

BIG MEETING IN MANCHESTER

Middle District Baptist Association to Meet To-day.

SQUIRE LITHGOW WAS BUSY.

By Irwin was Fined for Throwing Ambrose Morton Overboard—Electric Line to Petersburg—Dan Hobson Fell from a Car.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, 1112 Hull street, Beattie Block.

The Middle District Association will be called together at Clopton Street church at 11 o'clock this morning by Judge Hancock.

This association is quite an important one, embracing the Baptist churches of Manchester, Chesterfield, Powhatan and some in Amelia, and probably seventy-five delegates will be in attendance.

The sermon will be preached by Rev. R. H. Rued and reports will be received from the various churches. The Committee on Reception have provided for the delegates, and a most successful meeting is assured.

THE MAYOR'S COURT. Squire Lithgow was in the chair at the Mayor's Court yesterday, and not being of the number who were out before him were laid upon the table.

Virginia Hyrd, colored, alleged that Irving Graves trespassed upon her premises, and Irving Graves' father made a charge. The result was that Virginia had to pay \$2.50 and costs, and Irving paid costs.

By Irwin and Harry Meredith were charged with throwing Ambrose Morton, colored, in the water some weeks ago. The charge against Irwin was sustained, and he was fined \$2.50 and costs, but nothing was proved against Meredith, and he was discharged.

Lucy Tignor was charged by E. H. Griffin with being disorderly and abusing him, but at his request the warrant was withdrawn.

ROAD TO BE BUILT. It has been stated that the Manchester and Petersburg Electric road will be built within the specified time, and that the contract for the work has been given to a New York man.

No application has been made to the City Council yet by the company, and work on the road within the franchise has been suspended. The city ordinance on the subject requires that the sum of \$200 be deposited with the city treasurer when application for a franchise is made.

SWANBORO DARKY HURT. Dan Holston, a colored man from Swanboro, fell from a car at Fourteenth and Main streets Sunday evening about 6:30 o'clock and badly bruised himself about the head. He was carried to the city hospital where he was attended by Dr. Davis, of the ambulance corps. He was able to go to his home yesterday morning.

CHILDREN'S DAY. The following delegates will represent Clopton Street Baptist church this morning at that church: Judge B. A. Hancock, Messrs. R. Sadler, Robert C. Middle, and W. J. Byrd, of the city.

Rev. H. S. Driscoll, of Louisiana, will preach at the Clopton Street Baptist church next Sunday. Mr. Driscoll was raised in Virginia, has had an extensive travel in the States, and is making a visit to Virginia, and comes with the best recommendation as a man and excellent preacher.

The exercises at Clopton Street Baptist church Sunday afternoon, at which time Children's Day was celebrated, were of a highly entertaining nature. Despite the threatening clouds, the church was overflowing with many standing.

The program was under the supervision of Misses Mary Hancock and Imogene Gregory, and the manner in which the children recited and sang reflected great credit on the committee. The music used was entirely congregational, except a pretty duet by Miss Rosa Turney and Mr. Wm. J. Morrisette, and a song of two children with evergreen accompaniment.

A beautiful appearance with the choir led by in the rear, which was used by the children.

PERSONAL AND NOTES. Mrs. J. W. Robinson and son, Gordon, have returned from Bermuda Hundred, where they have been visiting.

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