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BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS
ADDRESSED ENDEAVOR CON-
GRESS IN CHICAGO LAST WEEK

Takes Optimistic View of the Unify-
ing Power of Christianity.

Chicago, July 13.—The fifth world's and twenty-seventh international convention of the Society of Christian Endeavor was opened in the Coliseum, July 5. It closed July 15.

Among the distinguished members of the convention was Bishop Alexander Walters, who addressed the body on the subject, "Christianity, the Solution of the Race Problem." He spoke in part as follows:

"I admit that race prejudice is deep seated, stubborn, and one of the hardest things to eradicate in all the world. The learning and culture of the Greeks and the Romans were unable to eradicate race prejudice. Even Christianity as practiced in the ages past has been unable to conquer it. But in order to know whether Christianity will in the future overcome and destroy race prejudice, we must take a retrospective view and see what deep-rooted and gigantic evils Christianity has overcome and destroyed. Christianity met and struggled with the monster paganism—throttled it and strangled it to death. When the struggle began paganism had learning, court influence, wealth and prestige on its side; while Christianity had poverty and was without learning or wealth—but it had the Christ-life—the divine life—divine love, an inherent force on its side, and with these qualities it has conquered paganism. Christianity has slain the Goliath of Slavery.

"When I study the history of the past it appears to me that Jehovah has, throughout the ages, carried forward His great work of reformation and civilization by the selection of one great truth at a time, and making it paramount until it found lodgment in the hearts of men.

"First. It was the great truth of the Fatherhood of God, that was put forward. Said Jehovah, 'I am God, and besides me there is none else. I am the Father of all living and have universal dominion.' It required centuries to make the world accept this truth, but with the acceptance of this truth came the overthrow of ancient idolatry.

"Second. The second great truth presented to the world was the Christ—the life and light of the world—He said of himself, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' To Pilate's question, 'What is the truth?' Christ answered, 'I am the truth.' Men said, 'We care nothing for your pretensions, and we will not have you reign over us.' The struggle for mastery began at the beginning of the first-century and has continued until now. It is admitted on all sides that Christ has conquered. The spirit of the Galilean is today the controlling influence in legislation. Christ is the inspirer of all

Think on These Things

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the reform movements of the world of which we hear so much.

"Tyrannies, race discrimination, the burning of Negroes at the stake, oppression of women, ignorance, poverty and crime coexist with the Christian religion in different lands. Still I am sure that the vital forces of which I have spoken, that mighty power which has uprooted gigantic evils, will overcome these evils.

"Third. The third great truth is the recognition of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in the world. He is counselling, guiding and controlling in the affairs of men. We are just beginning to understand that the Holy Spirit is the executive of the God-Spirit—that He is the Eternal Spirit—the vital force in the world. We are getting our eyes open to see this great truth—and to see the need of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

"Fourth. The fourth great truth is Redemption. The sacrificial death of Christ to save the world. His atonement. At last the truth of redemption

has found lodgment in the hearts of men and a place in literature. Redemption is an established fact and men are being saved through this great truth.

"Fifth. The fifth great truth is the brotherhood of man and to establish this fact and make it workable is the work of the twentieth century. The brotherhood of man is the acme of the teachings of Christ.

Handicaps.

"With oriental people their handicap is race rather than color, because they have not been favored with leadership and have not made the same progress that European people have made. They are considered inferior, and thus denied equality. With the native African it is color and race that are their handicaps, and being still further back than the orientals in the race of life it will require a longer time to achieve an equal place in the human family. It is Christianity, and Christianity alone, that is to level the barriers and

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DEATH OF JUDGE GIBBS OF LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Had Distinguished Career.

Little Rock, Ark., July 13.—Judge Mifflin W. Gibbs, one of the early pioneers of the Negro race, died at his home in Little Rock on Sunday, July 11, at the ripe old age of 93 years.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1822, and in early life was apprenticed as a carpenter, which trade he followed for several years. His first appearance in public was in the cause of abolition and it was while engaged in this fight that he met Frederick Douglass, with whom he spoke at many public meetings. In 1849 he went to California during the gold rush and there established, in partnership, a large mercantile store.

In a few years he came back East and married, and on his return to the West settled in Vancouver, British Columbia. He here had the distinction of getting and completing the contract to build the first railroad in British Columbia. He also became prominent in the political affairs of Vancouver. He returned to the states in the late '60s and settled in Oberlin, Ohio, so that his children might receive their education at Oberlin college.

The little village of Oberlin was too progressive for a man of his active and acute business mind; so, leaving his family there, he went to the growing Southwest and settled in Little Rock, Ark. Here he studied law and grew to be a power in the politics of that state. In 1872 he was elected a municipal judge of Little Rock, being the first man of his race to achieve this honor. For a generation he was a delegate at large from Arkansas to the Republican national conventions and was one of the "Old Guard" that went down with Grant. He held four high federal offices under as many Republican presidents, the last being that of United States Consul to Madagascar.

Judge Gibbs was a man of philanthropic heart as well as keen intellect and derived his greatest happiness from his benefactions to any and all enterprises which sought the betterment and uplift of his people. In his honor the city of Little Rock named a high school after him a few years ago. He was also a considerable and able writer for newspapers and magazines and was the author of "Shadow and Light," an autobiography which is really a contemporaneous history of the colored people as he saw it and knew it.

He is survived by three children, Mrs. Ella Gibbs Hunt, wife of Hon. William Hunt, United States Consul to St. Etienne, France; Horace Gibbs, an Illinois business man, and Mrs. Harriet Gibbs Marshall, wife of Counsellor S. Marshal, of New York city, and founder of the Washington Conservatory of Music.

General Race News

Billy Kersands Is Dead.
(From New York Clipper.)

The original Billy Kersands, the oldest and one of the best-known colored comedians on the American stage, died of heart failure at Artesia, New Mexico, at midnight, June 29. Mr. Kersands started his career as a minstrel comedian forty years ago, and had never missed one performance during his long career. He starred at the head of the largest colored minstrel organization, and played in every city, town and hamlet in America. He was born in New York city seventy-two years ago, and was married twenty-two years ago. His wife survives him.

Billy Kersands' first engagement was with Calander's Georgia Minstrels. Later, the Calander show was sold to J. H. Haverly, and with Kersands as principal comedian, made a tour of Europe, under the management of the late Charles Frohman, where the show appeared before the crowned heads of numerous countries, including the late Queen Victoria, at her special request. Upon his return to America he organized the Hicks and Kersands' Minstrels, touring the United States for five successful seasons, then the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Kersands joined the Richard & Pringle show, with which he remained for many years as principal comedian. After the death of Richards and Pringle the company was taken over by Rosco and Holland, who retained Kersands as star, touring the country for several seasons. After the dissolution of this firm the Kersands Minstrels was again launched, and ran for four successful seasons.

During his long career Kersands circumnavigated the globe several times. His last tour abroad was with the Hugo Brothers' Minstrels. Starting at Honolulu, the show covered the entire Orient, and afterward followed the line of inhabited sections toward the South Pole, going as far as West Fergogo.

At the time of his death, Mr. and Mrs. Kersands were under the management of Nigro & Stevenson, running their own show, the Dixie Minstrels. Death came suddenly, he having been in apparent perfect health. Mr. Kersands appeared with his company to the biggest business of the season, and had been working with more vim and spirit than he had for weeks. After the performance he returned to his private car, as usual, and had just seated himself for a chat before retiring when he fell over dead. A few weeks ago, when he read of the death of Charles Frohman, he exclaimed: "Mr. Frohman, one of my best friends, has gone, and it won't be long before I join him."

Philadelphia, Pa., July 14.—The city appropriated \$600 toward the entertainment of the Northeastern Federation of Colored Women's clubs, which held its nineteenth session last week at Allen A. M. E. church.

\$200 to Colored Man for Discrimination
The appellate division of the supreme court of New York has affirmed the verdict of the lower courts awarding \$200 to Benjamin D. Gibbs, colored man, from Arras Bros., saloon keepers, at 242nd street and Broadway, for vio-

lation of the civil rights law of the state.

The charge was that Arras Bros. attempted to charge Gibbs and his companion 50 cents for a glass of beer and \$1 for a glass of gin.

Veteran Editor with Tribune.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 14.—T. Thomas Fortune, former associate editor of The New York Age, is now on the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Tribune.

Mr. Fortune has lately been connected with the Indianapolis Ledger, but severed his connection with that paper on July 3. He has been doing the editorial work of The Tribune for some time.

Wins Rutgers Scholarship.

Somerville, N. J., July 14.—Paul T. Robeson, son of the Rev. W. R. Robeson, pastor of the St. Thomas A. M. E. Zion church, took the required examinations on July 5 and 6, and won a state scholarship valued at \$650 at Rutgers college.

Young Robeson was a recent honor graduate of the Somerville high school, and will enter Rutgers in the fall.

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give to these backward races their rightful place in the great Christian family.

"America is the leader in present day civilization. She is given a wonderful opportunity to do service for God and humanity in taking the lead in solving the race problem on Christian principles. I am of the opinion that the purpose of God in allowing the black man to be brought to these shores and to become a part of this civilization was to prepare the white man by contact, discipline and education, for world leadership in the spread of pure democracy and of the brotherhood of man. Equal treatment, fair treatment, just treatment, of the darker races is the test of the white man's religion. When the white man can treat a Negro, Japanese, Chinaman and African as a brother, and accord him all the rights of a brother, that white man can pass—he is pure gold and fit to lead any people and anywhere. I am expecting a wonderful change to come over this American people, a change for the better, when all the discriminations, all hindrances and barriers against the Japanese, the Chinese, the Negroes, and Indians, etc., will be eliminated, and all be considered brethren dwelling together with the white man in unity and peace, and all the results of Christianity.

"The Christian church can hasten this great work. First, by being more aggressive in insisting upon the rights of men in the future than it has in the past. Heretofore, the church has been more negative than positive, and this is why the work has gone on so slowly. The call has come for a more aggressive struggle than heretofore. The pulpit should be called upon to contend for the rights of all men, regardless of race or color, and this the great Christian Endeavor Society is doing. The press should be more aggressive than heretofore. We only retard our work and delay our cause when we

single out a backward race and make the fight for it. We should put them all together; Japanese, Chinese, Africans and Negro and make a straight out fight for the backward races and it would not be long before we would see the results of our labor.

"The first thing to do is to combine to stop all inhuman legislation on the part of our government. This can be done by united effort on the part of the Christian church. There are people that are so blinded by their prejudices that they are willing to have this country place a premium upon baseness by not allowing a white man to father his child and protect the Negro woman he has betrayed. This matter has got to be dealt with in a most fearless manner. As long as we wink at prejudice and countenance immorality of any kind—there can not be much real Christian progress made. The truth is, the times call for a vigorous opposition against all manner of sins. The Gospel is the remedy for all these ills; all we need to do is to apply it in the manner it should be.

"We have seen the effects of Christianity in civilization and the industrial pursuits of men; we have observed its impregnation of literature and its refining tendency in art; we have witnessed its initiation of reforms and its place in home life, but its chief excellence is in its effects on human character. Christianity must, in the last analysis, be judged by its ability to deliver men from sin and uproot existing evils—and this much needed work it is doing."

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Methodist—

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1:15 p. m., Sunday School; 7 p. m., Endeavor; Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer and class meetings. Everybody made welcome at all of these meetings.

Grove M. E.—Twenty-second and Seward streets. The Rev. G. G. Logan, pastor. Residence, 1628 North Twenty-second street.

News of St. John's A. M. E. Church. Rev. E. R. Vaughn, instructor of theology in Western university, will preach at St. John's African Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening.

Rev. W. T. Osborne is closing up his third conference year and urges all members and friends to pay in their dollar money now.

The Willing Workers gave a private outing at Riverview park, being entertained by Mesdames Evelyn Ray and Cora Davis. A delightful afternoon was spent.

The annual Sunday school picnic will be held at Lake Manawa August 5. A special invitation is given to the public.

The Missionary Society met at the parsonage Friday afternoon.

Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

Radium in Medicine and Agriculture.

Like every other newly discovered substance radium has had its share of fanciful tales woven into its history. It is quite true that the properties of radium are wonderful; and popular description of these properties have led to the growth of a mass of misconceptions, in the mind of the average reader. One of the newest of these is the mistaken idea that radium is a "sure cure" for cancer.

The true relation of radium to the treatment of cancer is shown by the following abstract from the Scientific American, and is on the authority of the American Society for the Control of Cancer:

"The curative effects of radium are practically limited today to superficial cancers of the skin, to superficial growths of mucous membrane which are not true cancers, and to some deeper lying tumors or bones, etc., which are not very malignant. The problem of the constitutional treatment of advanced inoperable cancer is still untouched by any method yet devised or likely to be devised for administering radium. Even among the so-called radium cures, it still remains to be determined in many cases whether the favorable result is permanent or is to be followed sooner or later by the usual recurrence. The most competent surgeons do not dare to pronounce a case cured until five years have elapsed after an apparently successful operation. The same test must be applied before we can finally determine the real value of radium.

"It should be emphasized especially that radium cannot at present exert

any permanent benefit on generalized cancer, and since cancer, in a very large proportion of cases, is widely disseminated in the body early in the course of the disease, this entire group of cases can expect no important relief from radium. Another large group of cancers is comparatively inaccessible to the application of radium so that the ultimate course of the disease is not effected, although certain portions of the tumor may be reduced in size. Again, many forms of cancer, although localized and accessible to radium, grow very rapidly and resist the curative action of this agent, so that no real benefit can be expected from its use."

On the other hand, experiment shows that radium and radio-active compounds have established their usefulness in agriculture. At the present time there is upon the market a brand of fertilizer composed of a mixture of the constituents usually found in a high grade fertilizer, and a certain percentage of radio-active material.

Extensive research and experiment on a large scale both in America and abroad show that in every cases there was an increase in the crop growth on soil treated with the new fertilizer. The average increase for thirty different crops, including beans, melons, peas, corn, etc., was 37.9 per cent, in favor of the radio-active fertilizer.

The effect of radium in vegetable life is to increase the hardiness of the plant and thus make it less susceptible to injury by weather or by insects; to hasten and increase the growth of potted plants; to cause a larger starch content in grains and vegetables; and finally to improve the flavor and palatability of grain and vegetables.

One of the tricks of the recent hail storm in this city was the installation of a temporary arc light in front of St. Phillip's church, to the great consternation of the worshipers there. A limb from one of the trees had fallen

across the electric wires and caused the current to be deflected, or conductor into the ground. The heat due to the passage of the current resulted in the burning away of the limb, and thus an ever increasing gap occurred between the wire and the limb. Now the arc lamp is based on just that principle—that there is a slowly increasing gap between the two carbon rods. It is easily seen that an arc was readily formed between the wire and the limb of the tree. A very brilliant

arc with the customary humming sound furnished ample illumination and excitement for the evening church goers.

To the observant ones, this is no strange phenomenon, for small sparks or arcs may be seen almost any night where electric light wires came into close proximity to trees. Incidentally, there is the tangible evidence of current going to waste, for current so diverted is a dead loss as far as lighting efficiency is concerned.

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ONE WHO IS MAKING GOOD.

Among the men of our race who are contributing, according to their talents, abilities and opportunities, to the upbuilding of Omaha, and making their influence for good felt, should be mentioned Dan Desdunes, whose cut adorns the front page of this issue. He is a good example of our energetic, ambitious, progressive and self-respecting men, of whom we have many more than the general public believe.

Dan Desdunes is the son of R. L. and Matilda Cheval Desdunes, highly-respected people of New Orleans, La., in which city he was born June 18, 1870. His early education was received at home after which he attended Straight university. While quite young he learned the painter's trade. At 17 he began the study of music and soon thereafter entered the theatrical business, which he followed with marked success for several years. He began his theatrical work with Cleveland's Consolidated Minstrels, forty white and forty colored. Subsequently, he traveled with Dudley & Andrew's Minstrels, "In Old Tennessee," P. T. Wright's Nashville Students, Gideon's Minstrels and "The Georgia Camp Meetin'," which play he wrote. While with this company he was married, in March, 1904, to Miss Mada Mabry. After his marriage he decided to leave the road and settle in some progressive western city. In April, 1904, he came to Omaha and was most favorably impressed with it as a city offering good opportunities for a musician.

Showing commendable judgment, he decided to make Omaha his home, and he has never regretted his decision. He found here a good field for his talents. He organized Desdunes' Orchestra, which rose rapidly into popular favor. He then organized Desdunes' Band, which also soon found its place among the musical organizations of the city. This band subsequently consolidated with the Omaha Military Band, the final outgrowth of which was the First Regimental Band, which is meeting with such marked success and has its well-recognized place in the musical life of the city. This band, through Mr. Desdunes' efforts and because when, through his persistency with the chairman of the committee, it was given an opportunity to show what it could do, it made good, has now its annual place in the Ak-Sar-Ben parades which are such an important feature of our civic fall festivities. This band has been employed by the city, with others, to give the municipal band concerts in the various parks of the city.

It is only due Mr. Desdunes to say that while he works untiringly as band master to keep this splendid

organization up to the highest standard of efficiency, he receives no salary for his work. He is an enthusiastic musician thoroughly in love with his work. He takes delight in training and helping young musicians, believing that the study of music and the love of music makes men better citizens, and so he is always willing to do what he can to contribute in this way to the general good of the community.

Mr. Desdunes is the author of a number of meritorious compositions, which, owing to the peculiar "system" of the East, he has been unable as yet to publish.

In addition to his musical work, Mr. Desdunes is a trusted and respected employe of the Omaha Commercial Club. He is buying a cozy little bungalow at 2516 Burdette street. His home, like that of so many of our worthy and progressive citizens, bears every mark of good taste and refinement.

He furnishes another example of those of our American citizens of color who in every community are striving to and succeeding in making good.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALSHIP.

Of course, we are interested in the principalship of the Omaha High school. Why shouldn't we be? We are interested in all the children of the city and are anxious that they should have the best educational facilities possible. On several occasions we have been called upon to visit the high school in the interest of some of our students, and it was a great pleasure to come into contact with such cultured, earnest and broad-minded educators as Professor Lewis, Miss Kate McHugh, Mr. Reed, the retiring principal, and Mr. J. F. Woolery. On two or three occasions grievances had arisen which were speedily adjusted. We found those in authority above named exceedingly anxious that every pupil under their charge should be treated with justice and fairness. We want to see this policy continued. We would therefore deprecate the election to the principalship of the high school of any man or woman whose policy would be reactionary and subversive of the fundamental principles of democracy which the public school should conserve. Personally, we do not believe that the Board of Education will gain by going outside of the city. Why not choose a man like Mr. J. F. Woolery, the assistant principal, who knows the work and whose worth has been proven by his years of faithful service in the educational work of Omaha? Why would he not make an efficient principal for the important position of principal of the Central High school?

The fact that the Ford Automobile Company has purchased ground for the building of a large plant here for the assembling of their automobiles is a cause of congratulation to our city and to our live Commercial Club, if they have been instrumental in getting this enterprise to locate here. It emphasizes the fact that Omaha is the most advantageous distributing point for the mid-western territory to be found anywhere in the United States. The coming of the Fords means the coming of a good class of workmen, and the increase to our population; and while we, as a people, as yet, unfortunately, are given scant recognition or employment in any of the large manufacturing enterprises, we nevertheless rejoice to see them come, and indulge the hope that we may in some slight measure share in the benefits that through them may come to our city. The coming of the Fords means the coming of like concerns, all of which ought to make for the material betterment of the city.

If you chance to own desirable property in any section of the city and some one offers you what seems a pretty good price and is very anxious to have you sell, think twice or thrice before you sell. There is generally a big deal behind it. Some one on the inside has got what they call a "tip." It will probably pay you to wait.

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July, yet. But winter is just over the hill. Better be thinking about filling that coal bin.

PRESS OPINION OF THE MONITOR

The Monitor, edited by John Albert Williams, is a new, nicely-printed 8-page weekly paper being published in Omaha in the interest of the colored population. It follows in the wake of the Progress, the Enterprise and the Sentinel. It is well edited and printed by the Waters-Barnhart Company.—The Western Laborer, July 10.

The first number of The Monitor came to our office this week and we are pleased to find that it is to be "a weekly newspaper devoted to the civic, social and religious interests of the colored people of Omaha and vicinity, with the desire to contribute something to the general good and upbuilding of the community."

It is edited by the Rev. John Albert Williams and ought to fill a great need here in Omaha as a special publication and mouthpiece for the 8,000 colored people in the city and suburbs. This first number is extremely well edited and contains some very interesting information on various aspects of the race question in this country today.—Omaha Excelsior, July 10.

East Africa has now come forward with a new wood suitable for lead pencils at a time when the supply of American cedar, so largely employed for that purpose, is approaching exhaustion.

Culinary Hints and Recipes

BY E. W. PRYOR,
Steward Omaha Commercial Club

ACID.

The harmless fruit acids used in cooking are those obtained from fruits of the citrus family, lemons, limes, etc., the lees of wine and from vinegar.

Oxalic acid is a poison though obtained from the weed oxalis or sorrell, which we cook and which is harmless.

Prussic acid is a poison although it is present in minute quantities and gives the pleasant bitter flavor to the leaves and fruits of trees of the almond tribe, which are freely used.

Stir an acid into a solution of cochineal. Notice the change of purple to a scarlet, hence rake icing and other substances colored with cochineal have a brighter tint if they are slightly acidulated.

Lemon juice and other acids stirred into such mixtures as boiling pudding sauce, tapioca or starch jelly and some soups; generally will change their bluish appearance to a clear transparency.

Lemon juice or other acid is often required to make similar change in gelatine and in strong consommés, which sometimes become too rich and viscid to pass through a strainer until cut with a dash of acid.

Acids are used to brighten the surfaces of brass or copper. Acid and salt will clean a copper or brass vessel, but the brightened surface soon tarnishes unless dry polished afterwards.

Acids act upon copper and brass vessels in such a way as to produce a poison called verdigris, which forms at the edge where the air, acid and copper or brass are in contact.

Stewed fruits, cranberries, pickles, salads, etc., acquire a bitter taste and become poisonous if allowed to stand in brass or copper vessels, and brass spoons from which the plating is worn off, become coated with a bitter tasting poison if left standing in fruit, jelly, sauce, salads or anything that contains an acid.

Lemon juice or vinegar will whiten boiling chickens, fish, turkeys, sweetbreads, etc., provided the vessel used to boil in be bright and new, but if an iron vessel or tin one much worn the action of the acid will often spoil the appearance of the fish or meat entirely by turning them blue and of a dirty color and when such vessels must be used, with the tinning mostly worn off, the vinegar and lemon juice should be omitted.

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Events and Persons

In Which You Will Be More or Less Interested.
 News for This Department Must Be Received by Wednesday Night.

Mrs. Minor, who was struck by an automobile, is recovering.

The evangelist, Mrs. Lizzie Howard, will close the ten days' meetings at South Omaha Sunday.

Mrs. Emma King, who underwent a serious operation at the Lord Lister hospital, is rapidly improving.

Miss Susie Whitehall of Fremont, Neb., was the guest of her sister, Miss Vina Jones, 2629 Grant street, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ida M. Tyler returned to the city Monday morning from St. Paul, Minn., after an absence of five months' duration.

Prof. C. L. McAllister of the Roger Williams' university, Nashville, Tenn., is a visitor in our city. He is stopping with Mrs. J. D. Wright.

Miss Frankie Sessums of Houston, Tex., arrived in the city Saturday to be the guest of Mrs. Walter L. Seals, 2514 North Twenty-fifth street.

Miss Clara Kellogg, a school teacher of St. Louis, Mo., is spending her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Nettie Kellogg, of 2218 North Twenty-ninth street.

Mrs. J. D. Wright entertained a few friends informally Friday night, July 16th, at her residence, 2515 North Twenty-sixth street, in honor of Mrs. John C. Green of Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Lizzie Howard, the evangelist who has been conducting services in the Methodist church, South Omaha, of which the Rev. H. Shepherd is the pastor, will close her meetings tomorrow.

Mrs. Tillie Johnson of Miller's Ferry, Alabama, Normal school, who has been touring the West, arrived in the city yesterday to be the guest of Mrs. J. D. Wright, 2515 North Twenty-sixth street.

Harry Buford, Bruce Kinley and Charley Joyner leave Thursday for an automobile trip to Chicago, where they expect to arrive Sunday afternoon. They will carry a letter from the editor of The Monitor to the editor of the Chicago Defender.

Mr. Dan Desdunes announces to the people of Omaha and vicinity that Miss H. Adele Shaw of Dallas, Tex., will come to Omaha in the near future with a view of opening a studio for piano, pipe organ, mandolin, guitar and voice culture. Miss Shaw comes with the highest recommendations as being a musician of unusual merit.

Mr. J. A. Hill, the talented vocal instructor, has begun training voices in the Sextette from Lucia, to be rendered in connection with the recital to be given by Madam L. Brown of Colorado Springs, at Mount Moriah Baptist church Monday, August 30th. Watch this paper for further announcements of this musical event.

Mr. Samuel Westerfield, who is a clerk in the state department at Washington, D. C., and is taking a law course at Howard university, was

an Omaha visitor Sunday and Monday, en route to his home in Lincoln, where he will spend the rest of his month's vacation, visiting his mother. Mr. Westerfield received his appointment through William Jennings Bryan.

The musical festival and bazaar given by Mount Moriah Baptist church last week was a success socially and financially. Owing to the rainy weather, the original plan of holding it at Tabernacle park, Twenty-fourth and Patrick avenue, had to be abandoned and the festival was held in the church. Miss Mamie Willis was the prize winner in the girls' popularity contest, receiving 555 votes.

St. Philip's annual lawn social, postponed from Thursday, July 15th, on account of rain, was held Monday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buford, 3510 Blondo street. The beautiful lawn, one of the largest and prettiest of those owned by our people in the city, was brilliantly lighted with incandescent lights and Japanese lanterns. Cozy nooks and corners artistically arranged added to the attractiveness of the scene. There was a large and well-pleased attendance. The parlors were thronged with merry young dancers and young and old had a delightful evening.

The Cautious Catering Company, under auspices of the New Woman's Reform Circle, will give a "C" supper at Zion Baptist church, Twenty-sixth and Franklin streets, Tuesday evening, July 27th. Admission 10 cents. The public are cordially invited.

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- Spanish omelet.
- Creamed dried beef served in spoon shells.
- Italian salad.
- Peach dumpling, using rice instead of flour in the casing.

TWO COLORED BOYS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Bullet Goes Through "Buster" Allen's Hand and Lodges in Brother Glen's Leg.

(Special to The Monitor.)

Glen Allen, 15, and his brother, "Buster" Allen, 12, children of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Allen of Avery, Neb., and nephews of Dewey Allen, Julia Collier of Omaha and Mrs. Stewart of Wathena, Kan., are suffering from rifle shot wounds.

Through the careless handling of a 22-caliber rifle by the younger brother, "Buster," a few days ago, it was accidentally discharged and the bullet passed through "Buster's" right hand and lodged in Glen's leg.

The brothers were standing near each other when the accident occurred. Dr. William Berry is attending the injuries of the boys and believes that there will be no serious results.

Omaha, July 20, 1915.

Rev. John Albert Williams, Editor of The Monitor, City.

Dear Friend:
 I am enclosing my check for \$1.00 for one year's subscription to The Monitor. It does seem to me that there is a splendid field for such a paper, and I trust it will receive the support that any enterprise with which you are connected is deserving. With best wishes for the future of The Monitor and its editor, I remain Very respectfully,
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In speaking of the cooking class conducted each week at St. Philip's, a mother said: "No, I'm not going to send my girl; her music lessons cost me enough and I can teach her how to cook."

"But," I replied, "can you teach it scientifically as will fit her to render efficient service in her home or in the homes of others?"

"Indeed," she replied, "I am not raising my girl to work for others. I think the day has passed when our girls and boys should have to go into service."

Seeing that I had struck the wrong key, I hurriedly changed the subject. This mother works in service to pay for these music lessons and the girl seems to possess no special gift for music.

Because a girl studies cooking and laundering does not destitute her forever to the kitchen and laundry of the rich; but if she can cook and wash better than she can do anything else, better far that she do a humble thing well than fail at something higher. Vocational training is now a recognized necessity for the masses.

Now, we all protest against making servants of a whole race—a condition called caste—if children in the humbler spheres of life are gifted with genius, no restrictions of society should confine them to lowly occupations. It is the spirit of democracy that all men have the right to rise to any position for which their talent and energy fit them. Yet the humble spheres of labor must be recognized. These fields, too, will always abide and we, as a people, are to participate in them just as do the people of all nationalities.

That the vocation of domestic service has disadvantages, we admit. It indisposes for severe toil; it produces luxurious tastes; it tends to fastidiousness, yet sensible people are seldom thus affected and the generous advantages of service far outweigh the disadvantages. Service cultivates neatness, for this is a demand of the rich; it teaches economy, for the rich are more economical than the poor; it teaches obedience; it gives an opportunity for acquiring manners of culture and refinement; and it trains to regular, systematic mode of living.

To look upon servant life with contempt is the grossest vulgarity! This idea among young people has resulted in many a good barber, mechanic or laundress being turned into a booby doctor, a half-shod lawyer or preacher, or a poor teacher. How much better if the years spent on books of law, medicine and theology, and time lost in poring over the classics had been used in farming, successful catering or in the occupation of some trade. We have clever, efficient men and women in the professions, yet we all know of instances where men and women would have done better by laboring with their hands than by attempting to follow the learned professions.

All labor is honorable. Serving others has been the vocation of all the world's heroes and martyrs. Christ, our Saviour, came to serve; He suffered in serving; and in serving He died!

Do you possess the gift of service, the gentle hand, the soft voice, the

willing mind, the tender, unselfish heart?

Despise not your gift, for it is a blessing indeed. What an opportunity to serve the aged, little children, the strong and the feeble! Honor your calling, dignify your labor by your own fine qualities. Put energy and brains into the humblest work, and progress and success are certain to those who are patient, vigilant and aspiring.

OPPORTUNITY.

(By Berton Braley.)

With doubt and dismay you are smitten

You think there's no chance for you, son?

Why, the best books haven't been written

The best race hasn't been run,

The best score hasn't been made yet.

The best song hasn't been sung,

The best tune hasn't been played yet.

Cheer up, for the world is young.

No chance? Why the world is just eager

For things that you ought to create.

Its store of true wealth is still meager.

Its needs are incessant and great.

It yearns for more power and beauty.

More laughter and love and romance,

More loyalty, labor and duty,

No chance—why there's nothing but chance!

For the best verse hasn't been rhymed yet

The best house hasn't been planned.

The highest peak hasn't been climbed yet

The mightiest rivers aren't spanned.

Don't worry and fret, faint hearted,

The chances have just begun.

For the best jobs haven't been started

The best work hasn't been done.

"OLD FIFTEEN CENTS."

(By Louise Mayers Meredith.)

Mary and her visitor were chatting all day, discussing the boll weevil, on the porch. A squeak from the rickety buggy in front of the gate attracted their attention and they turned to see the colored laundress climb in beside a bundle of soiled clothes, slapping the reins as she clucked to her rawboned but energetic steed.

"Did you ever hear about that horse?" the hostess inquired, in answer to her friend's comment on the washerwoman's rig.

"Well, they have here in town what they call 'hoss swappin' alley.' It's an alley down in the colored settlement—down there back of the courthouse—where the 'po' white trash' and their old run-down stock assemble when they come in town every first Monday. They loll around on their wagon beds cussing this dry town, unraveling the political tangle, solving domestic problems; and then, toward the shank of the afternoon, they get up and stretch and 'take a chaw terbaccer' and turn around and swap horses. They all get 'stung,' as the saying goes, so nobody 'has anything' on anybody else—and the next first Monday they shuffle in and have a new deal.

Well, late one afternoon last summer, when these unthrifty farmers were hitching up and driving off behind their newly acquired possessions, and the Negroes were standing around

finishing their watermelons, this laundress of mine happened to pass by the alley. Seeing a poor old horse lying down with his tongue hanging out she hunted up the owner and asked if it were for sale. Receiving an affirmative answer she declined a proffered and juicy slice of melon, and knelt to examine the animal. He had two good, seeable eyes, a weak but willing heart, and, though his 'mars's' disremembered his age, and though the beast remained speechless, his molars loudly proclaimed his youth.

"His prospective purchaser, returning a mental verdict of starvation plus neglect, shook her head in sympathetic silence; while she considered the therapeutic value of the grass and oats on her own diminutive and unpretentious farm. Introspectively she pictured this ill-treated quadruped as he would be in a few months—eating sugar from her swarthy hand and drawing her, with her laundry, in state to the doors of her patrons. But the joy of anticipation broke not upon the solemnity of her countenance, as she observed to the owner that she would 'po' the 'o' thing 'u'd be plum' tuck'r'd out by mornin'." Obviously her prediction would come true and he agreed as much between despondent nods—reflecting aloud that he had sunk one hundred and fifty dollars there.

"She seemed to feel sorry for the horse—seemed to hate for the 'po' thing' to be left to die thus amid publicity—so she offered the owner fifteen cents for the horse, adding that if he were her own and it did die, she wouldn't mind taking it home and giving it a decent burial. He thereupon gave her a deed to the property and drove off considering himself fifteen cents to the good.

"She waited until her feasting friends had gone and left her and their watermelon rinds, alone in the alley with 'Old Fifteen Cents'—then she tried to help him up. No, he was too weak. So she rubbed him all over, covered him with her shawl, and came down here and begged me for a bottle of liniment and some milk. The horse was too far gone to drink the milk, so she just poured it in him till he got strength enough to swallow. Then she massaged him with the liniment and flexed the muscles in his legs, so that after a while he was able to stand and shift his lack of weight from one foot to another. Leaving him 'taking notice,' she slipped off to a near-by feed store and exchanged a portion of her day's wages for some bran mash—for which barter the horse was extremely thankful.

"Slowly and with great care, that night, she led her noble charger over the solitary country road to her pump, where he had a cooling drink and sank into a peaceful slumber—so restful and dreamless, in fact, that he was able next morning to arise and look about of his own accord.

"That was more than a year ago, and now think what he is. She has been offered fifty dollars, but says she'd refuse seventy-five. I wish you might hear her talk about him. She said the funniest thing the other day. 'My dear,' she said, 'tooby sho' 'twa'n't so mighty long 'fo' I tuck 'n' fassen him ter de plow en make him break up all de new groun'—but, Mis' Ma'y, de's one thing w'at sho' do make me prutty near sick everytime I thinks 'bout dat hoss—hit makes me fell des lak a-gwine ter bed—yer know, Mis' Ma'y, I believes I a'u'd er got dat hoss fer er dime.'—Mothers' Magazine.

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Excess KWH. per month	2.5c

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	Per K. W. H.
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Next 100 KWH. per month	5.5c
Next 100 KWH. per month	5.0c
Next 100 KWH. per month	4.5c
Next 300 KWH. per month	4.0c
Next 500 KWH. per month	3.0c
Next 2800 KWH. per month	2.5c
Next 6000 KWH. per month	2.0c
Excess KWH. per month	1.5c

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Next 100 KWH. per month	5.0c
Next 300 KWH. per month	4.4c
Next 250 KWH. per month	3.3c
Next 2800 KWH. per month	2.75c
Next 6000 KWH. per month	2.2c
Excess KWH. per month	1.65c

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Masonic.

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Excelsior Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursdays in each month.

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Shaffer Chapter No. 42, O. E. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Friday in each month. Maggie Ransom, R. M. Elnora Obee, Secretary.

Keystone Lodge No. 4, K. of P., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursday in each month. N. Hunter, C. C.; Edward Turner, K. of R. S.

Omaha Lodge No. 2226, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. Meeting nights, the first and third Thursdays of each month. Lodge rooms, 2522 1/2 Lake street. C. M. Johnson, N. G.; J. C. Belcher, Cor. Secretary.

SOME FEW FACTS ABOUT BILLY KERSANDS

To the Editor of The Monitor:

In conversation with Ernest Hogan, now deceased, he informed me that after coming in contact with every Negro comedian of his time, he had come to the conclusion that Billy Kersands was the most original comedian the race had ever produced.

Be it known to his credit that, with the possible exception of one or two Negro comedians, every one is doing, or has done, some little stunt created by dear old Billy.

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In appearance on the street, no man was neater. He was scrupulously exact as to personal cleanliness and appearance.

Now that he has gone to join that troupe of the many black stars of yesterday, may his memory live as a beacon light to lead those of tomorrow to the heights of honorable achievement in their chosen profession. Peace be to his ashes.

DAN DESDUNES.

Omaha, July 17, 1915.

Rev. John Albert Williams,
Dear Friend:

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