

DIFFICULTY AT AN EXHIBITION : A serious disturbance occurred at the exhibition given last evening at the African M. E. Church, in the southern part of this city. It is alleged that Peter Hilliard, who was intoxicated, conducted himself in a disorderly manner while the performance was going on. Being remonstrated with for his conduct, by Johnson Wesley and others, he kept quiet for a short time, when he left the Church, and while passing out, some difficulty took place between him and Wesley. In a short time afterward, Hilliard returned and made an attack on Wesley, in which he was assisted by Jacob Abel. Wesley received several severe gashes about the neck, produced by razors in the hands of Hilliard and Able. Great excitement prevailed among the persons present, and for a time there was danger that the affair would end in the taking of life. Pistols were brandished by the belligerents during the melee, but none were discharged. After order was restored, the performance was continued, though the programme was somewhat changed, as several of the principal performers, who were from Columbia, became disgusted with the proceedings, and left for home before the close of the entertainment. All the parties concerned in this affair are colored. We understand that legal proceedings will be instituted against the persons who committed this breach of the peace.