BAPTIST PREACHERS' MEETING.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Dunaway, presided at the Baptist Ministers' Conference yesterday morning at Court Street church. Rev. J. W. Mitchell read the Scripture and Rev. Dr. J. M. Pilcher led the conference in prayer. Dr. Pilcher was in Newport News Sunday, and stopped here on his way home. He gave quite an interesting account of his work.

Rev. Mr. Sours, of Stanley, Page county, was present also, and made an appeal for help to finish paying for a house of worship at that point.

Dr. Garrett reported one received by letter at Court Street.

Rev. E. B. Hatcher received one by letter, baptized two and had one profession of faith at the First church, Norfolk.

Rev. Tyree Whitehurst has resigned the care of Knott's Island church.

Dr. J. J. Taylor received two by letter at Freemason Street, Norfolk, and baptized one.

Rev. J. T. Riddick received two by letter at Spurgeon Memorial, Norfolk.

Dr. Hall received one by letter at Park Avenue.

The Sunbeam Society of the Fourth Street Baptist church, Portsmouth, elected Mr. S. B. Hutchins president at their meeting last Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. T. Riddick made a very interesting and instructive address before them at the same meeting.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.

This morning at 10 o'clock the quarterly conference of the W. C. T. U. and "Y" will convene at Monumental M. E. church.

All the morning will be devoted to the work of the W. C. T. U. At 2 p. m. the "Y" conference will begin.

At 7:30 o'clock a medal contest will takes place, the prize to be awarded for the best recitation. The contestants are: Misses Fannie Peele, Agnes Trafton, Bessie Midges and Messrs. Samuel Dumville, Stewart Kraft and Frank L. Hardy.

The judges are: Revs. A. C. Thompson, Dr. R. B. Garrett, Dr. J. C. Newton, and Mrs. R. H. Jones and Mrs. U. D. Southall.

The following program will also be rendered:

Opening Song—"White Ribbon Vibration."
Scripture Reading.....Miss Watts
Prayer.....Rev. Dr. J. C. C. Newton
Duet.. ....Misses Hutchins and Grant
Offertory—
Solo—"The Inebriate's Lament."
..... Miss Watts
Chorus....."Flag of the Free"
Benediction—

The public are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

CENTRAL CHURCH EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The following program has been arranged for the business meeting of our league, which will be held in the Sunday school room this evening at 7:30 p. m.:

Singing—Hymn No. 73.
Prayer.
Singing—Hymn No. 144.
Prayer.
Address—Rev. J. N. Latham.
Singing—Hymn No. 86.
Reading minutes of last meeting.
Report of committees.
Singing—Hymn No. 154.
Recitation—Miss Emily Deans.
Solo—Mr. John Drew, of Norfolk.
Recitation—Miss Dona Wilkins.
Solo—Mrs. A. E. Anderson.
Recitation—Mr. W. S. Wamsley.
Duett—Mr. C. S. Marble and Miss Daisy Griffin.
Recitation—Miss Leila Deans.
Singing—Hymn No. 126.
Doxology and benediction.

THE COUNTY COURT.

Judge Portlock convened the December term of the County Court yesterday, but transacted little business. Except of a civil nature there was nothing before the court.

The liquor license of Michael Berlin, at Berkley avenue extended and Campostella avenue, Berkley, was transferred to P. A. Simpson, Liberty street extended, South Portsmouth.

The liquor license of S. P. Ferebee, Main street, near Liberty, Berkley, was transferred to L. C. Jones & Co.

The liquor license of C. A. Winfree, Cecilia avenue and Calvert street, was transferred to H. M. Lee.

Simon P. Overman, a minister of the Baptist Church, was authorized to celebrate the rite of matrimony.

The will of Benjamin Hewitt was admitted to record.

"TORNADO" TONIGHT AT LYCEUM.

The Huntley-Jackson Company appeared before a large and enthusiastic audience in the Lyceum Theatre last night in "The Fatal Card." Tonight they will present "The Tornado," a play which they have made popular with Portsmouth theatre-goers. They will doubtless have a big house.

OPERATION PERFORMED.

An operation for appendicitis was performed at St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday afternoon upon Mr. W. L. McClure, whose illness has previously been reported. His condition was said to be critical.

CLEVELAND'S VIEWS.

HE WANTS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY REORGANIZED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 17.—The Atlanta Journal this afternoon published an interview with former President Cleveland, obtained by a staff correspondent at Princeton, N. J. Mr. Cleveland is quoted as:

"In my opinion the great need of the Democratic party is a return of first principles. The Democratic party has not been fatally disorganized, but it sadly needs rehabilitation on purely Democratic lines.

"What is the matter with the party? It has in my humble judgment simply wandered off after strange gods. A large mass of Democratic voters saw this before the last election. They remained quiet, but when the time came to vote they said: 'This is not Democracy,' and refused to support it.

"As I see it, it is the duty of the Democrats everywhere to aid in the rehabilitation of the party. There are some signs of an insistence upon the necessity of a return to Democratic doctrines in the South, but they are not so general as I would like to see."

"What of the future?" was asked.

"With a sincere return to its old time doctrines," Mr. Cleveland replied, "the old time victories of the Democratic party will certainly be won."

THE LONDON SUN.

FIRST ISSUE UNDER EDITORSHIP OF DR. PARKER.

London, Dec. 17.—The first issue of the London Sun, under the editorship of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, appears this afternoon. The column where the day's betting is usually published contains, under the caption "Latest News," "The wages of sin is death," and other familiar texts, followed by a vigorous protest against gambling. The article declares "If a paper cannot live six days without pandering to the gambler, the drunkard and the sensualist, let it wither away."

In another editorial Dr. Parker urges the magistrates to "apply the cat and wipe out Hooliganism."

ATLANTA'S MAYOR.

ARRESTED AND LOCKED UP FOR DRUNKENNESS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 17.—Mayor James G. Woodward, of this city, has been arrested and locked in the police barracks tonight on the charge of being drunk.

Some time ago, for the same cause, the city council and board of aldermen threatened impeachment proceedings against Mayor Woodward, but upon promises that he would abstain from further intoxicaton, no action was taken.

The Mayor tendered his resignation to the body and it was placed in the hands of Councilman Rawson, who holds it on condition that if the Mayor becomes intoxicated it shall be tendered for acceptance. The resignation was submitted this afternoon at a meeting of that body, but action was postponed until Friday.

University Society Officers.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

University of Virginia, Dec. 17.—The Washington Society today elected the following intermediate officers:

President—J. C. Bell, Bristol, Va.
Vice-President—Sidney Scott, Fredericksburg, Va.
Secretary—L. Gray, Illinois.

BERKLEY NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

CHURCH DEDICATED.

Interesting Services Yesterday at Memorial M. E. Church South.

Reunion of Former Pastors Rev. Chandler's Work--Meeting of School Board--Stockholders Meet--Norfolk & Western Censured--Organ Recital--Hymeneal.

The most notable event in the history of the Methodists of this town since the erection and dedication of the Chestnut Street church, over thirty years ago, was the dedication Sunday of the new and splendid edifice recently completed, on the corner of Berkley avenue and First street. The audience that assembled to hear the dedicatory sermon and witness the ceremonies incident to the dedication filled not only the entire seating capacity, but every nook and corner of the building. The selections of the choir were eminently appropriate and beautifully harmonized with the order of exercises.

Bishop W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C., preached the dedicatory sermon. It was in keeping with his reputation as an able and effective preacher of the Word. He selected as the foundation of his discourse Matt. 5-13-14, as follows: "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted. It is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men." "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is on a hill cannot be hid."

The bishop made as his theme "The Church in Its True and Proper Sphere, the Preservative of Society." In his introduction he showed wherein Christ set forth this fact as the true meaning and purpose of the Church, and he said with emphasis that the Church that fails to reach this high and holy standard fails to accomplish its great mission in the world. "The Church must meet these demands of the Master through her members if she would be the 'salt of the earth and the light of the world.'"

DIVINES PRESENT.

The following Methodist divines were present during the services: Rev. H. M. Hope, of the Richmond Christian Advocate; Rev. W. C. Vaden, presiding elder of the Portsmouth district; Rev. J. T. Mastin, a former pastor; Rev. Dr. W. M. Leftwich, and the present pastor, Rev. W. Asbury Christian.

REUNION OF FORMER PASTORS.

A reunion of the former pastors was held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. C. Vaden presiding, and addresses were made by Rev. H. M. Hope and Rev. J. T. Mastin. Rev. W. A. Christian, the new pastor, and Rev. S. C. Hatcher, of Queen Street Church, Norfolk, were also present. Remarks were made by the former and prayer was offered by the latter. Letters were read from former pastors, regretting their inability to be present.

At night the church was again filled, when Bishop Duncan preached another fine discourse.

REV. CHANDLER'S WORK.

To Rev. R. M. Chandler, a former pastor, is due in a large measure the credit for the building of the present church, as the subscriptions were raised through his personal efforts and the plans for the erection of the new edifice were supervised by him, and where changes were needed they were made by the architect under his direction.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

Washington District School Board met yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Town Hall. Members present were: Messrs. William Tillotson, F. L. Portlock, Capt. M. C. Keeling, and Supt. J. L. West. The resignation of Miss Lucy B. Scott, teacher in Sixth Street school, was read and accepted. Miss Eddie Phillips and Miss Jennie Howard were applicants. Miss M. A. Borden was elected to the position made vacant by Miss Scott's resignation. Miss Lizzie Pierce was elected to the position made vacant by Miss Borden's promotion and Miss Eddie Phillips was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Miss Pierce, viz. the first primary department. Mr. Tillotson, who was appointed to secure a suitable educator to address the teachers of the district on educational subjects, reported progress. He also stated since having been appointed on that committee, he had talked with several of the teachers regarding the matter, who were not in sympathy with holding teachers' institutes, and thought it unwise to secure anyone unless the teachers for whose benefit these institutes were proposed, could be interested. The board thought it a good move and continued the committee. Mr. Portlock, who was appointed a committee to locate and grade the site for the proposed South Norfolk school, reported having defined the grades, staked off the lot, but found one side of the lot very low, which would necessitate a great deal of filling, a big cost, and asked instructions. He was continued to complete the work. The denominations of the school bonds were fixed at $1,000 instead of $500 as formerly recommended.

The reports of the teachers of the Berkley and South Norfolk schools, showed progress. Miss Sarah Jones, of South Norfolk, made application for position as substitute in the South Norfolk school. Miss Jones comes highly recommended and she was requested to submit her recommendations to Superintendent West for approval. Captain Keeling was appointed to secure a substitute for the Sixth Street school. Mr. Portlock was instructed to secure a janitor for the Money Point school, at a salary of $1.50 per month. It was decided that the schools of the district should close on Friday before Christmas and open Wednesday after New Years day. The warrants for December were ordered paid before the holidays. The matter of the children of the primary grades who secure only one hour and a half instruction a day, was brought up by Mr. Tillotson, but was postponed on account of the lateness of the hour. The committee to advertise school bonds submitted its report which was accepted. Mr. Bruce, of the First National bank, of Ohio, was present for the purpose of purchasing the school bonds. The hour of the board meeting was changed from 3 o'clock to 7:30 o'clock p. m.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The sixth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Building and Loan Association was held last night in Elks' Hall, corner of Pine and Chestnut streets, and was presided over by Mr. John Whetstone, vice-president, and Mr. C. B. Gibbs acted as secretary. Of the 2,135 shares of stock of the association about 1,500 shares were represented. The association showed by its annual report a thrifty growth since its last annual meeting. There has been an increase of 599 shares. The total amount of receipts for the year were $47,092.95, and a disbursement of $47,056.17. The increase of the receipts over last year were $15,623.92. The association declared a dividend of 8 per cent. It has been very fortunate in not having sustained a loss during its history, and has not a piece of property on hand. The old board o fdirectors was unanimously re-elected.

RAILROAD COMPANY CENSURED.

The jury which was appointed to investigate the killing of Darius Haskett, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haskett, by the Norfolk and Western passenger train last Thursday evening at the Eleventh street crossing, South Norfolk, and which adjourned, met at the town hall last night. The verdict was that the lad came to his death by being struck by the Norfolk and Western passenger train through the negligence of the company.

ORGAN RECITAL.

The organ recital to be given at the Memorial Methodist church tonight by Prof. J. J. Miller, of Christ's P. E. church, of Norfolk, promises to be one of the finest musical entertainments of the season. Prof. Miller will be ably assisted by well known talent from both Norfolk and Berkley. Those who attend this recital will enjoy a musical treat and will be amply repaid for their trouble and expense. The price of admission will be for adults 25 cents, children 15 cents. The proceeds will go to the music fund of the church.

TENEMENT HOUSES BURNED.

Three tenement houses in course of erection on Seaboard avenue, South Norfolk, were entirely consumed by fire Sunday morning. They caught about 1 o'clock and were soon reduced to ashes. The South Norfolk Hose and Reel Company responded and later the Torrent Fire Department, but the buildings were too far gone to be saved. The origin of the fire was due to incendiary or tramps. The buildings were being erected by Mr. Wm. Montgomery and were owned by Mrs. M. J. Brown, of Brambleton ward, Norfolk, and would have been completed in a few days.

HYMENEAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clendenning, of Mt. Pleasant, Norfolk county, have issued invitations announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mattie E., to Mr. Simon H. Swartz, next Tuesday, December 25th, at the residence.

BREVITIES.

Mr. William Tillotson, superintendent of the Berkley Street Railroad Company, has returned from Philadelphia, where he went to place an order for several new cars for his road.

The Main Street Christian Church Sunday school has decided to give a Christmas entertainment next Friday night week.