Correction, and at the time of his death was president of the School for the Deaf and Dumb, at Frederick, Md. He contributed largely of his means to this institution and also took great interest in the Nursery and Child's Hospital. Many clocks and bells were presented by him to different institutions, and to his native town of North Middleboro he gave $30,000 to endow Pratt Academy in 1867. In 1892 he purchased the fine old house at the corner of Cathedral and Franklin streets, and made a gift of it to the Maryland Academy of Science, by which society he was made honorary life patron. A volume might be filled with his deeds of philanthropy and charity: suffice it to say that no man in the state was more venerated, respected and loved than he. His life was filled with good deeds and his name will be inseparably connected with many institutions as long as they endure. He was one of the most entertaining and approachable of men, enjoyed a joke most thoroughly and was noted for his witty and pointed remarks.

August 1, 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Maria Louise Hyde, a native of Massachusetts, whose ancestors were among the first settlers of that state. On her mother's side she is descended from a German family, which located in Baltimore more than one hundred and fifty years ago. She and Mr. Pratt remained childless, and prior to his death they had celebrated the fifty-seventh anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Pratt's ancestors were sturdy New Englanders, and the founder of the family in this country was Phineas Pratt, who arrived in Plymouth in 1623, and died at Charlestown, Mass., in 1680. Mr. Pratt's mother was descended from Rev. James Keith, who came hither from Scotland in 1662.

JOHN BROOKE BOYLE, M. D., who commands the respect of the public by his upright life, and wins their support by means of his skill and ability in his profession, was born in Frederick County, Md., January 8, 1849. The house in which he opened his eyes to the light was also the birthplace of his father, Hon. John Brooke Boyle. His grandfather was one of the early settlers of Frederick County, where his death occurred many years ago. His father was a man of much prominence and represented his district in the state legislature for several terms. He was also clerk of the court for some years, and for half a century was regarded as one of the political leaders in Westminster. His business connection was with the Western Maryland Railroad Company of which he was secretary and treasurer for a long period. He was also a director in several banks, and attained an eminence in both political and business circles that made him one of the most prominent men of the state. In religious faith he was a Catholic. He married Elizabeth M. Scott, a native of Frederick County, and a daughter of John Scott, an extensive land owner and farmer. She was also a cousin of Francis Scott. She died in 1876, and Mr. Boyle passed away in April, 1896. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living. Dr. Daniel Scott; Dr. Charles Bruce, a native of Frederick County, now a practicing physician at Hagerstown, Md.; Henry, a farmer of Frederick County; Dr. John B.; Norman Bruce, of Westminster; Joseph B., who is postmaster at that place; and Mrs. Charles E. Fink, of Westminster, whose husband is states attorney in Carroll County.

Dr. Boyle, of this review, acquired his education in Westminster, and in Calvert College of New Windsor, after which he came to Baltimore in 1866, matriculating in the medical department of the University of Maryland, where he was graduated in 1869, with the degree of M. D. For six months he was resident physician at Bay View Asylum, and then began practice in East Baltimore, where he remained for ten years, when he removed to his present location, building the first house north of Eager street. His practice is general and he receives from the public a liberal patronage. For six years he served as physician in the Maryland penitentiary under the administrations of Governor Whyte and Governor Hamilton, and for twenty-three years has been house physician in the institution of the Sisters of the Poor.

He has a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine; his efforts having been crowned with excellent success both professionally and financially, he is justly accorded a leading place among his professional brethren.

Dr. Boyle is a member of St. Ignatius' Catholic Church. He gives his political support to the Democratic party, and for one term represented the eighth ward in the first branch of the city council, taking an active part in all interests calculated to advance the welfare of the city.

REV. J. FRANK BRYAN, pastor of Bethany Methodist Protestant Church, of Baltimore, was born near Chesterville, Kent County, Md., in 1870, being a member of one of the old families of the eastern shore. In an early day in the settlement of America, some of this name came from England and established homes on the eastern shore, where succeeding generations have resided, taking an active part in the various industries that have contributed to the development of the material resources of their locality.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Bryan, for many years a prominent farmer of the eastern shore, where he spent the principal portion of his life. He was a man of prominence and the owner of large tracts of land. His political affiliations were with the Democrats in early days, but on the organization of the Republican party he became an adherent of its principles, which he afterward supported. Two of his sons, John and Joshua, were ordained as local preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in its ministry they accomplished much good for the cause.

Richard Bryan, our subject's father, was born on the eastern shore, where he afterward owned and cultivated a farm near Chesterville. In addition to the raising of grain he took an interest in the fruit business, planting an orchard on his place and making a specialty of the cultivation of peaches. He was a lover of horses and on his farm had a number of fine specimens of equine flesh. Never solicitous for public office, he contented himself with the quiet discharge of his duties as a citizen and with the casting of a Republican vote at elections. At the age of ten years he was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has since been a consistent member, for many years having held office in the congregation. His home is still on the farm where he was born and reared. A lifelong resident of that locality, he naturally cherishes an affection for Kent County and an interest in the welfare of its citizens, and doubtless the community has no resident more loyal to its interests than he.

For his wife Richard Bryan chose Anna R. Taylor, daughter of Franklin Taylor, but she passed from this life in 1884, when only thirty-five years of age. Her mother, in maidenhood, was a Miss Hayes, an aunt of President Rutherford B. Hayes. Her father, who in early years engaged in the mercantile business in Chesterville, Md., afterward removed to Wilmington, Del., where for a time he continued in the same business. However, he is now living retired, enjoying the freedom from care which his seventy useful years have justly earned him. Our subject has three brothers and two sisters, namely: Benjamin A., now a student in college, where he is preparing for the ministry; Ida M., wife of Robert Metcalf; Thomas H., who is with his father on the home farm; Richard Moffett, also at home; and Anna R., who is attending school in Chestertown.

The childhood years of our subject's life were spent with his grandfather Bryan, but the latter died when he was a child of twelve years, and he then returned to his parents. His education, begun in the common schools, was later continued in the Western Maryland College. With the intention to enter the ministry, he became a student in the Westminster Theological Seminary, where he gained the thorough knowledge of the Bible necessary to those who would minister to the spiritual welfare of others. Entering the conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, he was given a charge at Ellicott City, Md., and from there was transferred to his present pastor-