

THE WEEK'S DOINGS

In Town, City and Country,

Gleaned by Our Staff of Special Correspondents.

CATONSVILLE.

[Special to the Afro-American.] CATONSVILLE, Md., May 29, '96.—It has been quite a while since we have written to you...

ATLANTIC CITY MATINGS.

[Special to the Afro-American.] ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 28.—If the city has any drawbacks it is the circuitous route which is necessary to reach here...

ANNAPOLIS NOTES.

[Special to the Afro-American.] ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 28th.—Annapolis society was thrown into a flurry last Tuesday night by the grand ball given by the Capital City Club...

CHESTERTOWN.

[Special to the Afro-American.] CHESTERTOWN, Md., May 29, '96.—The Wayman Christian Literary held its closing session in Bethel A. M. E. Church on Wednesday evening of last week...

A sacred concert was held at Bethel last Sunday night. The Epworth League closed its session last Sunday afternoon at James M. E. Church...

Memorial services in honor of the late U. S. soldiers were held in Bethel A. M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon. Charles Sumner Post, No. 25, turned out in full regalia...

The funeral march was performed by Mr. J. M. Williamson, Mr. J. H. Headshaw, musical director, and Mr. G. S. Carmichael, cornetist.

The occasion was truly grand. After the music of the old patriotic song had floated out on the air, "Old Glory," the National banner, displayed, the audience bowing in worshipful reverence...

Rev. C. Wheatly of Butlerstown will preach at Bethel Sunday night, 31st inst.

VINELAND, N. J.

[Special to the Afro-American.] VINELAND, N. J., May 28th.—Rev. Lisbey of Union A. M. E. Church has been retained for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gray left for Atlantic City last week. Mr. Abury Brown, Sr., pastor of the Union Church, has been sent to Springtown by the conference...

Miss Florence Hoffman (while the W. U. T. U. of Vineland is arranging for a meeting of the W. U. T. U. of Vineland, N. J., will be held about 28, are volun-

Virginia, are here for the summer with their aunt, Mrs. Geo. Crawford.

Miss Addie Flowers of Charenton, Va., is visiting relatives here.

Miss Gussie Hall of Franklinville spent Sunday with friends in this town.

A certain gentleman is preparing a safe for treasures which he would like to get.

The tub festival which was held at Mrs. George Crawford's last Thursday night was a success.

Mr. Romeo Little, who had been on the sick list, is improving.

exhibition at Mount Pleasant A. M. E. Church June 8.

Mrs. Oscar Dorsey is on the sick list.

There seems to be quite an attraction at Mount Wilson for Mr. Moses Holmes, as well as at the residence of Miss M. A. T.

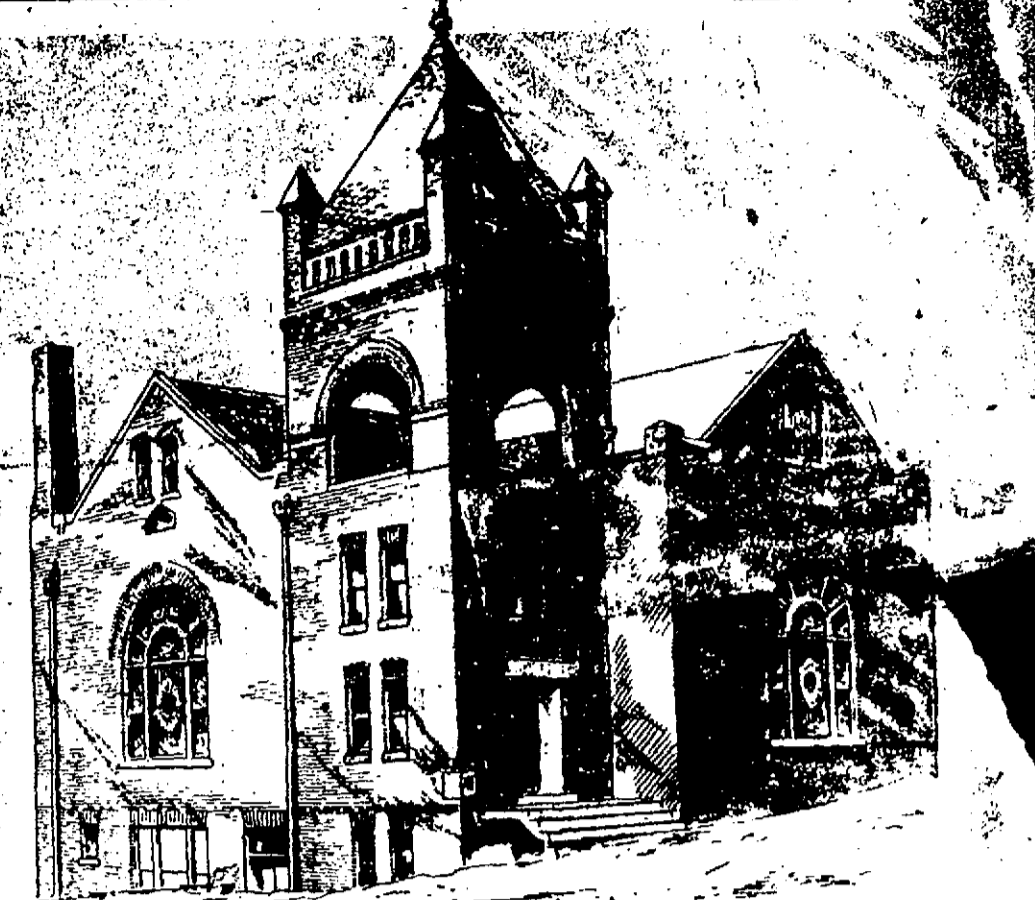
Mr. Walter Jones was the guest of Mr. J. J. Robert Blanson last Sunday.

Mrs. John H. Dorman of Garrison Forest was the guest of her daughter, Mr. Frank Clark, on Monday.

Mrs. Williams was the guest of Miss M. A. Tyler on Tuesday.

It was Mrs. Max H. Dorsey who visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dorsey, recently, and not Mrs. Mary H. Dorsey.

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BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH, Topeka, Kan. Rev. F. J. Peck, Jr., Pastor.

The proper conduct of public worship, Rev. H. Waring, Alexandria, Va., to aid Young Men to prepare for the Ministry, Rev. W. F. Graham, Richmond, Va., 3 p. m.—Subjects—The Relation of the Pastor and Churches to the auxiliary Organizations of the Church, Rev. W. J. Howard, D. C., The ordaining council, Rev. W. A. Credit, D. C., 8 p. m.—Subjects—Wayland Seminary—its work in the past, and its plans for the future, Prof. J. B. Simpson, Wayland Seminary. How can the Clergy and Churches of the District be brought in closer touch with Wayland Seminary? Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, Wednesday, 9:30 a. m. Devotional Meeting, Rev. W. J. Hackett, Harrisonburg, Va., 10 a. m.—Subjects—Business Church Meetings, Rev. A. B. Callis, Baltimore, Md. What ought we to do for Africa? Miss Bessie E. Gardner.

source of the evil. The question before the convention which interested the delegates most, and caused the most animated debate, was co-operation between colored and white Baptists. The sentiment of the convention as expressed is evidently in favor of a plan of co-operation such as will make the convention the organ of colored Baptists in this state and Washington, D. C. Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Rev. J. A. Taylor; vice presidents, Rev. W. M. Alexander, N. J. Howard; recording secretary, Mr. A. J. Reed; corresponding secretary, Rev. W. B. Johnson, D. D.; treasurer, Mr. Benjamin Hamilton, Board of Directors, Rev. A. B. Callis, G. M. Lane, Esq., Rev. J. H. Reid, Jas. E. Johnson, Rev. Alexander Whitbanks, Dr. Geo. W. Lee, Rev. Reuben Parker, Dr. I. V. Bryant, Mr. E. R. Vessels, Rev. Jos. M. W. R. E. H. A. Brazier, 20th. The audience roared and applauded fully decorated with flowers and other decorations. A good congregation was present and listened to addresses by Revs. Wm. Alexander, J. C. Allen, A. Brown and others. At the close of the literary exercises refreshments were served to all present. Union was organized by Rev. Mr. Watkins in 1893 and has a growing congregation and a flourishing Sunday School.

BAPTISTS IN CONVENTION.

A GREAT MEETING AT SHARON CHURCH. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. THE NEW OFFICERS.

Prospective Unity of all Forces Evangelization and Christian Education. Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic Urged.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Last week marked a new era in the history of colored Baptists of Maryland and the District of Columbia. The occasion was the annual meeting of the churches composing the Maryland State and District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

The link was clinched between the Baptists of the District and Maryland in 1894. Last year the Metro-politan Church, Washington, D. C., Rev. Robert Johnson, M. D., pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The National League of Colored Women will hold a convention in the city of Washington, July 14th-18. Among the many important questions to be discussed will be that of education, and home care of children. An effort will be made looking to a union of all the colored women's clubs into the organization.

WAYLAND SEMINARY.

Wayland Seminary held a three days conference of the Alumni and friends of the school. The exercises were all very interesting and the address in Philadelphia at the guest of his brother.

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A. M. E. General Conference CLOSING SESSION

REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS ALL IN-APPROPRIATIONS TO THE VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS MADE—CHILDREN'S DAY MONEY DIVIDED—CLOSING SCENES.

[By Our Special Staff Correspondent.]

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 23, '96. The twentieth session of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church is ended. It has passed into history. Three generations will determine whether its work was well and wisely done or not.

The latter part of last week was consumed in electing general officers. The last session was devoted to legislative business. Retrospective was the word, but it seemed like the conference could not get down to the real facts in the case, and, as a result, nothing along that line was done.

The various educational institutions of the church made their reports either through their secretaries or their presidents. All of them showed that marked progress had been made during the quadrennium.

The committee on revision of the Discipline made a partial report, and one of the most important of these recommendations to extend the time limit to five years at any one church, and to abolish the time limit as to pastored churches in any one city more than four years, were adopted. In consequence, if a church desires its pastor to maintain five years, he can do so, and the expiration of that time he is appointed to any other church in the same city.

The retiring elders are appointed by the conference as the pastors, and they shall remain the same number of years if desirable, but must return to the episcopate after that time has expired.

A strong report was made on the part of the Secretary Smith to have the annual meeting of Children's Day month in the Union, but this month is later, and Children's Day heretofore, to be of more benefit to the children.

there is no type or fixtures to do sit with.

The Secretary of the Educational Department will also be called upon to raise some several hundred dollars to meet pressing demands. It is thought he will be able to meet the requirements.

Among the bills passed at the closing session was one to make the annual conference reports uniform, and to that end the business manager of the Book Concern will be required to print and furnish the necessary blanks, with pastor's report blanks to conform therewith, and several other important items in the Discipline were made.

The delegates were on hand early Friday morning, and business commenced with a rush. Bishop J. A. Handy was in the chair. After reading the minutes of the previous session and correcting the same, he turned the gavel over to the senior Bishop, Mr. J. A. Handy. The conference will adjourn at 12 o'clock, and you have done nothing scarcely since you have been here, and there are many important measures to be passed. I don't want any points of order or anything else but business.

And with that his gavel and business commenced with a rush. Several important committees reported, and business was being done at a rapid rate, when Bishop Turner turned the gavel over to Bishop Derrick, who commenced a short speech, and then commenced a rush on resolutions, each trying to get his resolution passed. The crowd around the chancel rail was three or four deep, and hands were extended, and cries of "Bishop! Bishop! Bishop!" were numerous.

Resolutions were quickly offered and as quickly passed. The perspiration on Bishop Derrick's face, and the gavel fell and resolutions went through the hands of the clock nearly an hour. One of the delegates noticed it, and as he wanted to take the train, he made a noise about it. Bishop Derrick said he had the hour and would go by it. At last the hour of 12 M. was reached, and Bishop Derrick announced the conference adjourned sine die.

The delegates immediately made a rush for their homes, and soon the streets were thick with flying carriages and walking delegates making their way to the various South Carolina trains. The trains were full, and the largest number, and the Northern train took another large number. The 7 p. m. train carried nearly all that was left, and Wilmington looked deserted. Thus ended the 20th session of the A. M. E. General Conference.

NOTES.

Bishop Grant will preside over the First District, Bishop Handy will preside over the Second District, which includes Baltimore and Hayti.

Africa is placed under the Missionary Department direct, with Bishop Turner at its head.

Bishop Armstrong presides over the Texas conference, while Bishop Embury goes to the Fifth District, and Bishop Derrick goes to the Seventh.

The citizens of Wilmington deserve much credit for the splendid manner in which they cared for the conference.

The Wilmington Messenger gave full accounts each day's proceedings. It deserved the thanks which it got from the conference.

The railroad officials did all they could to get the delegates off on time, and were very courteous and polite to all.

Rev. Gregg, pastor of St. Stephen's A. M. E. Church, no doubt, slept well Friday night.

The Cape Fear Steam Fire Engine Company treated the delegates to an exhibition "squinting" in front of the church. They are all colored men. Four of these are officials, and the balance are about 28, are volun-





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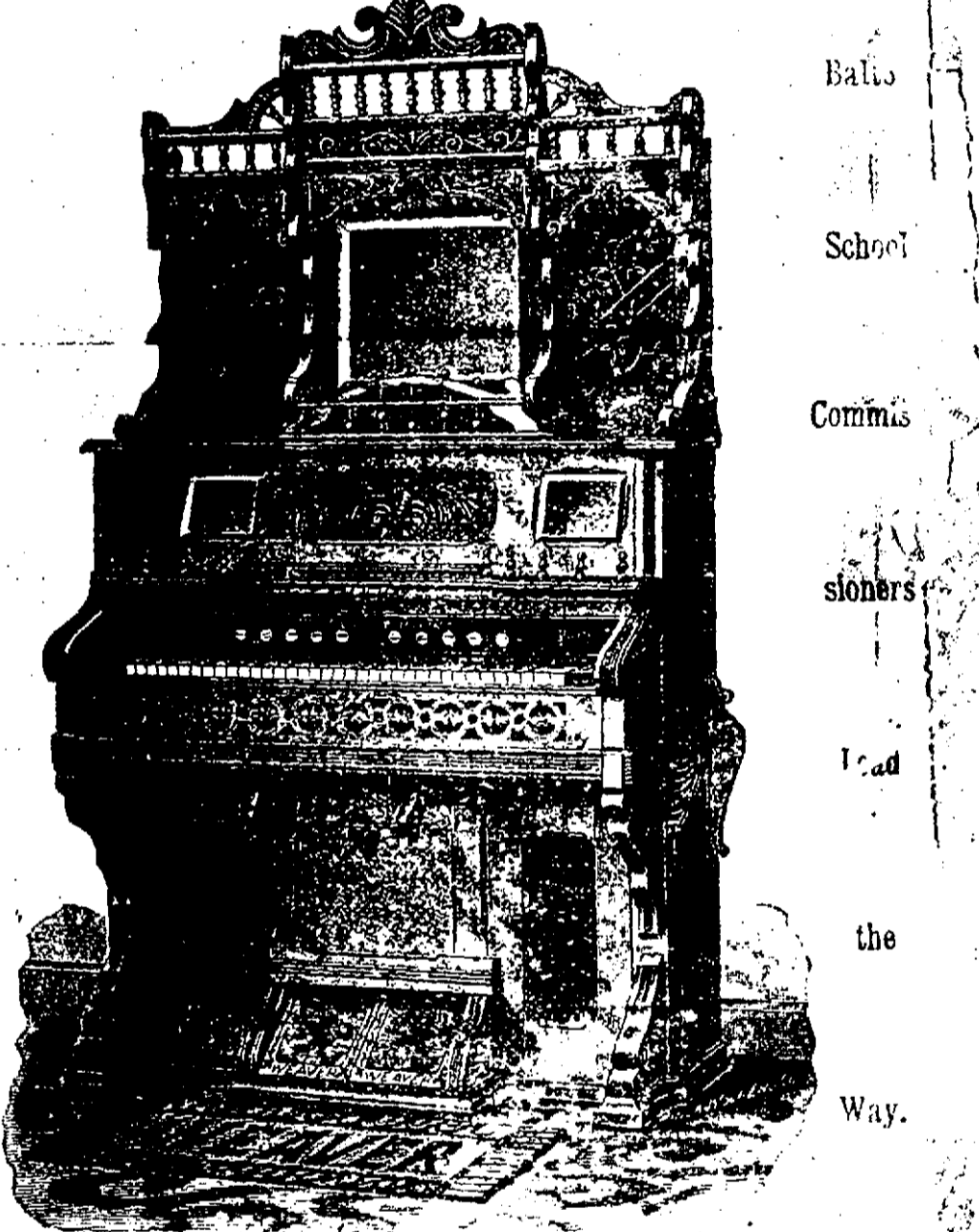
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