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WANTED:

For customers, farms of about 100 or 200 acres, on water, or interior. Describe carefully.
KENNARD & CO.,
jy4. 18 E. Lexington St., Balto., Md.

NOTICE:

Owners of horses are hereby notified that the printed suggestions as to the valuation horses does not include gentlemen's driving horses. Bicycles to be valued at $25.00.
A. M. KENDALL,
jy4. Clerk of Board Assessors.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

All persons having claims against William S. Maslin, of Rock Hall, Kent county, Maryland, are hereby notified and warned to file their claims with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county within three months from this date.
COLUMBUS A. LEARY.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to Wm. S. Maslin are requested to call and settle with the undersigned as early as possible.
July 4-4t. COLUMBUS A. LEARY.

TO the FARMERS and OTHERS OF KENT COUNTY, MD.

We, the undersigned, having formed a copartnership under the firm name of SKIRVEN & BURNETT, for the purpose of conducting a General Commission Business, say to all shippers that it is their duty to consult their interests as to whom they make consignments. Ship to those who are likely to make you the most money, and by doing so, we do not think you would fail in giving us a fair trial. We guarantee quick sales and prompt returns. Satisfactory reference given if desired.
Respectfully,
J. A. SKIRVEN,
jy4-3t*. S. R. BURNETT.

REMARKABLE OFFER TO FARMERS!

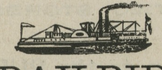
I wish to inform the farmers of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties that I am in a better position to BUY GRAIN in this vicinity than I or any other grain buyer has ever been. I, M. Parr & Son, Baltimore, have employed me to buy Grain for them. They will telegraph me market daily, and have instructed me to pay Baltimore prices less only cost of handling; in this way farmers will surely save commissions and other costs, or about an average expense of $10 to $15 per $1,000 bushels. I will call, examine grain and make offer, upon notice by mail or messenger. Bids will be made for future delivery if desired. We want this grain for export. Parties preferring to consign their grain will receive the highest market price, according to grade. Though we can't see any chance for consignments, when we are OFFERING SUCH INDUCEMENTS. Where it is not practical for me to see the grain, I will bid on it according to Baltimore inspection.
H. M. BROWN,
CHESTERTOWN, Md.
P. O. Box 118. Office Court Street. jy4.

UNION EXCURSION

OF CHURCH HILL

M. E., M. E. South and Presbyterian S. S.

On THURSDAY, July 16, 1896



TO BAY RIDGE,

ON STEAMER B. S. FORD,

Bay Ridge is the Cool Bayside Resort, so popular with the people, and has all the Modern Attractions and means of amusement for young and old.

Round Trip, $1; Children, under 12 yrs., 50c.

Boat leaves Chestertown at 7 o'clock, stopping at Rolph's, Booker's, Quaker Neck, Bogle's, Queenstown, Kent Island, arriving at Bay Ridge before noon.

COMMITTEE:—Geo. O. Trenchard, Rev. K. M. Bull, Rev. J. Edgar Wilson, J. K. Brown, J. M. Cecil, Israel Wooding, J. E. Johns, Wm. Wallace, Jos. A. McFarland, Rev. Joseph H. Geoghegan, Medford Walls, James Williamson, C. E. Smith, W. T. Roe, Samuel Foxx.

FOR RENT for 1897:

THE HOTEL 'N MASSEYS.

Also, a STORE and DWELLING at the same place. Apply to C. H. B. MASSEY,
jy4-3t.* ATT'Y.

FOR RENT for 1897:

The West End residence in Fairlee, now tenanted by L. J. Keyser.
A. M. KENDALL,
jy4-tf. Fairlee, Md.

HOUSES FOR SALE and RENT:

Apply to C. W. C. JOHNSON,
j20-tf. AGENT.

REGISTERS OF VOTERS.

The following are the names of the Registers of Voters for Kent county, Maryland, as appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Election.

F. A. Walls,	Rep.,	Millington Prec.	1st dist.
Wm. H. Ford,	Dem.,	" "	"
C. H. Smith,	Rep.,	Golts, Galena "	"
R. C. Morgan,	Dem.,	Galena " "	"
S. J. Comly,	Rep.,	Locust Grove	2d dist.
J. P. Hendrickson,	Dem.,	Kennedyville	"
Geo. L. Bowers,	Rep.,	Hanesville	3d dist.
Jos. R. Usilton,	Dem.,	" "	"
Wm. H. Brown,	Rep.,	Chestertown	4th "
J. Evan Thomas,	Dem.,	" "	"
Jno. W. Downey,	Rep.,	Rock Hall	5th dist.
T. Romie Strong,	Dem.,	Edesville	"
T. H. N. Bramble,	Rep.,	Fairlee	6th dist.
Wm. E. Keyser,	Dem.,	" "	"
Jno. C. Davis,	Rep.,	Pomona	7th dist.
J. Cordray Loud,	Dem.,	Chestertown	"

A WARNING!

All persons are hereby forewarned against HORSE RACING and BALL PLAYING on the PUBLIC ROADS of KENT COUNTY, after this date. Any one disregarding this notice will be prosecuted.
By order of the Board of County Commissioners.
July 4-tf* WM. H. LAMBERT, JR., Clerk.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Kent County Savings Bank for the purpose of selecting Twelve Directors to manage the affairs of said bank for the ensuing year, will be held in their Banking House, in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, July 7th, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M. By order of the Board.
j20-tm. WM. F. RUSSELL, CASHIER.

THE SUMMER BASE-BALL CLUB!

Sermon Delivered in Chestertown M. E. Church Sunday Evening, June 28, 1896, by Rev. W. P. Compton.

Subject: Should we patronize the Summer Baseball Club? Lesson: Ecc. iii., 1-17; Phil. iv., 1-9. Text: Phil. iv., clause 5th verse, Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

One of the most intelligent men in this community, on subjects that he sees fit to study, remarked on reading the theme of this evening's discourse, Should We Patronize the Summer ball Club, said "How is he going to make a religious subject out of a purely social or secular subject?" Well, Dr. Parkhurst never more truly remarked than when he says in an article in the July number of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, just issued, "There is as much difference among men in the distinctness of their religious discernments as in that of their intellectual or artistic discernments. It would be stupid in a student to conclude, that because astronomy means less to him than it does to his classmate, therefore, astronomy is a myth, and the finer the astronomer the greater the fool. Young men reason that way about religion and with no less of credit to their sagacity."

Mr. Parkhurst also remarks, in the same, article. "It seems to me well to antagonize thus at the start any such idea as that religion is one of the dispensables, or that it occupies much the same position in our personal belongings that bric-a-brac does in household furnishings, a commodity that it is well enough to be possessed of, but that stands in no immediate relation to the substantial necessities of every day life." So following the idea of this noble, and justly famous, advocate of all reforms, we say that to start right in the discussion of this theme, we wish first to call your attention to and explain the second word of our subject.

The question is, should *we*—professed Christians—those endeavoring to know the will of God and do it; and willing to make any sacrifice of self if by that means they can please Him, whose they are and whom they serve. To the Godless, those who have never had the courage to say get thee behind me Satan; never made a profession of Christianity; who have followed and are following the fleshly lusts which war against the soul we have nothing to say directly to you at this time.

You are saying by your position, 'I will not have this man Christ Jesus to rule over me,' and are in a position, where, if you were to die as you are now living, the words used by Jesus in Matt. xxv., would surely be applied to you, "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." But with those who make a profession of Christianity, and especially those who are members of this church and league we feel that we can and should honestly discuss this question.

It is your souls that we are to watch over, and it is the fidelity of the faithful of all churches. (This is a paradox of expression forced upon us by the existence of two classes in many churches of today.) We repeat, it is the fidelity of the faithful that we must depend upon for all reformations in the social fabric of the world. Mr. Parkhurst remarks in the article already quoted from, "I suppose I have heard it said a hundred times during the past two years that the only men who can be counted upon to stand by the cause of civic regeneration unflinchingly and untiringly to the end, are the men with religious convictions and religious faith."

It is to such men and such women we appeal today for a candid answer to this question. Away, forever away, with the idea that you have a secular or social relation to the world not connected with your religion. For if you are a believer in God and His guide book you must believe what is said in II Tim., iii., 16. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." And you will not endeavor to parry the correction and instruction in righteousness contained in the implicit teaching and logical deductions of such texts as I Cor., x., 31: "Whether, therefore, you eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," and II Peter, i, 5: "Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance and godliness."

Such teaching must be observed and put into practice by Christian men in their individual deportment, and in their elective offices, where they have been placed, to use their individual knowledge, virtue, and judgment for the welfare of others, and the best interests of all. Now, it is well for the persons in control of educational institutions to have written on mind and heart these words of God: "Add to your virtue, knowledge," and teaching virtue in their churches and homes go to their places of trust in connection with institutions of learning, and do all in their power to add to virtue, knowledge. But when they see anything in connection with this addition, that is antagonistic to the next addition commanded by God: "Add to knowledge, temperance and godliness," it is equally the duty of the Christian who has accepted this civic trust, (and we here reiterate our principles in regard to this matter that Christians should accept and in some instances seek civil office and authority.) it is equally important, we add, that Christian men in authority should watch with a Godly anxiety and a filial love, the persons whose lives they are influencing, as to whether they are so environed that they are adding to their virtue knowledge, and to their knowledge, temperance and godliness."

We need not presume that many of you are unfamiliar with the stock argument of the advocates of saloons and bars. That *temperance* is what God enjoins; temperance in all things. I can take a drink when I please and leave it alone when I please. I can afford to do it. I owe no man nought, can do as I please with regard to my money and must be governed by my own conscience in my indulgence. A man can injure himself and his business and his family by eating too much; and by spending too much money and time for other unnecessary things. Now, this last is just what we want persons who argue thus to say now.

In this community and county we find no occasion to argue longer the license question. The majority has come to the Christian standard in this matter and have said "If having an open saloon where I can go and take an occasional drink with my neighbor is productive of evil, by tempting my brother to excess and causing him to spend the money which belongs to the merchant, the doctor or any of the public benefactors, for that which is naught, we will have no such places of temptation. Some of your neighbors think this is a primitive view. The Centreville *Observer* some weeks ago in advocating Sunday trains and steamboats, paid their respects to the no license sentiment of their community in similar terms. We can only say to the *Observer* and all such observers, that if they will observe they will find that this view is so primitive that God used it when He told the destroyer of life, Cain, that he was his brother's keeper, that He used it when He told Moses to write, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," and when he sent His son into the world to say, The first and greatest of all commandments is this, 'Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, mind, soul and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself, on these two commaddments hang all prophecy and beneficent laws.'

We now say the time has come in this town for Christian people to apply these views with regard the to saloon, to baseball. We do not say that if a licensed saloon existed in our town you could not walk in and buy a pint of liquor for medicinal use in your family and even take the part ordered, by your conscientious physician, for your own use right there, out of a bar glass, and maintain your integrity to yourself and your family, but we do say, that you could not do it, as things now are, without becoming a patron of vice, and a stumbling block to your neighbor.

And so with regard to baseball. As I sat and observed the last game of baseball at Washington College, the game on commencement day, studied its patronage and influence, compared its patronage with the usual patronage, observed the personnel of the players and its influence on them; I thought on all these things.

Why, do you know that men created in the image of God, and intended to be developed into true children if God, are kept on College Hill just as bird dogs are kept, for no other purpose than to furnish amusement for their employees, at certain seasons? Not required to take a single study, or attend chapel exercise, or do any thing but eat enough, and sleep enough and play ball enough, to do their work and fulfill their sphere in life, to the satisfaction of the authorities of the college from a baseball standpoint. We could not but think, as we looked at them, and thought what they might be, for one of them is a young man of generous impulses, and his public school teacher informed me was one of her brightest boys in school, of the remarks of a prime mini-ter of England, when waited upon by a pious man with regard to the early Virginia colonists at James town when the streets of that town were planted with tobacco, which added greatly to England's revenue. His visitor said on getting at last a conference with the great dignitary, "Your honor, I have been thinking that our government ought to do something for the souls of our colonists in Virginia. This brutal reply came quickly, and with it the visitor was dismissed to allow the prime minister to attend to more weighty business, "—— their souls, let them raise tobacco." Such treatment soon produced, in this country what England called anarchy, and resulted in the loss to her of her colonies.

So we thought as we watched these young men. If they have this physicial ability why does not the college say to them, we will educate you or give you board and six dollars a week in the Summer if you will come to us and bring yourself to the staudard of true manhood by physical, mental and moral culture. What right have professional players in a college baseball team? What influence does it have on the college and on the player? I use the term professional player here, not in its technical sense in baseball phraseology, but in speaking of those persons about a college whose only business is to play baseball. If such young men are employed, inter-college baseball looses its honor, and meaning. It becomes a question then of money more than of baseball skill. Which college can afford to employ the greater number of professional players, not which college can produce and has produced among its students the most skillful players. A college lowers itself and its employee when it brings a man into its halls only to play baseball. If the young man is not willing to take some studies, attend chapel services, conform to the college rules, and endeavor to develop his three-fold nature he should not be employed on a college nine. The idea is reprehensible, of debasing a man by withdrawing him from some useful avocation, trade or profession in which he should have been employed, and making him a professional baseball player. No other business, no other aim, and yet a college encourages him, and employs him to thus lower himself in the eyes of the very people who applaud his deeds.

In the early days of gladitorrial contests men were developed, trained and sent into the arena to fight to the death for the recreation and amusement of the society of the day. A gladiator with his foot upon his prostrate foe and sword raised to destroy his victim, toward whom he had no other than friendly feelings, paused and raised his hand for the signal of mercy. Down went the thumbs of emperor coutiers, and court women, indicating that they willed his death, and out went the life. He was only a gladiator. As civilization advanced beasts were substituted for men. Now society seems to be receeding to the former state. Wild beasts and race horses will not suffice. Men must be deprived of the nobler qualities of manhood, neglect soul and mind for physical development, to take the place of beasts in modern gladiatorial arenas. If, on our own College Hill, men are kept very much like trained beasts are, to furnish amusement at certain seasons for those who support them; only for that purpose, there is no reason why the town should propose to lengthen the season of prostitution, for the benefit of those who are not satisfied with the usual allotted season for this form of amusement. Oh, young men, have nobler aspirations and higher aims than baseball playing for means of livelihood. We can admire and applaud you while you play for recreation, for diversion, as volunteers defending the colors of your college or the laurels of your town. Engaged in some other occupation for a livelihood, pursuing your studies as your business, and playing ball for exercise or diversion, but when you let yourself be known as a hired baseball player, you can expect, as perhaps you have noticed that the ladies who applaud you on the diamond will not want to know you on the street. Is it any wonder that the manager of a professional baseball nine confessed the other day he could not excite enthusiasm in his players when they have sold their souls and bodies to the highest bidder to be worked at any place, on any day, Sunday included, that his purchaser may name. This man is sold to Philadelphia or New York, to be delivered such a time, or traded for so many players and so much money. It is these abuses of baseball that has put it in the catagory with horse-races, theatres, card-tables, &c.

The attitude of the Methodist church is always being misrepresented on these views. Some person is always inquiring, where is the harm in the social dance between intimate friends in the parlor, or an occasional game of cards between brother and sister at home, or driving two horses side by side, for a short distance, on a country road? We reply the passion for dancing, acquired in the parlor, leads too frequently to the ball-room and many dying, ruined women have described their descent into hell as beginning in the ball room. Many gamblers with the blood of from one to a score of murdered men on their hands have confessed that they first acquired their taste, and passion, and skill in their art, within their father's house under their mother's instruction. It is these meats, the eating of which cause so many to err that earnest Christians are willing to banish from their bills of fare.

So as thoughtful merchants see the money going up the hill that should be in their tills, parents hear children talking baseball, reading baseball. Ministers see congregations going up and coming down the hill the hottest afternoons; larger than we have ever seen in any church on any extra occasion, or all churches on ordinary occasions; church financiers whose business it is to pass the plate for consecrated offerings for holy service seeing every man throw twenty-five cents and every woman and child ten cents into the coffers of the athletic club, willingly and frequently, and withholding their offerings from the cause of God; when all these thinkers see these things they say why was not this given to better purposes, and they say it not, because, like Judas they are thieves and carry the bag, but because they know that twelve hundred dollars cannot be carried to Washington College Athletic Club, as was done last year without some robbery of the treasuries of God and man? Yes, one says, you want the money. No I do not want the money, but God does. I get my salary, and so do my brother ministers, without much trouble, but your churches do not get necessary improvements. Your missionary societies get disgraceful collections. God's starving children get far from what is a correct representation of a love for them, such as you have for yourselves. No, we do not want your money personally, but he who cried, "Will a man rob God! yet ye have robbed me," does want it. And I pause here to say, parenthetically, that any one who spends quarter after quarter, dime after dime, half dime after half dime for baseball, cigars, sodas, or any other needless self-indulgence, and then undertakes to pay his or her obligations to God on Sabbath with a penny or a smile on the person who presents the plate, he or she is a robber in the sight of God, and his or her supposed sacrifice instead of going up as a sweet smelling savor to the throne of God, comes up with condemnation, as a reproach and insult to the one who knows and reads the hearts of all.

But now we have exhausted much time and have not answered the question. You know our answer. Summer base ball has been recommended as an advertisement for our town. We consider base ball no more advertisement for Washington College as it is now degenerated than it would be to have it heralded abroad that the president has the best bird dog in the State of Maryland; people would perhaps inquire whether he had trained him or bought him. If he trained him they would say he is a good dog trainer; if I have a dog I want trained when I have a boy I want to have developed into a base ball idolater I will send thc dog along if he will take him. If he bought the dog for fifteen hundred dollars (the amount the base and foot ball cost last year) they would say he had more money than good taste and dismiss the matter.

So in regard to base ball. Why does not the college furnish a lecture course and give it in Stam's Hall, ask for the people's patronage and give the town the intellectual taste and food a college in its midst should?

You say they would not appreciate or patronize it. Well as we said to a person yesterday when told that the eight minute essays of three graduates of the High School had been dispensed with this year because the people were bored by so much sameness. We said then and say now it is a disgrace if this is the case, and my face burns to think it. But if it is so our high school should join hands with our college to bring our people back to correct standards of taste and not to the grade of the people's desire. We are to have an address by my esteemed Bro. Cooper of Pomona, for which privilege I am thankful, but we could have had an exhibition of the intellectual strength of these three graduates in twenty-four minutes more and all in less than the time occupied in witnessing a game of base ball.

No this is the tendency of taste in Chestertown. Our College has helped in the establishment of the standard they can help, and should help make the standards of taste what they should be.

Some may say, you ministers should do this. We are trying to do it but we regret to say that the hand that should be in ours in this matter (for education and religion should be twin sisters walking hand in hand) is sowing tares in our wheat.

No, friends, we do not need a town baseball club. As baseball now is it will not favorably advertise your town any more than baseball favorably advertises the college. We doubt if the college ever had an honor student attached to it by its reputation in this line. But men are saying I hear they have a lot of hired players and give more attention to baseball than religion, and I know this in some things to be true, for they did know weeks before who was to play the commencement game of ball, but they did not know ten minutes before who was to make the commencement prayer. Probably they thought if necessary they could easily dispense with that as they did with the benediction!

So the exhortation I have for the town is, do not follow even a college into error. Do not imagine that it will favorably advertise your town, and thus pay you back what you have subscribed. The money you have subscribed is to pay to take a set of young men from the avenues of commendable labor, study, and business, and make them take the place of race-horses and fighting cocks, with not a much more commendable end. You say, now you are condemning horse-racing, and I like to see a good horse-race. So did I. But did you ever pause to think that horse-racing means, in nine cases out of ten the moral and social death of the jockeys, trainers and general track following? Your baseball club will not advertise your town (favorably) any more than it would to have the fastest race horse here. It only says some person used the money to buy him. If there were many of them and they were driven every few afternoons in the town, to invite the waste of the time and money of your wives and children, your men-servants and your maid-servants, a farmer coming to buy your advertised farms will say, I want one some place where my boy's taste and time is not drawn from farming to horse racing, just as the merchant or farmer about to locate here would say I want a place where my boys and employees will not want a half day about every other day for baseball, and, where the people prefer to send their earnings through the legitimate channels of trade and culture, rather than "Spend their money for that which is not meat, and their labor for that which satisfieth not.' To the one who says, Evil attends all thy ways and even in the days of Job when the sons of God came together Satan came with them also.' We ask, Did Job worship Satan? or join the following that he was able to lead away from the righteous assemblage as his first captives then vassals. Job's example and influence stands as a mighty illustration of the ability to resist evil and be and do good. To those who thus argue, and then say "I do not take a summer vacation, and must have some recreation," let me say, you have no right to tramp a fellow man into the mire of destruction in stepping on the grand stand, or influence a weaker brother by your example to err. In this connection let me quote a paragraph from the very able address on the Force of Example, delivered by the first honor member of the '96 class of Washington College. You may have heard it, or read it in last week's paper, but it is well worth thinking over again. It is this:

"In like manner every person, from the humblest city waif to the greatest potentate exerts an influence upon those with whom he comes in contact."

Burritt has said, "No man can detach himself from this connection. There is no sequestered spot in the universe, no dark niche along the disc of non-existence to which he can retreat from his relations to others, where he can withdraw the influence of his existence upon the moral destiny of the world. His presence or absence will be felt everywhere. He will have companions who will be better or worse for his influence."

"How subtle, but how real is the influence of personality. Example has been aptly called "the school of mankind."

Precept may be heaped upon precept, and advice unremittingly bestowed, but all would be much more effective if their giver proved their value by his example. Too many rest satisfied with attaining a level higher or better than another forgetting that *better* does not always imply *good*, they do not constantly strive to reach one step higher. This forgetfulness is more detrimental to a person entertaining it than are the bad examples with which he is surrounded. It has been observed "For one who is corrupted by being as bad as a bad example there are ten who are debased by being content with being better.

Some one may seem to us to have lived, moved, and passed off the stage of life his whole existence having been uneventful, vain, fruitless. Why? He was not one of our examples, his influence was not spread upon us, we may appear to have been neither better nor worse for his having lived yet there were others of whose life he formed a part, to whom he was an example. We are to a great extent accountable for the future of those whose years number less than ours. Our influence upon society is like the effect which a pebble produces when dropped into the stream

"On the smooth expanse of crystal lakes
The sinking stone at first a circle makes;
The trembling surface by the motion stirred
Spreads in a second circle, then a third;
Wide and more wide, the floating rings advance,
Fill all the watery plain and to the margin dance."

It is this thought so clearly presented in this able essay that concludes our convictions in regard to baseball as played in this town. So far as I am personally concerned I am convinced that with the game as played here total abstinence is the safest plan for any who want to be sure that they are not indirectly contributing to the dethronement of manhood and the waste of power that should be used in more profitable avenues.

But even if the game were free from the elements mentioned, played honestly and fairly, as a college athletic exercise, by college men we are inclined to the conviction: that as Soloman says, "To every thing there is a season a time to every purpose under the heaven, that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor," and that Paul says, "Let your moderation be known unto all men," believing this we are convinced that the time and season that the citizens of Chestertown, of religious conviction, should be able to conscientiously devote to indulgence in this form of amusement is fully covered by the college baseball season.

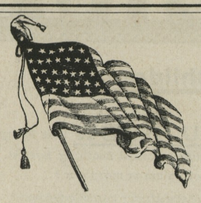
Therefore we give it as an honest conviction that we should not as Epworthians and Methodists support the summer baseball club.

There came a time in my life when following the line of argument I have followed this evening, I said, "I have smoked my last cigar." I now come to the same conviction in this matter. If I feel inclined to follow the multitude this summer at any time to the diamond I shall rise up, put a quarter in my wife's missionary box and thank the Lord for the ability to stay away.

To the men who have displayed energy and liberality in this matter we covet for God's cause, we say if you can raise five hundred dollars so easily put it in a library and reading room for Chestertown where the fruits of your energy may bless and cheer you in Winter as well as Summer in Eternity as well as in time.

And to those of you who have religious aspirations and are inclined to follow them, write these additional words of Paul on the fleshly tablets of your hearts: "Bodily exercise profiteth for a little time; but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

ONE of the finest school catalogues issued in the world—and it will surprise you—is "Goldey's," describing his famous Commercial and Shorthand College in Wilmington, Del. Just write for it.



FOURTH OF JULY.

The merchants of Chestertown will be open for business today, as *all* the business men could not be induced to sign an agreement to close.

Tolchester will, no doubt, be the rendezvous for thousands from Kent and Queen Anne's. The Chestertown Baseball team will play the McDonough club, of Baltimore, in the afternoon. At night a grand display of fireworks will take place.

At Betterton two games of ball will be played. In the afternoon a boat race will occur and the public will be well entertained at this noted resort.

At Worton Manor Beach the public will find a quiet retreat to spend the day.

Mr. Sereck Shallcross will be the only racer from Chestertown at Cambridge. A number of cyclists will go down to encourage Mr. Shallcross, among the number being Messrs. H. Rickey, W. W. Chapman, Edw. Lambert, D. B. Ford, Jas. Shuster, J. H. Sides and others.

The steamer B. S. Ford will run an excursion from Chestertown and Centreville to Cambridge.

As usual the colored folks are preparing to make a round trip to Baltimore on the Emma A. Ford.

PEACH NOTES

I. N. Mills, Special Agent of the P. W. & B. R. R., has made his annual estimate of the peach crop of the peninsula for 1896, and it will be the largest since 1875. Mr. Mills' estimate is 6,600,000 baskets. This will no doubt be a surprise to many, as the impression has been for several years that the number of peach trees on the Peninsula was constantly decreasing, but the fact of the matter is, while they have been pulled up in the northern part of this section, in the southern part of the Peninsula thousands of young trees have been set out and now they have begun to bear fruit.

Mr. Mills, before making his estimate, not only secured information from the growers, but the buyers as well, and his estimate is only made after much observation and after securieg the views of the largest growes in different sections of the peach belt.

The following are his figures:

Delaware R. R.	2,250,000
Queen Anne & Kent R. R.	950,000
Delaware & Chesapeake R. R.	1,000,000
Cambridge & Seaford R. R	300,000
Balto. & Del. Bay R. R.	600,000
Del., Md. & Va. R. R	1,000,000
N. Y., Phila. & Norfolk R. R.	500,000
Total	6,600,000

The Farmers Alliance will hold a special meeting at the Court House in Chestertown next Tuesday at 3 P. M., to which they invite all farmers of Kent and Queen Anne's. The object of the meeting is to discuss the selling and marketing of the big peach crop now on the trees. Shall we have cheaper freight rates will be discussed, etc.

Mr. Frank Crow, of Melitota, sold his early fruit last week in the orchard for 25 cents per basket. This early fruit is in nearly every instance a disappointment to all concerned and the sooner our growers rid their orchards of it the better.

Children's Day Service.

Last Sunday evening the Sunday school of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Georgetown gave their annual Children's Day Services which were attended by a large and appreciative audience. Half an hour before the exercises began the church was filled and many remained outside enjoying the music and singing through the open windows. Promptly at 8 o'clock the school quietly and to the music of the pipe organ came from the Sunday school room and took the pews that had been reserved for them. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Doran, opened with an appropriate prayer, following which were the exercises by the children and music by the school alternating. During the evening the pastor gave a short but beautiful address. A few minutes after nine the farewell hymn was sung and benediction pronounced and the evening services were closed.

There were many expressions of delight and satisfaction heard from the friends as they slowly passed out and the regret that it did not last longer. Mrs. Harry Rowan, assisted by Mrs. Harry Duhamell, presided at the organ and Messrs. H. and C. Rowan added greatly to the musical part of the program by accompanying the organ with the violin and cornet. The church was beautifully trimmed with evergreen, potted plants and cut flowers.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE.

The Chestertown Public School, and all other schools in the county, closed Tuesday with interesting exercises. Stam's Hall was crowded with interested spectators who thorougly enjoyed the extraordinary fine addresses. The following program was presented:

Music.....Yale March,"
Miss Kate Kennedy.
Prayer.....Rev. W. P. Compton.
Thesis....."Energy and What It Will do,"
Jennie Elizabeth Cannan.
Thesis....."There's No Place Like Home,"
Sarah Rebecca Hendrickson.
Thesis....."The Influence of Character,"
John Wesley Loud.
Music....."Oh! I Have Sighed to Rest Me,"
Mrs. Elizabeth Hennick, Miss Julia Thompson, Dr. H. L. Dodd, Mr. W. W. Chapman.
Address to the graduates, Rev. T. B. Cooper.
Music, 'Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming,'
Quartette.
Presentation of certificates, Mr. E. F. Perkins.
Solo....."For The Sake of The Past,"
Mrs. Elizabeth Hennick.
Presentation of prizes, Prof. T. H. Topping.
Music....."Sweet and Low,"
Quartette.

Miss Bertie Burchinal received the prize given by Mrs. Lydia A. Shaw for the most meritorious work in the 2-5th grade, and Miss Bessie Cannan received the prize given by Mr. Colin F. Stam for the most meritorious student in the 8th grade.

The fine address of Rev. Mr. Cooper will be published in the NEWS next week.

ROCK HALL SCHOOL.

The following pupils received an average of 80 or more in the Rock Hall school, Prof. J. A. Greenwood, principal:

EIGHTH GRADE.	
Clara Middleton....88	Julia Middleto.....84
Nettie Hersch.....85	
SEVENTH GRADE.	
Paul Hynson.....88	Lula Webb.....81
SECOND-SIXTH GRADE.	
ArthurGreenwood 88	Lawrence Strong..81
Minnie Sewell.....87	Nannie Taylor....81
Frank Ashley.....84	
FIRST-SIXTH GRADE.	
Onetia Maslin.....81	Lillian Maslin..... 82
Margie Rich.....87	Anna Leary.....84
Susie Leary.....85	Sallie Joiner.....83
Mattie Davis.....88	Nina Whaland.....85
Eva Downey.....81	Eva Procter.....86
FIFTH GRADE.	
Beatrice Maslin....86	Herbert Urie.....80
Ada Middleton.....82	Essie Smith.....82
Ada Joiner.....83	Rebecca Coleman..81
FOURTH GRADE.	
Minnie Grulky....98	Clara Coleman....88
Ethel Boyer.....91	Howard Legg. 84
Julia Rodney.....90	Bertha Jones.....80
THIRD GRADE.	
Billy Webb.....85	Pearl Downey.....90
Albert Cannon.....94	Alice Downey.....89
Frank Joiner.....86	Ida Hynson 83
Sophia Kramer ...81	Delma Middleton..85
Charlie Strong.....84	Lottie Jordon.....89
Mabel Webb.....84	Clifton Coleman...82
Lillian Smith.....82	Loula Coleman.....81
SECOND GRADE.	
Nora Jones.....97	Robert Cannon,....95
Susie Casey.....83	Irvin Ashley.....81
Mattie Webb.....86	Raymond Hersch..93
Elsie Warner.....86	Ulric Stevens.....85
Annie Kirsnick....94	Joseph Lambert...94
Sadie Grulky.....91	George Wilson.....81
Hilda Coleman.....83	Fred Davis.....94
Ada Jones.....84	Levi Downey 82
Emma Joiner 97	Gertie Kramer.....94
Ira Coleman..... 95	Bessie Maslin.....93
Pearl Stevens.....91	Reba Strong.....89
Emma Barbin.....87	Willie Creighton..82
Virgie Jankonski..94	Annie Jacob.....93
Ruby Middleton...86	Sadie Jordon.....93
Mary Vansant.....89	Joseph Bray.....88
Mary Ayres.....85	Julia Coleman 81
Melvin Warner ...91	
FIRST GRADE.	
Edna Judefind....89	Morton Cannon...81
Mollie Andrews...89	Eddie M. Urie.....81
Ida Hillingham....76	Isidor Greenspon..95
Willie Thompson..86	Harry Rich.....90
Reuben Rodney...87	Rosalie Ayres.....83
Nellie Creighton..89	Olive Warner.... .89
Macie Joiner.... .87	George Ayres.....87
Sam Rollison..... 88	May Willis.....94
Willie Shreck.....86	

CATT'S CORNER SCHOOL.

EIGHTH GRADE.	
Hope Wallis.....89	
SIXTH GRADE.	
Blanche Duyer.....88	
SECOND-FIFTH GRADE.	
Daisy Herbert.....90	Louis Parsons.....80
FIRST-FIFTH GRADE.	
Josie Porter.....94	Maggie Wallis.....92
FOURTH GRADE.	
Mary Cooper.....92	Albert Porter.....84
Alice Parsons.....91	Elsie Silcox.....83
Johnny Moore.....91	Harry Nicols.....83
Essie Gears.....87	Pearl Shockley ...81
THIRD GRADE.	
Minnie Jones.....95	Maggie Meekins ...94
Georgie Williams..94	Howard Carter.....93
Mary Moore.....94	Alice Lecompt.....92
2ND-SECOND GRADE.	
Bessie Nicols. 97	Frank Ivens.....95
1ST-SECOND GRADE.	
Florence Smith 97	Sam Wallis.....91
Ralph Williams....95	Marion Parsons....90
Lizzie Ivens.....95	Eddie Kiker 82
FIRST GRADE.	
Benny Herbert.... 95	Preston Shockley..91
Clara Jones.....94	Georgie Jones.....87
Tom Rouse.....92	Lib Ivens.....86
Cleveland Howard 93	

BROAD NECK SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of Broad Neck school, Miss Hettie G. Haddaway, teacher, were held on Monday evening, Jnne 29th, and witnessed by a crowded house of patrons and friends. The school room was tastefully decorated with potted plants, evergreen and daisies. The selections of music and recitations were excellent and rendered in a manner as to give credit both to Miss Haddaway and her young pupils. The following program was rendered:

Greeting song .....School
Opening address.....Master Oswal Sanders
Words of Welcome.....Miss Sophie Wallis
Song.....School
Recitation.....Miss Lizzie Stoops
Dialogue, Summer Boarders, Sophie Wallis, Flora Taylor, Sadie Haddaway and Louise Glenn.
Reading.....Miss Flora Taylor
Recitation.....Miss Lucy Thompson
Dialogue, Little Ones, Mary Leary, Mary Maslin and Merritt Thompson.
Bobolink song.....School
Recitation.....Miss Sadie Haddaway
Dialogue, Spelling Match.....Ten children
Solo and chorus, ...Miss Maud Thompson
Our Daily Bread..... Master Oswal Sanders
Little Girl's Speech..... ....Mary Maslin
Song.....School
Essay, Small Beginnings, Miss Sophie Wallis
Dialogue, Singing School.....School
Recitation.....Miss Neale Wallis
Recitation.....Miss Lida Rollison
Geography Song.....School
Recitation.....Miss Mary Maslin
Recitation.....Miss Louise Glenn
Dialogue, Money for Circus, Maud Thompson, John Wallis, Orrie Leary, Oswal Sanders, Neal Wallis.
Recitation..... .....Miss Lida Rollison
Quartette, Here's Where Scholars Do Their Best, Maud Thompson, Sophie Wallis, Flora Taylor, Sadie Haddaway.
Vacation.....Miss Lizzie Sanders
Solo.....Miss Maud Thompson
Recitation.....Miss Sadie Haddaway
Parting.....Maud Thompson
Song, Good Night.....School.

THE Centreville P. E. Sunday-school will run a moonlight excursion to Chestertown on July 20th.

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