among the relics is an old grist mill, said to have been in use about the year 1700.

Mrs. J. W. West, accompanied by her little son, John, is visiting friends in Rocky Mount, N. C.

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