

having arrived here yesterday evening on the Washington steamer.

LAWN PARTY.

The Baraca Class of the South Norfolk Baptist Church, will give a lawn party at the residence of J. B. Rose, Chesapeake avenue, on Thursday, July 27th for the benefit of the church. The public is invited to attend.

DR. ASHBURN BETTER.

Dr. W. B. Ashburn, who has been extremely ill at his home on Chesapeake avenue, South Norfolk, is reported better today.

near Weymouth on the vaudeville is now playing an engagement

PHILATHEA ENTERTAINMENT.

There will be an entertainment in
Firemen's Hall, South Norfolk, Thurs-
day evening at 8 o'clock, given by the
Philathea Class of the Baptist Church
for the benefit of the new building.

Program:

Piano duet, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs.
Branch; recitation, Mrs. Townsend;
reading, Mrs. Chapman; music, string;
recitation, Ada Smith; solo, Mrs.
Rhône; Gypsy's Warning, Blanch
Smith, Carl Bevzer, Lucy Lassiter;
recitation, Mamie Odom; pantomime,
Old Black Joe, Mr. Fussell; tableau,
Rock of Ages.

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BREAK GROUND FOR THE NEW CHURCH

Mrs. W. C. Meginley, president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the South Norfolk Baptist church, will this evening at 7 o'clock break ground for the handsome new church edifice which will be erected on the church property upon which the old church building was burned four months ago today. The new building will be a \$30,000 structure made of brick with stone trimmings and will be modern in every particular.

The members have already raised \$10,000 in cash and will from this evening begin an active building campaign.

After selecting a plan with which to begin the work, the official board decided to reject all bids for the work and to make it possible for the church members to do the work themselves as far as possible. The Johnson Brothers, contractors, of South Norfolk, have been selected as foremen of the work and it is proposed that by the members giving their labor, \$15,000 of the cost can be saved.

At the exercises this evening an appropriate program will be rendered and it is hoped that all of the members will be present.

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**GROUND IS BROKEN
FOR NEW CHURCH**

Ground was broken last evening, for the new \$20,000 edifice of the South Norfolk Baptist church, which is to be erected on the church property at the corner of Chesapeake avenue and Guorrier street. The exercises were very impressive and the pastor Ray, W. M. Black, who delivered the address on the "Duties and privileges of members of the church" was assisted in the exercises by the Rev. G. W. M. Taylor, who read the scripture lessons and offered prayer. Ground was broken by Mrs. W. C. McGinley, president of the Ladies' Aid Society. Special hymns appropriate to the occasion, were rendered. There was a large attendance of members and friends of the church.

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BERKLEY SOCIAL

The Ladies' Aid Society of the South Norfolk Baptist Church will hold a "fine social" at the home of Mrs. W. C. Meginley, 59 Chesapeake avenue, South Norfolk, tomorrow evening for the benefit of the new church building fund. There will be a pleasing program rendered; also supper served. Public cordially invited.

MEMBERS WILL BUILD CHURCH

The members of the South Norfolk Baptist Church began work in earnest last night in erecting the new church building at the corner of Chesapeake avenue and Currier street. The first thing to do was to dig the cellar, which was accomplished. This evening will be devoted to the work of preparing to lay the foundation. The members propose to build the church themselves, under the direction of a foreman, and thereby save the church over half the cost of the building.