

SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES.

DAY OF BEAUTY, SANCTUARIES CROWDED.

Good Sermons, Spirited Music, Children's Day at the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

Of last Sunday in Richmond the Times-Dispatch has this to say:

"There was never a more beautiful day since the difficulty in the Garden of Eden, than yesterday in Richmond. Bright sunshine, cool air, gentle zephyrs, lovely women, many men, appetizing churches filled with devout worshippers—a very much nearer home."

And we have been wondering what the gifted editor would have said of the day if he had spent it within the gates of Farmville. Words would have failed him and he could only have exclaimed, "Remember the day."

At the morning hour of worship the pastors were in their pulpits expecting that at the Presbyterian Church Dr. T. R. English, D. D., of Union Seminary preached on the text, "Ye are the salt of the earth." It was a sermon rich in instruction and one never to be forgotten by those who were privileged to listen to it. The key note of the impressive discourse was found in the words of the Saviour, "As my Father hath sent me even so send I you." The Christ came to seek and to save and that is the mission of the church. It was rare privilege to sit at the feet of this Gamaliel and learn of him.

At the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches Children's Day services were observed and the buildings were crowded to their full capacity. Interesting programs had been arranged and these were faultlessly rendered by the little ones of the schools and the larger ones too.

Meaningful, pleasant recitations, responsive readings and addresses by the pastors united to make an hour of real pleasure and genuineness. The churches were tastefully decorated and the offerings were substantial. There was a bond of sympathy pervading the different congregations and a common purpose among those who contributed to the same.

The Lord, one Christ and one church of the living God. In this connection we are reminded of the words of a great divine of the Presbyterian Church which were addressed to his brethren when met together in a General Assembly of that denomination. They were redolent of the proper Christian spirit. "The things that I care for most in our church are not those that divide us from other Christians, but those which unite us to them. The things that I love most in Christianity are those which give it power to save and satisfy, to console and cheer, to inspire and bless human hearts and lives. The thing that I desire most for the Presbyterians is that it should preserve its mission and extend its influence in the world by making men happy in the knowing and the doing of the things which Christ teaches. The church that the Twentieth century will bear most gladly and honorably will have two marks. It will be the church that teaches clearly and strongly the truths that Jesus taught. It will be the church that finds most happiness in doing the simple life and doing good to the world."

At the Blue Lodge.

The Friday evening of last week, members of the Blue Lodge, their wives and sweethearts and visiting brethren met in their lodge room for an evening of rare pleasure.

Kindred soul met kindred soul in friendly, friendship's golden glow was strengthened, the ties of brotherhood were closer drawn, words of good cheer and genuine sympathy were spoken, delicate refreshments were served, and as the evening fell on the scene, the one word "Well done."

Those present, who had often attended such occasions pronounced the evening "well done" and crowned it with words of praise and green. We write with reverence, "Blest be the day that brought this."

Let as much as possible on the sunny side of your house.

MAJ. VENABLE GAINS STEADILY.

Condition Reported As Very Favorable.

It was reported at John Hopkins Hospital Wednesday morning that the condition of Major Richard M. Venable is very favorable.

For the past week the patient has been steadily improving.

The Normal Commencement.

The programme is as follows: Sunday, June 5th.—8:30 P. M., Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Wm. E. Hill, Farmville, Va.

Monday, June 6th.—8:30 P. M., Class Night exercises.

Tuesday, June 7th.—10:30 A. M., Graduating exercises; Address, Geo. H. Denny, Ph. D., Lexington, Va. Delivery of diplomas.

And when the curtain comes down then the good-byes. "God be with you 'till we meet again." Just a word for the graduates. You have reached one goal, but there is another just ahead, and when it has been gained there is still another just beyond, and so on and on and on until the final "well done" has been said to you, and yours is the "crown of rejoicing," the laurel which will know no fading.

Farmville will miss you sadly, will think often of you and indulge the sweet hope that you will some times think of the home of your Alma Mater, and pleasantly.

SENIOR CLASS ROLL, 1910.

Ola Lee Abbott, Appomattox; Florence Dunreath Acree, Lynchburg; Julia Travis Armistead, Hampton; Annie Mary Bahh, Ivor; Clara Barton, Norfolk; Mittie Porter Batten, Smithfield; Ruby Hettie Berger, Danville; Annie Boothe Bland, West Point; Elizabeth Bruce Brooke, Culpeper; Millian Carter Brooke, Culpeper; Cora Rogers Brookings, Orange; Mary Vivian Brookings, Orange; Mary Burton, Parnassus; Nannie Bennett, Witt; Hettie Dilard Cobb, Franklin; Nora Adelaide Copeland, Hampton; Bessie Coppeidge, Bedford City; Isabide Davis, Covington; Marie Ferguson, Hampton; Eugenia Fallwell, Farmville; Ola Fisher, Bedford City; Nancy Gray Garrow, Deubigh; Alice Hinton Grandy, Norfolk; Alice Louise Grubbs, Dendron; Henrietta Estelle Hall, Newport News; Ellen Irby Hardy, Blackstone; Katharine Ashlyn Hatcher, Bedford City; Helen Louise Hoy, Charlotte; Ethel Bradley Hubbard, Roxburg; Mary Marguerite Hudson, Labore; Julia Johnson, Warrenton; Sarah Hatcher Johns, Farmville; Charley Richard Jones, Hampden - Sidney; Mary Hester Jones, Doe Hill; Leona Howe Jordan, Dublin; Marietta King, Windsor; Ethel Scott LaBoiteaux, Charlestown, W. Va.; Mary Euglantine Lackey, Fairfield; Carrie Grice Libby, Smithfield; Carrie Ward Long, Wytheville; Mamie Louise Massey, Atlantic; Maude Mayo, Charlottesville; Richie Spotswood McCraw, Nathalie; Louise Curtis Ninetree, Norfolk; Willie Moorman, Hendricks; Sallie Vida Murfee, Drewryville; Emma Norman Murray, Newport News; Maymie Olive Myers, Whitwell; Edna Sydnor Pattie, Fredericksburg; Elizabeth Hoge Paulett, Farmville; Julia May Paulett, Farmville; Mary McFarland Paxton, Glasgow; Lulu May Pollok, Danville; Aileen Poole, Molusk; Susie Eleanor Poole, Forest Depot; Lillian Blanche Puryear, Farrington; Mary Eugenia Reader, Lynnhaven; Ruth Redd, Sutherland; Maude Katherine Richardson, South Boston; Hattie May Robertson, Newport News; Caroline Roper, Portsmouth; Annie King Rowe, Hampton; Mary Adams Savedge, Littleton; Judith Saville, Murat; Lydia Mae Schlosser, Inlet; Emma Mebane Staples, Lexington; Myrtle Steele, Bedford City; Belle Colbert Sterling, Norfolk; Maria Shugert, Berryville; Elizabeth Graham Tate, Draper; Catherine Heth Taylor, Manchester; Mary Elizabeth Taylor, Miller School; Mary Hunter Tatum, Stuart; Mary Cole Tinsley, Richmond; Marjorie Schan Thompson, Lake City, Fla.; Mary Hill Thompson, Ashland; Marion Turner, Richmond; Mary Elizabeth Turpin, Boydton; Laura Leigh Twitty, Suffolk; Nancy Wyndham Walkup, Gala; Eva Mabane Walters, Charlotte; Emily Susan Ward, Norfolk; Moodie Elizabeth Williams, Cambria; Lillian Page Woodson, Port Norfolk; Martha Bedford Yancy, South Boston.

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Many a setting of eggs has been spoiled by making the nest on the floor where the wind can come up through the cracks under the old mother hen.

THE "OLD REB'S" DAY.

FARMVILLE'S WARM WELCOME.

Glad to See the Old Soldier and Rejoice to Know he will Not Go Home Hungry.

This is Confederate Day in Farmville, and we are honored in having with us survivors of a lost and yet a living cause. Your comrades dead did not die in vain, nor did you suffer in vain. You and your comrades gave the world new lessons in self-sacrifices, in heroism, in chivalry. Without money and without price you marched, suffered hunger, endured toil and braved the dangers of the battle field. You furled your banners but with no stain resting upon star or bar, you surrendered to overwhelming numbers but won immortality. And you have by your superb conduct as civilians demonstrated anew that "peace hath her victories no less renown than war." Mothers for whom you fought, sisters for whom you suffered, daughters for whom you would have died, bid you welcome. Out of their hearts of love and from their hands that have learned to labor have come the feast which has been spread for you and to which you are invited, and a gallant comrade who marched with you on the forefront of battle will repeat the story of your glory.

The order of the day's exercises will be as follows: Decoration of the monument with flowers.

Address at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Opera House by Colonel R. T. Hubbard, of Buckingham, to be followed by presentation of crosses.

Dinner for the veterans at the Armory.

Music by the Farmville Silver Band. The whole program to be freely sprinkled with the "Rebel Yell." Sing it out loud and strong, and let the heavens above and the earth beneath ring with your oft-repeated acclaim, that though outnumbered you were never humiliated.

CITY PARKS.

Farmville Needs One and Can Have It.

The larger cities of the country are waking up on the subject of parks, breathing places for people who will crowd the cities.

Baltimore, we are told, has already completed a chain of parks which are said to be the most attractive in the land, and it is gratifying to us to know that the work has been accomplished under the inspiration and direction of a son of Prince Edward, Maj. R. M. Venable. The city of his adoption recognizes in him the father of her parks, and no more lasting monument could have been built to keep alive his memory. Long after he has been buried "with his fathers" those who walk or drive along the ways he has marked out, or sit beneath the trees he has planted his name will be mentioned with respect and love. Little children who play on the grassy lawns will remember him as a benefactor.

I. New York an enlarged system of parks has been projected and they are determined to distance all competitors. West Richmond has been made the place beautiful, and the country over the spirit of like improvement has taken possession of the people of our cities, and pleasure places will enrich the squares when the work of the day is done.

We have mentioned these things with the hope of awakening among the citizens of Farmville a kindred spirit. We can not hope as yet to have a Central park nor a Fairmont, nor yet a Duell Hill, but can we not begin on the vacant spot on South Main and make it beautiful? And is it a wild suggestion to buy some of the vacant acres in touch of the town and begin now to work on a breathing place that will be a joy forever? We have no acres for sale, nor are we peculiarly interested in those who have, but we do live in Farmville and do have abiding interest in all that concerns its present and future, and are persuaded that the time has come when the little city should at least have a little beauty spot it may call its own. The Herald for twenty years has been making suggestions, and it would surprise you to know how many of them have been adopted and put into practical operation. This is another. Think it over, and together do that which is best.

DECORATION DAY.

GENERALLY OBSERVED THE COUNTRY OVER.

Flowers From the Hands of Friends Cover the Graves of Our Dead.

Last Monday was observed as "Decoration Day," or "Memorial Day" the country over. Loving hands lovingly bore flowers to the places where sleep the dead, and bare graves were made to bloom with bright blossoms.

The observance of the day had its origin in the desire to honor the dead soldiers, but the custom has broadened so as to embrace within its tokens of love the resting places of others who have joined the great majority.

Mothers do not forget the sacred spots where their little heart-treasures lie buried, loving wives show their loyalty to once loyal and loving husbands, children honor dead parents and friends remember friends who have gone before. Forty-five years have come and gone since the flags were furled, and with the passing days animosities have gone too, and now soldiers who "wore the gray" place flowers on the graves of the soldiers who "wore the blue," and they are all comrades again.

In Farmville there was no general observance of the day, but it being a National holiday our banks were closed and Sunday hours were observed at the postoffice. Our Silver band went to Crewe, 14 in number, led by director Oldfield, a student of Hampden-Sidney and a composer of some note, delighted with their well rendered airs and in return were charmed with the gracious and generous hospitality which was shown them. Then the citizens en masse marched to their city of the dead and made it the city beautiful with fair and fragrant blossoms. Mr. Yancey, of Lynchburg, was the orator of the occasion, and in words well chosen and well spoken contributed full share to the interest of the day.

Farmville was in full sympathy with the spirit of "Memorial Day," and yet this is our Memorial Day, and on it our hearts thrill with new joy and reverence for those immortals, many of whom died in defense of what they knew to be right, and others who have lived to love and be loyal to a living cause. Anger all buried, but admiration for heroism was not "born to die."

Help Our Young Friend to Win the Prize.

Master Irvine Cabell Watkins is local representative for the sale of the Saturday Evening Post, and is actively engaged in the pony contest. At one time he was sixth in the list of competitors, and is striving earnestly to go up head. Our young friend is moved by laudable ambition to win on business lines and we will aid him in his manly efforts. The Post is only 5 cents a copy, and well worth the money. Chip in your nickels and encourage this young Napoleon of finance, who like the great commander, recognizes no Alps as barriers to success. He wants the pony and we will help him win it.

Ready For the Fight.

May 31st, 1910.

J. L. Hart, Esq., Editor Farmville Herald, Farmville, Va.

My dear Sir:—I noticed with a great deal of interest the article in your paper of last week in reference to a government building in your town. I agree with you entirely about this matter and think that the government ought to erect a building in a town the size of Farmville and I do not think we will have very great trouble in having it done if we go at it in the right way. I will be in Farmville in a few days and want to have a talk with you in regard to the matter. You can rest assured that I am ready to do everything in my power to accomplish the desired end.

With kind regards, I am Very truly yours,

R. TURNBULL.

Thanks. Mr. Turnbull is with us, and now a "strong pull and a pull altogether." The Herald is "best" in the State and Farmville's best friend.

The truest test of love between husband and wife is whether they just love to have each other around.

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

Last Concert of the Session Given on Friday Evening.

The last concert of the present session was given on Friday evening, May 27th, and the program was a brilliant one and was exceptionally well rendered, only the students of the advanced classes participating.

The fine execution and artistic finish bore testimony to the excellence of their training. The brilliant technique of little Miss Janet Nicholson, of Crewe, who is only fourteen years of age, is worthy of special mention, as is also Miss Nellie Bristow's rendering of Miss Mattie S. Willis' composition, "Thou Art So Like a Flower." Miss Bristow's voice was in unusually good condition and she showed good training.

Seven contestants played "Joli Couer" by Tschirch; the first prize in this contest being awarded to Miss Ella B. Pope, of Drewryville, Va., and the second to Miss Lettie Wynne, of the same place.

There was a large and appreciative audience, and students and visitors alike were loud in their praises of the young ladies who acquitted themselves with such honor.

The program was as follows:

Miss Janet Nicholson, piano solo, Harmston, LeZephyr.

Miss Fannie Graham, piano solo, Rubenstein, Romance.

Miss Nellie Bristow, vocal solos, a. Gounod, Forever With the Lord; b. M. Willis, Thou Art So Like a Flower.

Miss Elizabeth Tate, piano solo, Goria, Concert Study E Flat.

Miss Mollie Wilkerson, vocal solos, a. Pergolesi, Nina; b. Rubenstein, Eastern Slave.

Miss Mary Taylor, piano solo, Grieg, Nocturne.

Misses Bristow and Wilkerson, vocal duet, Rubenstein, The Wanderer's Night Song.

Miss Ruth Dabney, piano solo, Liebt, The Beautiful Evening Star.

Miss Lockett Walton, sketch of Schubert.

Miss Ruth Smithson, piano solos, a. Schubert, Menuet; b. Schubert, By the Sea.

Mr. Schimmel, piano solos, a. Schubert, Andante; b. Allegro.

The Joys of Childhood.

Next to a circus tent those children erect in the yards about their own homes are of most interest. Passing the home of Cashier Vaiden on a recent afternoon we saw a happy group of young folks gathered about one, and while we were not invited to see just what was going on inside, it was evident that they were having genuine fun beneath as well as outside the canvas. Shouts of glad laughter smote the air and the eyes we saw were all aglow with joy. "Once a man, but twice a child," and we sometimes regret that all of life was not one uninterrupted season of childhood free from care.

THE LAWN PARTY.

The Scene a Brilliant One, Pleasure and Profit in Happy Association.

The ladies of the Methodist Church, South, were denied the privilege of voting at the recent session of the General Conference, which met at Asheville, N. C., but the action has in no wise cooled their ardor as church workers.

Certainly this is true of the Methodist ladies of Farmville, who are ever taxing their energies of minds and bodies, and offering tribute of their hearts' love for the good of the church and thus for the glory of the God of the Church.

On last Friday, from five to ten P. M., a lawn party was given by them on the grass plot in front of the handsome church building, and the occasion was a memorable one. Many colored lights gave out their soft luster on the scene, the tables were artistic in dressing, the refreshments were skillfully prepared and graciously served to the delight of all who gathered. The night air had a touch of chill in it, but hearts warmed in the work of contributing to a good cause. As a reward for their unselfish consecration and devotion the ladies added to their treasury a goodly sum.

Does that old hen lay? Try this if she does not: Feed her all the chopped clover she will eat, with an ounce of lean meat every day. If there is any lay in her that will bring it out.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL.

LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE.

Report of Committee Received, Arbitration Agreed On, Mr. Serpell Speaks.

There was an important and interesting special meeting of the council held in its chamber on Tuesday evening, over which Mayor Blanton presided, eight members of the body present and a large representation of citizens.

The committee which had been charged with the duty of conferring with the owners of the Water and Sewer Companies made report which was read and ordered to be spread on the records. Full and frank statements were made by representatives of the companies, as to cost of the plants, receipts and disbursements, and the whole subject was freely and fully discussed.

The committee and the owners of the companies not being able to agree as to the amount to be paid for the same, a board of arbitration will be appointed and after its report has been made the council will take further action, and eventually the tax payers of the town will decide whether or not they will vote the requisite money to make the purchases. It is conceded that the town shall own and operate the plants, and when the preliminaries have all been satisfactorily arranged the transfers will be made.

A spirit of good will pervaded and prevailed in the meeting, and owners and councilmen are actuated by a common purpose for fair dealing. As Mr. Wall so well said, "While I am interested as stock holder in the water company I am more interested in my holdings as a citizen of Farmville." And that's equally true of his associate owners, and of those who control the sewer company. We are brethren, and the good of one is the good of all.

Just as the council was adjourning Mr. Serpell asked to be heard. The privilege was accorded him, and he proceeded to make a practical and impressive talk on a new subject and one of immense and general concern. Mr. Serpell, who came to us from the oil and gas sections of West Virginia, has long been convinced that we have both in the earth beneath us, and has shown his faith by his works, having already sent for an expert to begin drilling at some point to be agreed on.

While enthusiastic, Mr. Serpell does not promise the finding of oil or gas, but falling in this he does say that from the well or wells Farmville may be assured of full supply of absolutely pure water.

Space at our command forbids the further discussion of this subject just now, but confess that its mere mention has quickened our pulse-beat and made us look into the future with more of hope and good cheer. Mr. Serpell asks for the cooperation of the business men of town and country, and this we feel confident he will receive in full measure. The thought hasn't come from a dreamer, but from a wide-awake man who is already accomplishing results in our midst.

Conservatory of Music.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, June 1st, a very interesting entertainment was given at the Conservatory of Music under the supervision of Miss Marie Schroder.

There were seven groups of contestants, and the prizes were awarded as follows:

First Contest.—Miss Elizabeth Cunningham, first prize; Miss Martha Cobb, second prize.

Second Contest.—Miss Mary Hardy, first prize; Master Charles Collyer, second prize.

Third Contest.—Miss Martha Cobb first prize; Miss Elizabeth Cunningham, second prize.

Fourth Contest.—Miss Jean Morris, first prize; Miss Judith Shumate, second prize.

Fifth Contest.—Miss Lurline Smith, first prize; Miss Lurline Morning, second prize; Miss Jean Morris, third prize.

Sixth Contest.—Miss Lurline Morning, first prize; Miss Irma Rice, second prize.

Seventh Contest.—Miss Irma Rice, first prize.

Misses Princess Watkins and Mary Morris, of Farmville, Olive Mayers, of Dunning, and Margaret Garnett, of Charlotte Courthouse, received prizes also for excellent work.

Refreshments were served as usual.