CHURCHES OF WASHINGTON

The Eastern Presbyterian and Its Very Popular Pastor.

A HANDSOME STONE STRUCTURE

The Central Methodist Protestant Church and Its Vicissitudes During the Past Sixty Years—Valuable Property Owned by This Congregation Though Small in Number.

At the corner of Maryland avenue and Sixth street northeast, fronting Stanton square and looking down Massachusetts avenue to the westward, stands one of the most beautiful edifices in the city—the Eastern Presbyterian Church. Built of Potomac bluestone with Ohio sandstone trimmings, it is one of the most conspicuous buildings in the Northeast. Its high round tower is one of the first objects seen on reaching the city from the north or east, and the entire church is visible from

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many points in and about the city. It is one of two Presbyterian churches in East Washington and the only church of that denomination in the Northeast. Its pastor is Rev. Thomas Chalmers Easton, D. D., a minister who believes in practical effort in church work. Over 200 accessions to the church in the past year show the value of his ideas.

Twenty-three years ago the Fourth Presbyterian Church started a mission at the house of Mr. Hughes, on H street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, with F. C. Cate as superintendent; R. H. T. Leipold, assistant superintendent; and B. H. Warner, secretary and treasurer. The mission was soon moved to larger quarters, and in 1872 all the denominations united and Union Chapel was erected on Eighth street between F and G streets. Dr. Joseph Kelly, then a student at Princeton, was engaged to preach every other Sunday. He preached his first sermon in July, 1872, and regularly supplied the pulpit until 1875. May 19, 1875, the Eastern Presbyterian Church was organized with a membership of 209. Dr. George R. Patch was installed as pastor November 1 of that year and remained eight years, the congregation worshipping in the old structure. Rev. S. S. Walles filled the pulpit for nearly a year and was succeeded by Rev. Eugene Peck, who was killed on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad after a pastorate of five years. Rev. T. K. Noble acted as supply until April, 1890, when Rev. Maxwell N. Cornelius, D. D., was called to the pastorate. The movement leading to the new church began during his time. The Presbyterian Alliance purchased a lot at the corner of Tenth and E streets northeast, but through the efforts of Dr. Cornelius the present site was secured, $17,000 being paid for it.

In March, 1891, the congregation appointed the following gentlemen to take charge of the erection of the new church edifice: Joseph C. Kauffman, Maxwell W. Wines, Robert W. Jenks, Jay B. Smith, and Augustus O. Bestrom, with Rev. Maxwell N. Cornelius, D. D., chairman. The contract was let for $34,900, but changes made in the plans increased the cost to $38,000. April 13, 1892, the corner-stone was laid, and April 30, 1893, the first services were held in the lecture room. November 21, 1893, the main auditorium was opened, Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage preaching the sermon. Just before the completion of this great work death claimed Dr. Cornelius, and the pastoral teacher consented to come from San Francisco and take charge. He presided his first sermon in the lecture room in May, 1893, and was installed soon after the dedication of the auditorium.

THE POPULAR PASTOR.

Dr. Easton is peculiarly fitted for the work. With a debt of $42,000 staring him in the face, it was no light matter to take charge of a new church. The pastor believed in business methods, and pitched right in. He brought to the city a professional

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debt raiser, and in a short time $21,000 was secured in promises. This money was to be paid in a year, and a greater part has already come in. Dr. Easton has other plans in view, and it will surprise no one if the church awakens to the fact that the debt is in a fair way to be paid, and paid soon. Dr. Easton is a Scotchman, and was educated at St. Andrew's University, obtaining several prizes. He completed his theological studies in Edinburg. In 1869 came to this country, and was installed pastor of the Congregational Church at Glastonbury, Conn. In 1873 he visited Europe, and returned in 1882, being called to the pastorate of the Scotch Presbyterian church at Argyle, Ill. He was called to the First Presbyterian Church at Belvidere, Ill., in 1872. Gov. Beveridge appointed him commissioner to the international exposition at Vienna in 1873. During this pastorate he was prominent in the defense of Prof. Francis L. Patton, D. D., and was chairman of the committee to the synod of Illinois that drew up the resolutions expelling Prof. Swing, of Chicago, for heresy.

In 1888 Beloit College, Wisconsin, conferred the degree of master of arts on him, and the University of Chicago conferred the degree of doctor of divinity in 1891. At this time he had just accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, in New Brunswick, and while there acquired the habit of wearing the Geneva gown which still clings to him. His last pastorate was Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco. This is the largest and wealthiest church on the Pacific coast. Here his salary was $5,000, but gifts brought it up to $8,000 a year. As a pastor he is active and enterprising, and as a preacher able and eloquent. He is a kind friend and a popular man. He is well known as a Mason and as a lecturer has a wide reputation.

With such a leader it is no wonder that the congregation is in a most flourishing condition. The membership at present is about 600, including all who are on the retired list. The active membership is 525, and nearly $31,000 was raised for church purposes last year. The trustees are: Joseph C. Kauffman, president; Marshall W. Wines, vice president; August O. Bestrom, secretary; Jay B. Smith, treasurer; Charles G. Morgan financial secretary; Robert W. Blair, J. N. Baker, and Charles H. Kettler.

The present elders and who compose the session of the church are Robert Hauvey, clerk of session; John Chandler, George M. B. Bradshaw, Charles S. McLaughlin, William E. Knight, John P. Clum, John W. Mack, Robert Zimmerman, and Clifford K. Berryman.

The members of the choir are Mrs. J. L. Shedd, musical director and organist; Mrs. Patterson, soprano; Miss Austin, second soprano; Miss Mattie Miller, alto; Mr. Mellis, tenor; Mr. R. Zimmerman, tenor, and Mr. C. Meyers, bass. The beautiful vocalion organ was purchased from Edwin Droop & Sons.

The board of deacons was organized in 1890. In 1894 the board was increased to eleven members. The officers are E. Q. Gunson, chairman; Albert G. Drane, secretary; Albert F. Spear, treasurer. Since moving into the new structure the board has disbursed upwards of $150 in caring for the poor and needy of the congregation, and all cases of sickness and want have been promptly attended to. The first board of ushers was organized last November and consists of T. G. Songster, L. M. Thayer, G. M. Howard, G. P. Thayer, Isaac Bassett, jr., J. N. Baker, and W. C. Cole, and J. N. Baker is chairman.

THE WORKERS AND THEIR LABOR.

The Sunday-school is in a most flourishing condition. There are thirty-nine organized classes, forty teachers, and a primary department under the supervision of Mrs. S. E. Vaughan and Miss Olmstead. The officers are: C. R. McBride, superintendent; Frank Hamilton, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Davidson, assistant superintendent; Milton Keller, treasurer; Will Cole, secretary; Samuel Vaughan, librarian; assistants, S. Burgess, W. Lanxman, and E. Gunson. The library is a model of neatness and convenience, and is provided with shelving for 1,000 volumes. At present there are 682 volumes in use. One of the novel and interesting features is the "Boys' Brigade," a military organization, which drills every Saturday. The church furnishes the accoutrements and the boys the uniforms. The brigade forms a separate Bible class under the supervision of the officers, who are: Henry F. Pierce, captain; Leroy W. Herron, first lieutenant, and J. Herbert Hunter, second lieutenant. The brigade has aroused much interest among the boys.

The "Yoke Fellows" is one of the wide-awake organizations among the young men. Last April it became a chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip. The work of the chapter is largely visitation, entertainment and general Christian work. The membership is fifty and the officers are William H. Dobson, president; William E. Knight, vice president; George P. Thayer, recording secretary; LeRoy W. Herron, corresponding secretary, and J. N. Baker, treasurer. The King's Daughters is also a strong organization among the ladies of the church. Mrs. Eliza Hart is president and Mrs. Josie Helser secretary.

The society which keeps things moving, though, is the Ladies' Aid Society. It was organized in 1876 to aid the poor of the congregation, and it has a proud record. Among other things this society plastered the old church on Eighth street, painted it three different times, and bought the bell at a cost of $300. It kept the church furnished, and often assisted in paying the pastor's salary. The meetings are held the first Wednesday in each month. The last two years have been successful ones, over $2,000 being turned over to the building and other funds. All the carpets in the building were purchased by this society, whose membership is sixty-five. The officers are: Mrs. R. E. Harvey, president; Mrs. F. M. Buckingham, vice president; Mrs. S. J. Vaughan, secretary, and Mrs. J. P. Hart, treasurer.

The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized in 1889. The officers are: C. G. Morgan, president; Lula A. Cole, vice president; Caroline C. Robinette, corresponding secretary; B May Hunter, recording secretary; Will C. Cole, treasurer. Of the Junior Society Miss Nellie McCabe is superintendent and Miss Debbie Easton assistant superintendent. The Ladies' Missionary society meets the last Friday of each month and the officers are: Mrs. T. C. Easton, president; vice president, Mrs. Culbertson; secretary of home society, Mrs. McCullough; treasurer of home society, Mrs. Chandler; secretary of foreign society, Mrs. Kalarki; treasurer of foreign society, Mrs. Hughes. On the second Sunday of each month the young People's Missionary Circle meets. The officers are: President, Miss Debbie Easton, 305 Seventh street northeast; vice president, Mrs. C. G. Morgan; financial secretary, Miss Laura Cole; recording secretary, Miss E. G. Whitney; secretary of literature, Miss M. Irwin, and treasurer, Miss M. Bishop.

The building committee, of which Mrs. J. N. Culbertson is chairman, is one of Dr. Easton's charges. Connected with the auditorium is a reception room, and strangers are invited to stop there after each sermon. Eight or ten members of this committee are there to meet the strangers and introduce them to the pastor. Their addresses are also taken and they are visited at their homes.

Such is the Eastern Presbyterian Church, and such the manner of work the pastor is directing. The result can be given in Dr. Easton's words: "We have practical sociability in our church, and more young men than in most any other in the city."

CENTRAL M. P. CHURCH.

A Small but Energetic Congregation on Twelfth Street—Its Pastor.

The Central Methodist Protestant Church, corner of M and Twelfth streets northwest, is the leading congregation of that denomination in the city. Other churches have a larger membership, but in wealth and usefulness it stands in the front. Its property interests are worth $100,000, and with a young and energetic pastor it is making itself felt.

This branch of Methodism was first established in the District in Georgetown. The Central Church congregation came next and was for years known as the Ninth Street Church. Mr. James A. Kennedy, a member of Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church, was one of the chief movers in the establishing of the congregation. It was in 1829 that Mr. Kennedy was dismissed from the Foundry Church and with Enoch Walte, W. W. Billing, Abraham J. Ross, Owen Summers, and Thomas S. W. Boyd held a meeting at the home of W. W. Billing and formed a class of which Rev. W. C. Lipscomb was the leader. The class was attached to the Georgetown Church, but grew so rapidly that in 1832 it was resolved to build a church in Washington. W. W. Billing, James A. Kennedy, and Ulysses Ward were appointed a committee to wait on the trustees of the Fourth Presbyterian Church to negotiate for its purchase. But the church was not for sale, and a lot at the corner of Twelfth and H streets was given by Gen. John P. Van Ness and a tabernacle was built and dedicated December 25, 1832. Rev. William Kesley was the first preacher sent to this church by an annual conference, and he remained from April, 1833, to April, 1834. It was at this time that Rev. Thomas H. Stockton, of the Georgetown church, was chosen chaplain of Congress. He was a most eloquent preacher, and the fact of his being selected for this position gave the denomination a standing throughout the country. Hon. William Wirt, at one time attorney general, was converted under the preaching of Dr. Stockton. The congregation grew so rapidly that July 19, 1835, the house of worship on Ninth street, between E and F streets, was dedicated. The tabernacle property sold for enough to leave only a debt of $2,500 on the new church. One member of the church was so anxious that this debt should be paid that he mortgaged his own dwelling. By so doing he embarrassed himself for a long time.

A STRUGGLE FOR YEARS.

For years the church struggled along as best it could. Sometimes it had a pastor, sometimes it had not. Sometimes the congregation was only able to support a single man, and in one case a minister from Philadelphia was appointed to the charge but refused to come. Another pastor supported himself by teaching school. One pastor died three months after he had taken charge of the station. But with all these drawbacks the little congregation pressed on. In 1853 gas was put in the church and in 1860 Ninth street was graded. This improvement cost the church between $800 and $900. In 1868 Rev. E. J. Brinkhouse was placed in charge of the church and remained six years. The church property was much improved during his pastorate and interest in church work increased.

During the pastorate of Rev. David Wilson, 1877-'80, the first church was torn down, and the structure still known as the Ninth Street Church built. In 1888 the chapel on Twelfth street was built, and the congregation now worships there. It is the intention to some day build a fine church on this property. When the Ninth street property is sold the congregation will be able to commence this work. The chapel is really a church. The auditorium, with a seating capacity of 200, and the infant classroom are on the first floor. The basement has recently been fitted up in a most comfortable manner, and now contains the Sunday-school room, the library, and the kitchen. Everything is after the most modern fashion.

The trustees of this church are E. J. Hill, W. H. Martin, T. J. Wilson, W. R. Kemp, and O. M. Orig. The board of stewards is composed of George R. Compton, Israel Deming, W. K. Hill, John W. Swingle, and Stanley Finch. The membership of the church is about 130, and the pastor thinks that he sees a time of great spiritual awakening ahead of him. In the Sunday-school are found the workers of the church. At present the attendance is eighty. A good library of 500 volumes is one of the attractions. The officers of the school are T. J. Wilson, superintendent; W. R. Kemp, assistant superintendent; Henry

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Fulton, treasurer, and C. William Coleman, librarian. The teachers are Rev. Samuel J. Smith, Miss Maggie Billing, Mrs. Julia Perkins, Mrs. Parsons, Miss Laura Wilson, Miss Mary Deming, Miss Sallie Gorrie, and Miss Beulah Parsons, teacher of the infant department. The teachers are all interested in their work and the scholars seem glad to attend.

Mr. Wilson, the superintendent, is just recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, but means to call a meeting of teachers and officers soon. At this meeting plans for increasing the interest in the school will be discussed. Mr. Wilson means to push things this winter.

ENERGETIC LADY WORKERS.

There are two societies of Christian Endeavor connected with the church. Of the senior society Mr. O. M. Orig is the president. Last Sunday night was the rally for the fall work, and it was well attended. Mr. Smith is president of the junior society and conducts the meetings during the winter each Saturday afternoon.

As in a majority of the churches the most active of all is the Ladies' Mite Society. Mrs. Kate Whiteside is president, Mrs. Compton vice president, Mrs. Julia Perkins secretary, and Mrs. Samuel J. Smith treasurer. The society meets the first Wednesday evening of each month at the parsonage, 1517 Twelfth street northwest. The monthly dues are only 10 cents, but wide awake women know how to raise money, at least the ladies of this church do. For several years they have devoted themselves to taking care of the parsonage, and as a result have furnished it with carpets and all the heavy pieces of furniture. This has been done from the dues and money raised from entertainments.

The King's Daughters are busy people after their own fashion. The pastor says their work so quietly that he scarcely knows they are about. But they startle him, as they did last Thanksgiving day, when they prepared a dinner for 125 homeless street boys, and invited the pastor to preach to them. They filled the boys as full as they could be filled, and are going to try it again this Thanksgiving.

The music of the church is congregational and is led by Prof. Joseph Mills, of the High School, as precentor. Services are held each Sunday morning and evening, and the prayer-meeting is held Thursday evening. Last spring one of the most interesting features of the social work was a reception to the officers of the church and Sunday-school, held in the lecture-room. Another one is to be given in the near future.

The present pastor, Rev. Samuel J. Smith, has been stationed here one year. He was born in Delaware, but his parents moved to Caroline county, Md., when he was quite young. He was educated at the public schools of Caroline county and at Washington College, Kent county. He joined the Maryland conference in 1877 and has been stationed at churches in Queen Anne's county, St. Michael's, Alexandria, and Baltimore. He is much beloved by his congregation. He is a strong and able preacher and a most social pastor. In speaking of his congregation he says: "I was struck by their sociability when I came here. It always takes a long time for us to adjourn after services are over. There seems at present to be a deep spiritual interest among the entire membership, which, at least, is a preparation for a season of revival."

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORKERS.

Preparing for the Great Convention to Be Held Next Month.

The Sunday-school union of the District is busy making arrangements for the great convention to be held in the Eastern Presbyterian Church October 29, 30, and 31. The various committees have been hard at work preparing for the event, and to-morrow night a meeting of the executive committee and all the sub-committees will be held in the parlors of the Calvary Baptist Sunday-school house.

The programme has not been fully decided yet but one feature is sure and that is the mass-meeting to be held in Convention Hall Monday evening, October 29. Some of the most prominent Sunday-school workers in the country will be present and will address the meeting. A chorous of 1,000 Sunday-school children will furnish the music and it is the intention to make the hall fairly ring with the songs so dear to all attendants of the Sunday-school. The deliberative work of the mass-meeting will be taken up at the day meetings. The convention is to be made up of representatives from all the Evangelical Sunday-schools in the district and nearly 30,000 scholars will be represented.

The committees having the work in hand are as follows:

General committee—Pierson H. Bristow, Jerome F. Johnson, C. H. Carrington, Lucius D. Alden, James L. Ewin, D. Percy Hickling, M. D.; Col. Weston Flint, Thomas B. Towner, A. M. McBath, George C. Samson, M. D.; J. E. Sieman, Rev. F. A. Stier, William Redin Woodward, P. M. Wilson, Andrew Wilson, and Henry M. Shook.

Finance—Lucius D. Alden, Rev. F. A. Stier, R. E. Harvey, Major Samuel H. Walker, William H. Harnest, J. E. Sieman, and William N. Langtree.

Programme—D. Percy Hickling, M. D.; Frank Hamilton, William Redin Woodward, J. E. Bradley, and C. W. Chappel.

Invitation—Col. Charles W. Needham, A. M. McBath, and Fulton Lewis.

Place of Meeting—Jerome F. Johnson; Andrew Wilson, and Charles E. Clark, M. D.

Music—C. H. Carrington and George C. Samson, M. D.

Press—W. B. Bryan and Col. Weston Flint.

This is the first convention of the kind ever attempted in the District. The Sunday-school Union belongs to the International Union and is treated as one of the States, sending fifteen delegates to each convention. This convention is one of the new methods adopted by President Pierson H. Bristow to arouse an interest in Sunday-school work. He has been ably supported by the other members of the union, and the convention will be a success.

The event during the past week in Christian Endeavor circles was the rally at Luther Place Memorial Church Friday night. The District officers meet to-morrow evening at the Y. M. C. A. building, with a committee of six appointed by the executive committee to select members for the various standing committees. The members appointed by the executive committee are: Messrs. W. W. Tuckey, S. G. Wise, N. T. Elliott and E. E. Ricks; and Misses C. E. Poggensee and M. V. Fenwick. The committees on which membership is to be chosen are, lookout, missionary, music, temperance, and good citizenship. The duties of these committees are also to be outlined.

The Epworth League is rapidly getting in shape for the winter's work. The congress of the league is still being discussed and the project may yet be adopted. Waugh Chapter commences its Chautauqua or reading circle October 1 with a membership of twenty. Wesley Chapter also commences its winter work October 1. The next mass-meeting to be held in October will discuss the questions of missions. Mr. Harry O. Hine, third district vice president, who has charge of the literary work of the league, says: "Our plans are all being developed for a winter of Bible study, reading, and personal culture. We are trying to develop the latent talent in each chapter, and I think this winter will be one of the most useful in the history of the league in the District."

On Wednesday evening last, the efficient committee on Junior League mass meeting, appointed by the board of control at its last session, decided to call the Juniors to assemble at Wesley Chapel, Sunday, October 7, at 4 o'clock p. m. Chairman Leech and his colleagues of the committee are thoroughly conversant with Junior work, and a very enjoyable programme has been arranged. A most pleasing feature is the part the Juniors themselves will take in the exercises.

A consecration service has been planned for a few days later. It is the aim of First Vice President Pugh to have all the officers of the various chapters present at this meeting, and to make it preparatory to the great October missionary mass-meeting which will be held at McKendree Church about the middle of the month. It is expected that the mass-meeting will be largely attended, and that an address will be made by some one of national repute in the cause. The chapters will also report the result of their special efforts for foreign missions and for the needy and worthy home enterprise, North Capitol street Church.

Still later in the month the annual convention of the District League will be held, at which reports of the year's work will be made, and new officers for the ensuing year will be elected. It is the annual business meeting of the year. Good reports will be submitted, as the past year has been the most successful in the history of the local organization.

Foundry chapter at its business meeting Thursday evening elected Mr. W. F. Ros third vice president, vice Mr. G. F. Cahill, resigned. The following-named are the delegates to the annual convention: Rev. Dr. Brown, J. E. Pugh, W. B. Matthews, Miss Lucretia Lacy, Miss Ella Stinemetz, Miss Grace Altschu, B. L. Bains, F. J. Metcalf, and G. F. Cahill.

Plans for the national convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to be held in October are being perfected. It is the intention now to have trained singers engaged to lead the singing at the convention. The committee to look after the welcome to delegates has Charles B. Bryan for chairman and Col. Cecil Clay as chairman of the committee on registration. The reception committee consists of 50, with 100 boys to aid them as messengers. Mr. N. H. Camp will have charge of the boys.

The Y. P. S. C. E., of the Garfield Memorial Church, is devising new plans for work. On Monday evening the monthly committee meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilson. Besides the regular work of the committees a recitation was held on the constitution of the society. On Monday evening next another meeting will be held at the residence of Miss Susanne Moore, No. 930 French street, to devise ways and means for improving the work and usefulness of the society. Preparations are being made to attend the "State" convention of the Christian churches at Baltimore, October 8-10. The "State" includes Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia. Two sessions of the convention are set apart for the Christian Endeavorers. The regular weekly meeting will be held to-night at 7 o'clock in the auditorium of the church. Topic: "How bodies affect souls."—Dan. 1: 8-17. (A temperance lesson.) Dr. J. H. Galloway is the leader.

Notes from the Churches.

Many church members who have been away for the summer have returned and are again taking up their church work with renewed vigor. Increased interest and activity is manifested in all departments of church work. The attendance at all the services is larger.

Last Sunday the attendance at the Vermont Avenue Christian Sunday-school was the best since last spring. The special feature of Sunday school work the past week was the home-coming social. Friday evening under the management of the Sunday-school committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. The Endeavorers, ably assisted by other valuable workers and many of the smaller members of the school, spared no effort to make the social a complete success. After a short programme, given principally by the children, refreshments were served.

Prof. Richard gave another talk on "The Bible as a text-book" on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. The talks are especially interesting and helpful. They will be continued each Thursday evening. Plans are being formulated to organize a branch of the Sunday Teachers' Club, for the purpose of securing a more systematic study of the Sunday-school lesson and for the development of the power to analyze and classify the scriptures in general. The Thursday evening prayer meeting was very helpful. Dr. Power read the Sunday-school lesson for to-day. There was one confession. The church is looking forward to the general convention of all the Disciples at Richmond, Va., October 17 to 26. It is thought this meeting will strengthen the Disciples in the East.

In the Eastern Presbyterian Church a new paper is to be started known as Eastern Life. The paper is to be the organ of the church. Rev. Dr. Easton, the pastor, will be the editor-in-chief; Henry Acker Dumont, managing editor; W. H. Dobson, assistant managing editor, and Clifford K. Berryman, artist. A grand concert will be given for the benefit of the church October 16. Among the artists who have consented to be present are Mrs. McEwin, of Baltimore; Miss Florence McNeely, Alphonso Young, John Newton, Mr. Pearman, and the quartet from Dr. Sunderland's church.

The Gospel meetings at the Metropolitan Baptist Church have been well attended during the past week. They have been in charge of the pastor, Gen. Smith, and Rev. Mr. Hines, of Richmond, Va.

Dr. Shippen, pastor of All Souls' Church, Fourteenth and L streets, is out of the city on a short vacation. During his absence his pulpit was filled by his son, Rev. Eugene Shippen, who will shortly take charge of an Eastern congregation. This week Dr. Shippen and his son will attend the convention of Unitarian ministers, to be held at Saratoga. Mr. Eugene Shippen will read a paper before the convention.

Rev. Dr. Newman, of the First Congregational Church, will be back from his European trip by October 1. Rev. M. Ross Fishburn, the assistant pastor, will then leave the city on his vacation.

Among the ministers who returned last week from their vacations are: Rev. Isaac W. Canter, D. D., Mount Vernon M. E. Church South; Rev. Arthur M. Little, Takoma Presbyterian Church; Rev. Hugh Johnston, Metropolitan Methodist Church, and Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, Fourth Presbyterian Church.

THE SUBURBANITE.

Here we dwell in sweet seclusion,
Here enjoy the summer days,
While around in sweet profusion
Flowerets deck the woodland ways,
But I have to catch a train
To town each day and back again.

Blithe and free the birds are singing;
You never hear them sing in town—
(Hark! the breakfast bell is ringing.
Gracious, I must hurry down,
Or else I'll miss that wretched train
And reach the office late again.)

Fresh and sweet with fragrance laden
Cooling breezes cross the hill;
Yes, indeed, this is an Aiden—
(There! just hear that whistle shrill,
Fit to drive a man insane;
I must run and catch that train.)

On the shore the wavelets dancing
Fling their glistening spray on high,
And the joyous sunbeams dancing—
(What's that? A list of things to buy
And send out on the noonday train.
Or bring them when I come home again?)

Yes, in sweet and calm seclusion,
Far from noise and smoke we dwell;
But I've come to the conclusion
That if this thing keeps on—(Well,
There goes that cursed 8:05 train)
By Jove, we'll move to town again!

—New York Press.

Troop A is back from camp, and the members feel like veterans. It was the most successful camp the cavalry of the District ever held, and it has started a boom. The boys feel so good over the showing they made and the pleasant time they had and are so enthusiastic that all their friends want to be cavalrymen. Recruiting is to be commenced at once, and before the snow begins to fall it is expected that the troop will be seventy-five strong. At present there are forty members in the troop, and every one was satisfied with this number before the camp, but they are not now.

Capt. Barbour was off on furlough most of the time, and Second Lieut. Beatty was in command. He cannot express himself in strong enough terms about the record the boys made. Everything passed off pleasantly, and each trooper did his duty uncomplainingly and well. One of the most remarkable features of the encampment was the march home—thirty-five miles in seven hours and fifteen minutes. This over the hilly and rough road between the city and Marshall Hall beats the record. The horses were walked two miles and trotted one. In this way such good time was made.

At the regular meeting of the troop Monday night the expenses of the camp will be proportioned among the men. The amount each will have to pay will not exceed $5. The government furnished the horses and forage but the troopers had to foot the rest of the bills. It was pretty hard on them, but they were so enthused that they are going to entail another expense. It has been decided after this to hold a mounted drill once a month. These drills will be held somewhere in the suburbs and each man will have to pay for his own mount. In the history of the troop but one mounted drill has been held, and the drill ground was in Mount Pleasant. These mounted drills will become a very popular feature. The troop will also accept the invitation tendered by the authorities of Baltimore to attend the opening of the exposition.

The report of Lieut. Merrillat, U. S. A., who acted as instructor at the camp, is anxiously awaited by the troop. He said some very nice things about the boys. He complimented them on the condition of their equipment, on their drill, and their soldierly bearing. The troopers shot off all their scores at 200, 300, 500, and 600 yards, and with revolvers shot off their scores at 25 and 50 yards. Some exceptionally fine shooting was done. Officers and men all unite in saying First Sergt. Simms was the hardest worked man in camp, and his officers go farther and say he is the best first sergeant in any National Guard troop.

THE ARMORY SUPERINTENDENT.

Capt. H. Walsh, whose picture is given in this column, is the superintendent of the Central Armory and captain of the crack Emmet

CAPT. H. WALSH.

Guard. He is perhaps the most widely known captain in the District National Guard. He is very popular among the boys who drill at the Central Armory, and it is confidently expected that he will be superintendent of the new armory. He has been superintendent since 1891. He joined the Emmet Guard in 1884 and served in all the grades until made captain in 1888. The Emmet Guard were organized in 1881 and have a proud record. In the fall of 1884 they held a fair at which $5,000 was cleared. This money was used in buying uniforms. In 1886 they won the first prize at the Irish-American Union drill. April 30, 1889, they appeared in New York and made an excellent showing. At Staten Island in 1890 they won first prize. In 1891 at Scranton, Pa., they won first prize and were the guests of Company B, Thirteenth Regiment Pennsylvania National Guard. In 1893 at Newark again they won first individual and first company prize, and at Little Rock, last July, won first individual and first maiden drill prize. When they appear as an independent company they carry a handsome green flag, the gift of lady friends.

On their roll of honorary members are a large number of well-known people. Among them are E. I. Murphy, John Ready, F. Walsh, Thomas R. Walsh, Mrs. P. Moore, Thomas Kirby, M. J. Welling, Andrew Gleasong, Henry Bucher, John Fitzmorris, John Rudden, Morris Joyce, James McDermott, M. Lyons, D. Connell, Lieut. Peter Duffley, T. A. Rover, Capt. W. H. Murphy, Lieut. John F. Kelley, Daniel O'Connell, William C. Gwynne, W. F. Reese, D. V. Chisholm, Matthew Hacley, Edmond Harley, Major M. V. Tierney, Lieut.-Col. M. Emmet Urell, M. M. McCormick, and the commissioned officers of the Chicago Zouaves.

The guard added another trophy to their long list of prizes by taking first money at the Grange Camp Fair at Alexander Island Friday afternoon. The first prize was $300, and the guard was successful against its only rival, the Morton Cadets. The drill team was the same published in this column last Sunday.

MORTON CADETS WIN.

The Morton Cadets surprised every one and gratified their friends by the excellent showing they made, coming uncomfortably close to winning first money. Their prize was a stand of colors, valued at $100. The drill team was made up as follows: Capt. Shilling, First Lieut. Shepard, Second Lieut. Trollers, First Sergt. Herrell, Second Sergt. Robinson, Third Sergt. Claxton, Fourth Sergt. Shilling, Corporals. Wimsatt, Marks, Yeatman, and Sisson; Privates Blandly, Gaither, Reynolds, Molkow, Butler, Mayer, Winger, Wilson, Hoover, A. Claxton, Smith, Reinhal, Williams, Grayson, Mangan, Moran, Specht, Harris, Stewart, Church, Grant, Plugge, Stubbs, Ball, Brown, Skinner, Luckett, and Trueworthy.

The interest in the coming election of officers in the National Rifles is growing intense. The election is to be held October 4, and the knowing ones look for some changes. Around the armory the talk ranges all the way from the captain down. It seems that the fight is being pushed for all there is in it, and one faction expects to change at least two officers in the line and three in the staff. Those talked of for commissions in the line are Private J. H. Small, jr., and Ex-Lieut. W. A. Keech. For the changes in the staff the following are being pressed by their friends: Private R. E. Constant, Private E. P. Harrington, Corporal W. K. Ellis, and Qrm. Sergt. C. E. Simms. Capt. Oyster is ready to hand in his commission at any time if it is desired. He has been in command of the company for ten years, and several years ago handed in his commission. He joined as a private and has served in all the grades. He has always, and still holds for that matter, that the commanding officer should be an outsider. If a suitable outsider can be found who will take command Capt. Oyster will retire from the captainey only. He can't be driven out of the organization.

The present contest is the outcome of some trouble which arose over the black-balling of several applicants for membership. Some of the men did not like this, and charged that some of the officers were not giving them a fair deal. This led to the movement for the bi-ennial election of officers. The resolution was carried by a majority of one vote. This is looked upon as a test, and the fight will be a very close one. In any event, a sweeping change in the non-commissioned staff may be looked for.

AN EXAMINING BOARD.

The brigade examining board met Wednesday for the first time in two months. Eight officers had been ordered to appear for examination, but only six were present. The examination lasted several hours, and was a severe one. Those appearing were: First Lieut. Charles J. Goode, Company B, Fourth Battalion, examined for promotion to a captaincy; Sergt. Thomas Marron, Battery A, for second lieutenant; Sergt. Benjamin H. Streeks, Company C, Sixth Battalion, for captain; Sergt. W. T. Wood, Company C, Sixth Battalion, for second lieutenant; C. H. Danforth, civilian, for first lieutenant. It will be some time yet before the result of the examination is made public.

The Light Battery held its first drill for the fall season last Wednesday evening at its armory on Third street. About forty of the membership was present. Most of the evening was spent in overhauling lockers and uniforms. It will take two or three more drill nights to get these things in shape and clean up the guns. Capt. Forsberg says the boys had a most pleasant trip to the camp of Troop A. Second Lieut. Howard Griffiths is out of the city on a thirty days' furlough. He is spending most of the time in Pennsylvania. He has been ordered before the brigade examining board for promotion to first lieutenant.

Corporal Pierce, of the battery, has a thirty days' furlough. He has just re-enlisted, and Capt. Forsberg complimented him in this way. Two new enlistments were secured last week. As soon as the battery gets down to active work Capt. Forsberg intends to make some sweeping changes among the non-commissioned officers.

The Washington Light Infantry is making preparations to entertain in its most hospitable way the Ancient Artillery of Boston on its visit to this city next month.

Sergt. Worthington H. Ireland, Company B, Engineer Corps, has been appointed acting captain.

Private W. J. Walsh, Company A, Fourth Battalion, has been transferred to the corps of field music.

The resignation of First Lieut. J. V. Heidt, quartermaster of the Third Battalion, has been accepted by the President.

First Lieut. Edward L. Brice, Company C, Fourth Battalion, and Second Lieut. Irby W. Reid, Company C, Fifth Battalion, have forwarded their resignations to brigade headquarters.

An interesting meeting of the Emmet Guard is to be held this afternoon.

SAVED BY HIS RUBBER BOOTS.

Remarkable Escape of a Pilot Boat Keeper When Struck by Lightning.

Propped up with pillows in a large willow rocking chair, with his eyes tightly bandaged, sits a young man of Cambridgeport, who was struck by lightning last Saturday, but lived to tell the story, says the Boston Transcript. His name is Horace W. Folger, he lives at 258 Green street, and is one of the keepers on the pilot boat Florence. It is not too much say that a pair of rubber boots saved his life.

When the storm came up on Saturday afternoon the pilot boat Florence was moored a quarter of a mile from Boston light. The keepers of the boat put on their oil clothing, southwesters, and rubber boots, and Folger, who is about twenty-five years old, stood on deck observing the storm, his left hand clasping the lack brace, a wire cord half an inch in diameter. There had been only two flashes, and no one aboard thought danger near. Then came a third, and Mr. Folger knew nothing for over an hour. The current evidently selected the highest object—the bamboo pole above the main topmast—and tore it into small pieces after it had ripped the flag off.

Then the electricity came down the backstay into Folger. His rubber boots, however, offered resistance, and so part of the energy branched off in another direction. As it was, his left side caught the force of the charge. Luckily three women were aboard, comprising a summer pleasure party, and one of them proved an expert in this emergency case. After an hour of rubbing and dosing Folger began to show signs of life and complained of a violent headache, the sensation of seasickness, a paralyzed condition of his left side and throat, and a prickly feeling through his whole body. It was evening before he became altogether himself, and then he was taken ashore in the physician's boat Vigilant and carried to his home in an ambulance.

It was not until Sunday night that even water passed his lips. In the meantime his left eye began to pain him intensely when he opened it and his skin felt tough as leather. His face gradually assumed its normal color after the deep purple flush, caused by the flash, had faded. Now he is feeling much more like himself, and there is good prospect of his speedy recovery. He says that the hour following the stroke is a blank to him.

STRIKES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Nearly Half the Disputes of 1892 Settled by Conciliatory Methods.

The Westminster Gazette prints the report of the labor correspondent of the London board of trade on the strikes and lockouts of 1892 in Great Britain. The total number was 692. Of these 345 were settled either by mutual conciliation or by mediation and sixteen by arbitration. The remainder were lost by the workingmen. It will, of course, be remembered, says the Indianapolis Sentinel, that conciliation and mediation are preliminaries to compulsory arbitration as proposed by all intelligent advocates of that system.

Notwithstanding the peaceable and satisfactory settlement of so large a number of these strikes, the cost of the remainder was very heavy. The weekly loss of wages is estimated at about $2,400,000. The loss on use of capital is placed at $95,000,000. The cost of restarting works and resisting strikes is estimated at $1,100,000. The known amount of aid voted by other unions is $800,000, but this is only a small proportion of the aid actually furnished.

The cost alone is a very strong argument against the strike as a remedy even if it were a successful remedy, and the lesson is having its effect on English workingmen, and the conclusion of the statistician is therefore hopeful. He says "the general balance of results was against the workmen, as may always be anticipated during a period of declining trade. But there is, it seems, a growing opinion, expressed year by year, both among employers and workmen, in favor of various forms of arbitration and conciliation. That, at least, is something to be thankful for."

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