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Important Meeting of Colored Episcopalians

Thirty-first Annual Conference Brings Together Notable Gathering of Prominent Churchmen.

HELD AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Place of Impressive Opening Service. Bishop Lawrence Gives the Address of Welcome.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 8.—The thirty-first annual conference of church workers among colored Episcopalians was opened in St. Paul's cathedral, this city, on the evening of September 21, by an imposing service, with a festal evening prayer and procession of some thirty or more colored priests. The annual sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. H. L. Phillips, archdeacon of the colored work of Pennsylvania. Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts delivered an unusually strong and sympathetic address of welcome, which was responded to by the Rev. Dr. H. B. Delaney, president. All of the subsequent services were held in St. Bartholomew's church, Cambridge, the Rev. W. D. McClane, rector.

At the Wednesday evening service Bishop Babcock spoke.

Possibly the most important matters considered were the "Racial Episcopate," and the holding of the provincial conference of church workers. The conference went into a thorough discussion of the subject of the "Racial Episcopate." The Rev. Henry B. Delaney was re-elected president, and the Rev. Dr. George F. Bragg, Jr., secretary.

The Woman's Auxiliary held a most interesting session on Friday. Mrs. Lowell, president of the Massachusetts branch, and Miss McIntosh, of the diocesan branch, delivered helpful addresses. Mrs. Mary S. Dorsey of Long Island was elected president; Mrs. Desworth of Connecticut and Mrs. A. W. Harris of Southern Virginia, vice presidents; Mrs. W. E. Hendricks of Philadelphia, corresponding secretary, and Miss Evelyn Varick of New York, treasurer.

There were twenty-eight clerical delegates present, and quite a number of lay delegates, and members of the Woman's Auxiliary, coming as far south as Vicksburg, Mississippi, and west as Denver, Colorado. At the closing service on Friday evening missionary addresses were delivered by Archdeacon Henderson of Harrisburg, the Rev. Dr. Bishop of New York, and the Rev. Professor Grice of the Bishop Payne Divinity school. Following the service a banquet was held at the Cyprus Hall, at which addresses were made by Bishop Babcock, Mayor Good of Cambridge, and others. Governor Walsh sent a letter regretting his inability to be present.

Hoboken, N. J., Oct. 8.—Joe Jeanette, famous pugilist, has retired from the ring and established a jitney bus line in Hoboken, N. J.

Think On These Things

"How much trouble he avoids who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks, but only to what he does himself, that it may be just and pure."



MISS MARY G. EVANS, Lecturer and Evangelist, who speaks at St. John's church Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Colored Roman Catholic Schools Win Prizes

Chicago, Oct. 8.—At the Lincoln Jubilee and Half-Century Anniversary of Negro Freedom, celebrated recently in Chicago, Roman Catholic mission work among the colored people of America was represented by exhibits from forty-two convents, schools and churches. The Roman Catholic exhibition was one of the largest in the hall. Pupils of Mother Katherine Drexel's school were awarded first prize for magnificent embroidery work; the second prize went to the colored Sisters in Baltimore and the third prize to the Illinois Technical School for Girls in Chicago.

AID GIVEN TO TEXAS

FLOOD SUFFERERS

Helena, Ark., Oct. 8.—The Royal Circle of Friends, a fraternal organization, has donated \$500 to the sufferers from the Texas flood. Dr. R. A. Williams of Helena, Ark., is the supreme ruler.

Receives Gold Medal For Corn Growing

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 24.—Governor Major received official notice from the Panama exposition today that N. C. Bruce, of Dalton, Chariton county, had been awarded the exposition gold medal as the champion corn grower of Missouri.

Mr. Bruce srew 114 bushels of corn to the acre on his Chariton county farm, which was the best yield for Missouri. The medal will be sent to the governor to be presented. The corn exhibited by Mr. Bruce also won him the distinction of second place among all corn exhibitors at the Frisco fair. An Illinois man took first prize with a yield of 127 bushels to the acre.

BEQUEST FOR EDUCATION.

C. M. Baxter, a resident of Redlands, Cal., has left a third of his estate, valued at \$53,000, to the American Missionary society of New York for educating "the colored people who have been so wickedly oppressed."

The Mayor of Chicago Entertained in Omaha

Meets Business Men at Commercial Club, Makes Speech, Views Floral Parade and Visits Stock Yards.

ALDERMAN OSCAR DEPRIEST

Member of Party En Route to Coast Shown Marked Attention by Local Admirers. Visits Sister.

Omaha has had the honor of entertaining for a few hours this week William Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago, and his party of prominent officials and citizens, who were on the way to San Francisco to attend the special Chicago day festivities at the Exposition. The Chicagoans arrived over the Rock Island about noon Wednesday, were met by a committee and escorted to the Commercial club, where dinner was served and speeches were made.

The Hon. John L. Kennedy introduced Mayor Thompson and in doing so stated that Nebraska claimed considerable credit for her part in his growth and development, inasmuch as he had spent five years in this state.

In his speech Mayor Thompson spoke of business conditions in this country as affected by the European war, urged organization of a peaceful, business government, thereby ushering in an era of peace and prosperity, and paid a tribute to Nebraska and her citizens for the wonderful development noted. He admitted that Chicagoans regard Omaha as a competitor of no mean distinction.

"Mayor Bill," as he is known by familiars, and "Mayor Jim," our own popular mayor, viewed the auto floral parade from the official reviewing stand in front of the city hall. Here he was handed this note:

"Mayor Thompson: The colored people of Omaha are watching with pride and interest your career as mayor of Chicago and desire to thank you for your manly and fair stand in giving the members of their race merited recognition in the city government."

Later, Mayor Thompson and some of his party were taken to the South Omaha stock yards, which they inspected with interest. Others of the party looked up local friends and relatives or visited points of interest.

The Chicagoans left at 6 o'clock for the west, admitting that for strenuousness in a six hours' stretch Omaha could give even Chicago pointers.

Among the visiting officials was Oscar DePriest, Chicago's first colored alderman, who was elected by a handsome majority at the last election. He is one of the most popular men in the delegation. He lunched with the delegation at the Commercial club, viewed the parade and was then taken in hand by a number of local admirers, among whom were John Grant Pegg, John H. Broomfield, Bob Robinson, John E. Jelts, Bruce Kinley, Charles

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General Race News

COLORED PYTHIANS DEDICATE BUILDING AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

Members of Order Gather for Special Exercises at Temple.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 8.—With members of the order from all sections of the state in attendance, the Colored Knights of Pythians of Kentucky dedicated their new temple at Tenth and Chestnut streets Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26. The building is a seven-story structure of reinforced concrete and cost \$115,000.

The dedicatory speech was delivered by Roscoe C. Simmons of New York, a nephew of Booker T. Washington, editor of the organ of the order, who declared that "the building marks a new chapter in the unprejudiced history of Kentucky."

"We dedicate our temple as a house of freedom," he declared.

Hon. R. R. Jackson, major general of the Pythians, member of the Illinois Legislature, a major in the National Guard of that state, and a member of the commission on the celebration of a half century of Negro freedom, delivered the other speech of the day.

Major Jackson declared that the Pythian order is a "West Point for Negroes," and said that recently he had offered to the adjutant general of the United States army 10,000 Negro troops of the lodge, with 1,000 officers, and that he had received assurance that the offer would be accepted if they were ever needed.

The dedication followed a parade of the Pythians of the state, reviewed by Major Jackson.

CONCESSIONS TO COLORED DANES

Further details have come to us concerning the concessions made to colored people in the Danish West Indies. Mr. Abraham Smith is not a member of the Danish legislation, but Crown member of the legislation of St. Thomas. There are three such members of the Colonial Council of St. Croix today, Messrs. Pretto, Levy and McFarlane. There have been formerly colored members of the Council elected by popular vote, but never before have colored men been appointed by the Crown. Hitherto, the white political bosses of St. Croix have held all the financial, industrial, commercial and political power. They have even controlled the governor. The colored people finally awoke from their stupor and sent M. B. H. Jackson, a young man of 32, direct to Denmark and demanded of the king the removal of certain officials whose conduct in office had long been a scandal. The result was that three white Crown members were replaced by colored men. Mr. Pretto is a merchant; Mr. Levy, a farmer, and Mr. McFarlane one of the best carpenters and builders on the island.—The Crisis.

COLORED GIRL SECOND AMONG 1,500 APPLICANTS

Miss Gladys Caution, a colored girl, stood second in a group of 1,500 applicants at a recent municipal civil service examination for playground work in New York City. Because of her rating, her name was placed on both the New York and Brooklyn eligible lists and she has been appointed to the playground at the Brooklyn end of Brooklyn bridge.

CINCINNATI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL HAS ONE MILLION DOLLARS ENDOWMENT

The Colored Industrial School of Cincinnati is probably the best equipped industrial school anywhere in the North for colored youth. It has a million dollar endowment, the gift of the late Mrs. McCall of Cincinnati, who wished to found an institution for the industrial education of Negro youth in Cincinnati. This school carries all the industries, and a chauffeurs' and automobile repair course. Mr. Ricks, the principal, is using some of his boys, along with such colored mechanics as he can get, in constructing the new \$40,000 Carmel Presbyterian church. This will probably be the only building in Cincinnati put up entirely by colored mechanics.

The Douglass school is a most modern elementary school for colored pupils. Besides a corps of college trained teachers who get results, and a wide-awake principal, the school itself offers ample provision for all types of pupils. There are special classes for backward, delinquent and defective pupils. These classes are held in rooms especially equipped for the special needs of these pupils. There are also open-air classes for anaemic pupils, an up-to-date library, gymnasium, shower baths, penny lunch, school nurse in attendance and school and community gardens. Douglass school is a real community center. Besides being officered from the principal down with colored teachers, the whole colored community life of Walnut Hills passes through Douglass school.

The Stowe school in the eighteenth ward is a new colored elementary school developing along the same lines as Douglass. The new Y. M. C. A. building on Ninth street will be ready for occupancy before Christmas. It will cost \$150,000. Secretary H. S. Dunbar and a staff of thirty assistants are making a survey of social, educational and health conditions among colored people.

NEGROES ORGANIZING CIVIC LEAGUES THROUGHOUT MASSACHUSETTS

A movement is on foot among the Negroes of Massachusetts to organize civic leagues through the state that will have for its purpose the solving of many civic problems that confront the Negro. Already this movement is gaining ground and bids fair to be one of the most potent movements in the uplift of the race. Edward L. Shepherd of Springfield is prime mover in the plan, which is being endorsed by other prominent men, among them ex-Assistant Attorney General W. H. Lewis.

Mr. Shepherd is one of the leading men of affairs in the city of Springfield and is one of the city's most substantial citizens. He is an insurance broker as well as being engaged in real estate. He is the only colored agent of the Mutual Housing company, a real estate company which is seeking to improve the living conditions under which Negroes are forced to live, by providing better houses for them. Mr. Shepherd has done much for the race as a real estate man. He was born in Springfield, and educated in the public schools of that city. He is a member of the St. John's Congregational church.

The year book of the Standard Life Insurance company, a Negro organization of Washington, D. C., shows gross assets of \$135,068; a reserve fund of \$22,545; capital stock fully paid in of \$1,000; cash income during 1914, \$69,025 and \$1,205,000 worth of insurance in force December 31st, 1914.

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Mt. Moriah—Twenty-sixth and Seward streets. The Rev. W. B. M. Scott, pastor. Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m.

Zion—Twenty-sixth and Franklin (temporary location). The Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor; residence, 2522 Grant street. Telephone Webster 5838. Services: Devotional hour, 10:30 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 1 to 2 p. m.; pastor's Bible class, 2 to 3 p. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.; choir devotion, 7:30 p. m.; preaching 8 p. m.

Episcopal—

Church of St. Phillip the Deacon—Twenty-first near Paul street. The Rev. John Albert Williams, rector. Residence, 1119 North Twenty-first street. Telephone Webster 4243. Ser-

vices daily at 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. Fridays at 8 p. m. Sundays at 7:30 a. m., 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:45 p. m.

Methodist—

Allen Chapel, A. M. E., 181 South Twenty-fifth street, South Omaha.—The Rev. Harry Shepherd, pastor. Residence, 181 South Twenty-fifth street. Services: Preaching, 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 1:30 p. m.

Grove M. E.—Twenty-second and Seward streets. The Rev. G. G. Logan, pastor. Residence, 1628 North Twenty-second street. Services: Sunday School at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

St. John's A. M. E.—Eighteenth and Webster streets. The Rev. W. T. Osborne, pastor. Residence, 613 North Eighteenth street. Telephone Douglas 5914. Services: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., preaching; 12 noon, class; 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.

RACIAL PREJUDICE.

(The Omaha Nebraskan.)

Tom Dixon's "The Birth of a Nation," described by a Negro publication as "Dixon's infamous 'Clansman' in disguise," has been suppressed and prohibited from being shown in Atlantic City. This play pictures in very vivid portrayal the life during the civil war and during the reconstruction days following the war with the South.

The mayor of Atlantic City did exactly right in refusing to allow these pictures to be presented. There is altogether too much racial prejudice among the American people today and such plays as this only seek to disturb conditions and awaken the brute force in man. The civil war was so fraught with distress and terrible conditions that it is the simplest thing in the world for an author with a little imaginative power to present to his audience one side of the question in so realistic form as to completely prejudice for some time the easily swayed mind. There are several sides to that war and each has been brought out with equally striking force by innumerable writers and actors. Each has been defamed and each has been portrayed in its worst light.

Racial prejudice is not the outgrowth of thought. It is rather the emotional awakening of the brute which seems to lie dormant in most of us and which is brought forth through like actions on the part of another. It is the actions of the fighter in the ring which arouses us to cry for a more strenuous fight and to laugh and cheer at the suffering inflicted upon the weaker combatant. It is the brute force put in play at the bull fight that causes us to clamor for blood. It is the brute like actions of our fellowman which causes us to follow like sheep in the trail of some leaders in the formation of a mob. When we see the plays which portray the bad side of the Negro the brute rises in the form of racial prejudice. Not prejudice against a man or a character but prejudice against an entire race. The innocent suffer with the

guilty as is the case in all mob rule. Such cases which tend to create race prejudice and to awaken the brute force in mob violence should be suppressed and the better nature of man be allowed to come to the front.

SOUTH RUNS CONGRESS.

The decision of representative Fitzgerald of New York to retire from congress and seek a place on the New York state bench will remove the last northern congressman from the chairmanship of an important committee in the house of representatives, and place all important committee chairmanships in the control of men from the southern states. Fitzgerald is now chairman of the committee on appropriations, and in that capacity has rendered efficient service for the protection of the interests of the government. Upon his retirement, Congressman Sherley of Kentucky will become chairman, and then the twenty-seven leading committees of the house will be headed by men who live east of the Missouri river and south of the Mason and Dixon line. Four of the committees will be headed by men from Virginia, three from Missouri, three from Kentucky, three from Tennessee, three from North Carolina, two each from Georgia, Florida and Texas, and one each from South Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma, Maryland and Arkansas.

A very similar condition will exist in the senate. Every important committee will be headed by a southern man, except that Senator Newlands of Nevada will be chairman of the committee on interstate commerce; Senator O'Gorman of New York will be chairman of the committee on inter-oceanic canals, and Senator Chamberlain of Oregon will be chairman of the committee on military affairs. It is a rather remarkable coincidence that both Newlands and Chamberlain are natives of Mississippi. This absolute domination of the South in both houses of congress is made possible by the votes of northern states, which placed and continue the democratic party in power. The South dominates the democratic party and so long as

that party has control of the government, the South will direct the legislative, administrative and economic policies of the United States.

The above facts clearly show that all who are opposed to the South's narrow-visioned supremacy should seek to elect republicans to congress.

Northern democrats are as a rule broad-minded and progressive men, but they cannot successfully withstand the influence of the reactionary South.

VIRGINIA SCHOOLS.

Virginia has twelve colored public high schools of which two have four-year courses. Twenty-six private schools enroll the following students:

Forty-six in professional courses; 52 in college; 323 normal, 1,606 high school pupils and 8,141 grammar school pupils, a total of 5,442 students under 293 teachers. The colored school population of the state is 217,760; the enrollment, 151,373; the seating capacity of the schoolhouses, 106,191.

Willis N. Huggins, a Columbia university graduate, who has been serving in the public school system of New York City as a teacher in the night schools, has accepted a position as professor of historical and social science and director of the training school, at the A. & M. State Normal school, Normal, Ala.

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KEEP TRYING AND GET TOGETHER.

Some earnest women of the city have undertaken the establishment of an old folks' home. To accomplish this they formed themselves into an association a few years ago and have been regularly incorporated. Some small payments have been made upon a property which should be the nucleus of a large and useful institution, and the home has been conducted with the usual vicissitudes of all such laudable undertakings. The association has competent officers and a wise and thoroughly reliable advisory board.

A call has been issued, to which attention is called elsewhere in this issue, for a meeting on Sunday afternoon for the purpose of letting the public know just what this association is trying to accomplish and why it should have the hearty co-operation of our race in this city.

We sincerely hope that our public-spirited men and women will attend this meeting and take an active, sympathetic and substantial interest in this institution which has been undertaken with the best of motives. We believe that there ought to be some common charitable institution owned, controlled and supported by our people in this city, which will demonstrate race capability and race unity. We spend immense sums in amusement and in having "a good time." Why not give a portion of what we spend on our own selfish needs to the purchase, maintenance and upbuilding of some creditable charitable institution?

If it is urged, as it may be, that at present there are very few among us who are in need of, or would accept the care of, such a home, it can be said that even if there be two or three who instinctively shrink—because we are a proud people in many praiseworthy respects, and we thank God for it—from going to the county hospital to end their days, who would be happier in a home of this kind, then it is worth while to maintain it. Moreover, it will demonstrate a willingness upon our part to support our own, which will have a good influence upon our own lives and will have a most salutary effect upon the community in which we live.

Then, too, if the present need for such an institution, or institutions, for we believe that there are others that, after awhile if not now, will be needed and should be begun, what of the future? Ought we not make a beginning with an eye to the future, when the need will be greater?

Others may urge the objection that we are taxpayers and as such support county and city institutions, where our own sick and indigent are equally entitled with all other citizens to receive the benefits thereof. Granted. So are other classes of citizens taxpayers and yet they contribute to

their private charitable and eleemosynary institutions, as well, and are spiritually enriched by so doing.

Why should we be excepted?

SHOW PHENOMENAL GROWTH.

Commenting on the almost astounding figures showing the property holdings of Negroes in the United States, as compiled and presented at the recent National Negro Business League's convention in Boston, Mass., which figures were also published in The Monitor a few weeks ago, the New York Churchman says:

"These figures show a truly phenomenal growth in prosperity and in useful activity, and perhaps it is safe to say that on the whole there has been an equal advancement in the average of educational attainments. More Negroes than ever are now fitting themselves to take the best possible advantage of their opportunities, and the achievements of some of them in the arts and in the professions have adequately proved the potential racial capacity for the assimilation and exposition of lofty ideals."

An intelligent and sympathetic study of social, religious, educational and economic activities among colored Americans will be a revelation to those who have been inclined to consider this social group as non-productive, non-progressive and shiftless.

The police department of our city is to be congratulated upon the admirable manner in which they handled the immense throngs which crowded our streets during the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities. Omaha crowds are good-natured, of course, but it takes tact and skill and patience and level-headedness to handle even an Omaha, or rather Nebraska, crowd running up into tens of thousands without a serious accident. Here's congratulations, then, gentlemen, to the police department of our city.

The Bee calls attention to the fact that there were more trail hitters during the evangelistic stunt pulled off in Paterson, N. J., than in Omaha. Fie on thee, Brother Victor, dost thou not know that Paterson had many more in need of hitting the trail than are to be found in this proud city of thy nativity?

Were we in it? Of course we were. We were there as torch-bearers, a prophetic omen; we were there as musicians; we were there as spectators, and some day, mark this prophecy, we'll be there among the Knights on horseback.

When the conductor shouts, quite blunt,
"Here there, please move up front!"
Don't be grouchy, don't be gruff,
But, smiling sweetly, simply MUF.

Letters From Our Readers

THE WIFE OF MOSES.

Oct. 1st, 1915.

Editor of The Monitor:

Do not history and the Scriptures tell us that Jethro was the father-in-law of Moses?

And did not Moses marry Zipporah, one of Jethro's seven daughters?

They lived in Midian, a territory on the eastern arm of the Red sea. The Midianites were descended from Midian, the fourth son of Abraham, by his second wife, Keturah. We find them acting in alliance with the Moabites, east and southeast of them lived the Moabites. The whole tribes were destroyed except the young women (Num. XXXI.)

And another tribe of Midianites was established about the head of the eastern arm (Eilatite Gulf) of the Red sea, among whom Moses found refuge when he fled from Egypt. The name Cushites was sometimes given to them.

They occupied a territory usually considered as belonging to Cush, or Ethiopia, which indicated a descent from Midian, the son of Cush. God rebuked the sedition of Miriam and Aaron, and Miriam was stricken with leprosy, because they spoke against Moses, their brother, for having married an Ethiopian woman, Zipporah, the same daughter of Jethro, was the Ethiopian woman.

Moses took leave of Jethro after 40 years' service, and his wife, Zipporah, and her two sons, and returned to Egypt. After many afflictions and plagues, imposed upon the people because of Pharaoh's refusal to Moses to consent to the Hebrews' departure, Moses finally was permitted to take the Hebrews out of Egypt. Moses was also followed by a large "mixed multitude." Doubtless there were many Ethiopians among them.

Rameses II. carried his conquering arms far into Africa long before Moses. Annual slave-hunting expeditions were made into Ethiopia. He is called the Pharaoh of Israelitish oppression, and carried the Egyptian arms in triumph to the depths of Asia. After the twentieth dynasty Egypt began to decline, and the country was subdued in turn by the Ethiopians and Assyrians, until nearly a century before Egyptian independence was restored. The Ethiopians were the black peoples, known today as Africans, and "Negro" is a modern name given to the Africans.

MRS. LEMUEL H. ADAMS,
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Ambassador Walter H. Page was piloting some friends from America through the museum at Hastings when he observed an unhappy attendant wearing a military uniform, with a helmet adorned with a chin strap, at whom an inquisitive tourist was firing all manner of silly questions.

Finally, as the tourist turned and was about to quit the building, he asked: "Say, what is that chin strap under your chin for?"

The attendant sighed. "The strap is to rest my jaw when I get tired answering questions," he replied.

A Negro mammy had a family of boys so well behaved that one day her mistress said:

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News for This Department Must Be Received by Wednesday Night.

Miss Mildred Palmer of Marysville, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. A. Shelton, 3410 North Twenty-ninth street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooley motored up from Lincoln in their seven-passenger Studebaker Wednesday to take in the carnival and the electrical parade. They were accompanied by Mr. Leonard Forbes and the Misses Flo Fitzpatrick and Freeda Cooley. Miss Cooley is a student at the University of Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Cooley made good use of their spare time in Omaha by calling on a few of their many friends. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Grant Peeg.

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Mr. and Mrs. John C. Parker left Tuesday night for Denver, Colorado Springs and other Colorado points, for a two weeks' visit. Mr. Parker is on his annual vacation.

Miss Mary G. Evans of Chicago, Ill., evangelist and lecturer, will preach at St. John's A. M. E. church Wednesday night, October 13th, and lecture on "My Trip to the Holy Land" on Thursday night.

Alphonso C. Wilson, generally known as Cunnigan, left Friday with the Creighton university football team for Lincoln to play against Wesleyan university. Last year "Cunnie" played end on the Omaha high school team and won a place on the all-state second team.

The Light of the West Palatium No. 1 was entertained Tuesday night at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Shelton on North Twenty-ninth street.

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Charles Johnson of Weston, Mo., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles H. Hicks, 2020 Charles street, this week. He returned home Friday.

Mrs. Othello Rountree left Tuesday for California. She will visit the exposition and several California points before returning home.

Mrs. Silas Johnson of 2304 North Twenty-ninth street had as dinner guests Sunday Mrs. Sarah Lewis and Miss Mary L. Goodchild of Chicago.

The Rev. Harry Shepherd, who has been the pastor of Allen chapel, South Omaha, for the past five years, has been transferred to the Northwest Missouri conference, which is now in session at Kansas City, Mo. It is not yet known who his successor will be, nor to what charge the Rev. Shepherd will be appointed.

Elizabeth, the daughter of Mrs. Davis, 3112 Seward street, is very ill. Mrs. Davis is a hard-working widow with several small children and the serious illness of her daughter has added to the heavy burden which she has cheerfully and bravely borne.

Mrs. Louis P. Holmes of Lincoln, Neb., is the guest of Mrs. George Green, Twenty-seventh and Miami streets.

The Rev. W. T. Osborne, who attended the Kansas conference at Kansas City, Kans., September 22-27, also attended his former conference, that of North Missouri, which was in session at St. Joseph, Mo., last week, and returned home Friday night. Mrs. Osborne, who accompanied him to the Kansas conference, took the opportunity of visiting her sister and other relatives in Kansas City, Mo., returning home Tuesday of this week. Much to the delight of his many friends, the Rev. Mr. Osborne has been returned to the pastorate of St. John's A. M. E. church, this city, where he is doing effective religious work. The pastor of St. John's and his accomplished wife are strong factors for good in the life of Omaha. In a subsequent issue a cut of the Rev. Mr. Osborne will be published, with an historical article dealing with St. John's church.

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Miss Ethel Perry of St. Paul, Minn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. D. Marshall, of 3605 Grant street.

Mrs. J. M. Goff of 911 Forest avenue entertained at a dancing party at Peterson hall Tuesday night in honor of Mrs. Belle Butler and Mrs. W. H. Lacey of Grand Rapids, Mich. About sixty guests were present.

Mrs. Joseph La Cour gave a dancing party at her residence, 2106 Grace street, Thursday evening, September 30th, for Mrs. B. Butler and Mrs. W. H. Lacey of Grand Rapids, Mich., guests of Mrs. T. P. Mahamitt. A large number of guests spent a delightful evening.

Hear Miss Mary G. Evans' entertaining lecture on "My Trip to the Holy Land" at St. John's church on Wednesday night.—Adv.

FIRST REGIMENTAL BAND MAKES HIT IN AK-SAR-BEN PARADE

The popularity of the First Regimental band was attested by the applause which greeted it along the line of march Wednesday night.

The following conversation was overheard by a representative of The Monitor on Sixteenth street before the band came in sight, but while it was playing one of its snappy, popular airs:

"Say, fellow, that strikes me as the best band in the whole parade; I wonder what band it is?"

"Dunno; guess we'll see when it comes nearer; but it's certainly cleaning up. That's great music."

Just then the band came within view of the speakers.

"Oh, it's that colored band."

"Might o' known it. Them fellers are just full of music. They can't help play good music."

One of the airs that seemed to catch the crowd was "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

This was the band that last year stuck to the line of march during the downpour of rain which drove all the other bands to shelter and played "How Dry I Am."

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Negro Women's Christian Association Call Meeting

The Negro Women's Christian association, which is endeavoring to purchase and maintain an old folks' home at 3019 Pinkney street, has sent out a circular letter calling for a "get-together meeting" at the Grove Methodist Episcopal church, Twenty-second and Seward streets, tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The circular emphasizes the fact that Omaha is far behind other cities of its class, having a like colored population, in the maintenance of an institution of a charitable nature, and that a handful of earnest and well-meaning women have banded themselves together in a laudable effort to supply this need by the purchase of a home on which they have paid about \$300. They ask that our citizens who are interested in civic betterment and uplift meet them in a "get-together" day, not for any particular church, society or individual, but a day to bring together the people of Omaha; a day to offer encouragement; a day to speak for unity of purpose.

The president of this association is Mrs. M. D. Marshall and the secretary, Mrs. H. W. Black. The following well-known and responsible gentlemen compose the advisory board: Sergt. Isaac Bailey, Alphonso Wilson, M. P. Singleton, Henry W. Black and W. S. Metcalfe.

An interesting program has been provided for this meeting and a large attendance is expected.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST.

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for Week Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 6.

For plains states and upper Mississippi valley: Showers and higher temperatures Wednesday or Thursday will be followed by generally fair weather during the remainder of the week, with seasonable temperature.

SEEKS POLICE CAPTAINCY.

Chicago, Oct. 8.—William E. Childs, who enjoys the distinction of being the only colored police lieutenant in the United States, will shortly take an examination for a captaincy. He has been on the local police force for seventeen years and for eight years served as desk sergeant. He is now connected with the Bureau of Identification.

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ARE THE NEGRO WOMEN MAKING GOOD?

(Mrs. Booker T. Washington in The Independent.)

A few weeks ago, I was returning from a country school, where I had gone to help the teacher raise money to finish the school house, which had been begun some two or three years ago. It was a cold, dark afternoon and one would have expected every woman, at least every country woman to be close up to the fireside. Country people love to stay near their hearthstones, at least my country folks do. But as I drove on slowly, Topsy, my little black horse, who takes me all about among my country friends, picked up her ears. I listened a moment and in the distance I heard the soft, plaintive tones of a dozen or more women, as they sang, as no other women can sing:

Don't call the roll till I get there,
Don't call the roll till I get there.
Oh, Mary, or Martha, don't call the
roll till I get there.

I want to answer to my name,
I want to answer to my name,
Oh Mary, oh Martha, I want to an-
swer to my name.

The country woman expresses herself generally in song, whether she is sad or happy. This afternoon these women were—shall I say happy?—well, they were content. Once inside the building, I was not long in finding out that I was in a woman's club, a real club, where subjects of vital interest to a community were being discussed, not something these women had read about, for not a single one of them could read an ordinary book or newspaper, not a subject that some lecturer had discussed in their church, for lecturers do not usually spend their time with this sort of people, in this sort of a community—if they only would!—but these women, some young, more older, had for that meeting the subject: "How to make hard water soft." This is a limestone country. These women work in the fields until Friday night or Saturday noon, when they go down to the creek to do their week's washing, and the hardness of the water is of the greatest interest to them. It had set them to thinking, and where a community of women begin to think there is sure to be action, the result of which will be their general intellectual development.

There are 500 or more mothers in the little town where I live who hold four meetings a month, at which any one who feels like it sings and any one who is moved by the spirit prays; any one speaks upon the subject given. It is a free speech meeting. At one of the recent meetings the question was thrown out, "How many little babies have been born in my community in the last twelve months and where are they?" Another was, "How shall I keep the affection of my husband?" One woman laughed good-naturedly and said: "We women ought to go to all the conventions and things where our husbands go. They travel, they read, they study and we should do this, too, or fall behind them." Another spoke up and said: "Don't let us be so tired all the time when he comes home." One of these women has bought a nice four-room cottage, painted it, has a good cow, a good

horse and buggy, always makes her own garden, and more than all has remade her husband from a cobbler into a real respectable carpenter. Others of this organization are following her example. Where will it all end? No one can tell, except to see that the revolution has begun, regeneration has set in and these women who have gone through trials and tribulations are going to take their stand at no distant day with the great American Womanhood, and share their part of the responsibility in increasing the nation's efficiency.

There are more than 2,000,000 Negro women in this country, on the plantations, in small towns and in the cities. We are seldom heard from, and not always considered as a factor in the solution of the great problem in which our husbands and brothers figure so largely. The home and the family is the starting point. Since the spirit of the age demands that the mother should have a wide knowledge of all matters pertaining to the moral, spiritual and intellectual training of her children, we women must meet the demands by making our organizations avenues of help in the better way.

We club women have made a beginning in laying a foundation as a means to an end. The work of such organizations as I have described influence not only the women directly connected with them, but reaches out to the homes that are not represented in clubs. The incidents given above are typical of the awakening and growing activities of our women all over this country—for our national association is made up of women from every state in the union. The women of each state direct their energies toward some particular local need. Indiana women have for some time been maintaining a tuberculosis camp. New York women have an old folks' home. The colored women of Alabama, some years ago, founded at Mt. Meigs a boys' reformatory, for which they raised out of their meager stores \$2,000 each year until, through the energetic lobbying of three women's clubs that had worked the hardest for it, the state was persuaded to take it over. But I wonder if there are still those who ask: "Are Negro women making good?"

THE PRAYER OF ONE GROWING OLD.

Be with me Lord! My home is growing still,
As one by one the guests go out the door;
And they who helped me once to do Thy will
Behold and praise Thee on the heavenly shore.

Uphold my strength! My task is not yet done,
Nor let me at my labor cease to sing;
But from the rising to the setting sun
Each faithful hour do service to my King.

Show me Thy light! Let not my wearied eyes
Miss the fresh glory of the passing day;
But keep the light of morn—the sweet surprise
Of each new blessing that attends my way.

And, for the crowning grace! O Lord, renew
The best of gifts Thy best of saints have had;
With the great joy of Christ my heart endure,
And then with Thee my heart shall e'er be glad!
—The Christian Century.

MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED FARMERS ATTEND MEETING IN OMAHA

Farmers from every agricultural state in the Union attended the annual meeting of the National Farmers' congress, held here last week. Delegates from Nebraska and Iowa were here with the largest delegations and were very active in the deliberation of the congress.

More than three hundred registered. The distinct feature of the program was the moving pictures of Nebraska and Omaha which were shown Thursday afternoon. Dr. George E. Condra of the University of Nebraska showed various reels of the resources of the state, and explained them with an interesting lecture. Moving picture reels of Omaha were shown by Manager Parrish of the Bureau of Publicity.

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Black or black-and-white flower holders are used now by smart hostesses, just as all sorts of black-and-white interior furnishings are used, and they form a contrast to the bright colors of the flowers that is most effective. Sometimes these are in white porcelain with black stripes, sometimes in black, with a narrow white rim. With snapdragon—a flower that has been used at many of the fashionable spring and early summer weddings and dinner parties—with roses, with iris or with any other brilliant flowers these black vases and bowls are in excellent taste. A new idea is to have the flowers, as well as their stems, inside the vase; and for this purpose wide-mouthed glass vases are used. In the sketch lilies of the valley are shown in this arrangement. There is another novel method of arranging flowers—roses and smilax are trained over a little lattice thrust into a dish of moss. Little porcelain birds, especially bluebirds, are much used with flowers. They perch charmingly on the edge of wide bowls or on the rims of tall vases or even cling to the sides. They can be bought without trouble, but there is a knack of making them "stay put"—a knack that can be gained if one has on hand a little plastic clay. With this the porcelain birds are stuck in the position desired. The clay does not show.

Very elaborate flower holders, showing bronze mermaids or fauns rising gracefully from wide bronze basins, give an air of coolness and charm to any room. They are especially pretty with pond lilies, or some other water flowers, held, if long-stemmed, in



For the Dinner Table.

the backs of bronze turtles and frogs.—Anne Rittenhouse in the Boston Herald.

FORMER FOOTBALL STAR
IS STATE GRAIN AGENT

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 8.—"Bob" Marshall, famous end player on Minnesota university football team for several years, is now one of the state grain weighers in this state. He has a sister employed in the county courthouse as stenographer and a brother in the mail service.

J. Albert Adams, a colored man, has been elected alderman in the Fourth ward in Baltimore.

Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

Earthquake Dangers in the United States.

To the mind of the average American the word "earthquake" suggests an interesting but uncomfortable contingency to which Japan and certain other very distant countries are more or less subject. This complacent attitude of mind was temporarily disturbed in the spring of 1906, when San Francisco was laid in ruins by one of these visitations, just as it had been disturbed twenty years previously by a similar occurrence at Charleston, S. C.; but the impression produced by such disasters, except upon the actual sufferers, seems to be rather transient. The best proof of this is seen in the fact that the United States government, which spends far more money than any other government in the world on scientific investigations, has never, until within the last few months, inaugurated any systematic study of earthquakes.

Just how common are earthquakes in this country? It will not be possible to answer this question fully until many years hence, when substantial progress shall have been made in the "earthquake survey," which has just been undertaken by the Weather Bureau. Unofficial investigations have however, revealed the fact that certain sections of the country are decidedly "seismic," i. e., subject to earthquake shocks. One of these is New England, where mild earthquakes have frequently occurred, and where a disastrous one at some indefinite time in the future is regarded by seismologists as not improbable. Two points of special seismicity are East Haddam, Conn., and Newburyport, Mass.

In fact, the whole Atlantic seaboard, from Nova Scotia to Georgia, has certain geological characteristics that mark it out as an earthquake region, though the only severe shock yet experienced in this region, so far as definite knowledge extends, was the great Charleston earthquake of 1886. There is, in particular, a long break or fault in the earth's crust connecting the cities of Boston, New Haven, New York, Trenton, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore and Washington, known as the Fall Line, which seems rather liable to become, sooner or later, the site of severe earthquake shocks.

Another known seismic region of the United States is the central Mississippi valley, especially the portion between Cairo and Memphis. This was the scene in the years 1811-12 of a series of very violent upheavals, now usually referred to as the "New Madrid earthquake." Between December 16th, 1811, and March 16th, 1812, no less than 1,874 shocks were recorded, of which eight were very severe and were felt more or less distinctly over the whole of the then settled portions of the United States. This earthquake produced important geographic changes; new islands came into existence in the Mississippi, new lakes were formed in neighboring valleys (one of them 100 miles long), and old lakes disappeared. Strangest of all, the earthquake has never entirely subsided, for slight after-shocks have been experienced in the same region almost every year since the original disturbance (a phenomenon also noted in connection with the Charleston earthquake).

The state of California, together with western Nevada, constitutes an-

other well-known earthquake district. About a dozen seriously destructive shocks and hundreds of light ones have been recorded in this region. The Great Basin in the West and the lower Great Lakes have also been the scenes of occasional earthquakes.

About fifty seismographs are now in operation in the United States. Most of the shocks registered by these instruments are so light as to be imperceptible to the human senses. In order to obtain detailed information concerning the occasional more severe earthquakes, the Weather Bureau has enlisted a corps of several thousand volunteer observers who are instructed to make regular reports of any shocks that may come to their notice. As to the raison d'être of this undertaking, the Bureau says, in a recent circular: "To confine attention to the obviously and eminently practical, we should know the exact locations of those numerous breaks and weak vertical seams in the earth's crust along which abrupt slipping and sliding (the cause of nearly all earthquakes) most frequently occur, so that, as far as possible, we may avoid them in the location of such permanent structures as dams, irrigation channels, aqueducts, bridges and even ordinary houses. In spite of the good it clearly would serve, there is however, no map of any country that gives at all fully the locations of earthquake breaks or faults, nor is the collection of the data essential to the construction of such a map of any extensive section possible, except through the long and constant co-operation of a large number of observers widely scattered over the area in question."

The work of mapping the seismic regions of the country does not, however, exhaust the possibilities for purely practical achievements in earthquake investigation. The fact that certain districts are notoriously subject to earthquakes does not prevent them from being populated by human beings nor from becoming the site of structures liable to earthquake damage. In such regions, therefore, it is an important problem to determine what form of construction is best able to withstand earthquake shocks, and this can be done only through a careful study of such shocks and their effects. Of course, the art of "earthquake construction" has already made some progress, mainly owing to the efforts of Japanese and Italian students, but the question is of universal interest, and Americans are bound to do their share toward its elucidation.

The definite prediction of earthquakes is not yet in sight. What the future will bring forth we cannot say, but we can at least feel sure that the more thoroughly and the more widely earthquakes are studied, the better his important desideratum will one day be realized.—Scientific American.

EPISCOPAL CHURCHMEN
WILL GATHER IN OMAHA

The Synod of the Sixth Province of the Episcopal church will hold its annual sessions in Omaha October 28 to 31. This province, including the dioceses of Nebraska, Western Nebraska, Colorado, Western Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa, will bring more than one hundred delegates. These will be supplemented by many visitors, who will take part in the sessions.

In conjunction with the Synod, a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will bring many to the sessions.

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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.

Zaha Temple No. 52, A. E. A. O. U. M. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings the fourth Wednesday in each month. N. Hunter, Ill. Potentate; Charles W. Dickerson, Ill. Recorder.

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

Rescue Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Monday in each month. Lodge rooms, Twenty-fourth and Charles streets. William Burrell, W. M.; H. Warner, Secretary.

Keystone Lodge No. 4, K. of P., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursday of each month. C. Lewis, C. C.; A. Marshall, K. of R. S.

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THE MAYOR OF CHICAGO ENTERTAINED IN OMAHA

(Continued from first page.)

Bird, Robert Berry, Frank Williams, Leo Firste and Jasper Thatcher, who took him for an automobile trip around the city, which included a stop at the residence of his sister, Mrs. John E. Jeltz, 2405 Patrick avenue.

Mr. DePriest spoke in the highest terms of his brief visit to Omaha and was well pleased with everything he saw. He said that his treatment at the hands of all classes whom he had met was all that one could desire.

"Birth of a Nation" Barred From Ohio

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 8.—Selecting a time when Governor Willis was en route to California, to make application, the producers of the photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation," applied September 21 to the state board of censors to show the films in Ohio.

Believing the governor's declaration that no plays designed to incite racial hatred should be produced in Ohio while he was governor, the colored people of Ohio rested under the impression that the producers would not apply for permission to show in this state. They were, however, advised that application had been made, and two private shows given before the board of censors. Immediately arrangements were made to file a protest against a permit being granted. Various church and civic organizations among both races joined in the protest. The mayor of the city, George J. Karb; former Secretary of State D. J. Ryan, Dr. Washington Gladden, Rabbi Kornfield, and others signed the protest. A hearing was had and September 28 the state board of censors took final action on "The Birth of a Nation" moving picture, and issued an order barring it from the state of Ohio.

Under this order the vicious Dixon photoplay cannot be shown in this state, regardless of changes that might be made in the film.

COLORED FARMERS INCREASE IN STATE OF COLORADO

Ten years ago there were only about 25 Negro farmers in Colorado and some 75 farm laborers. In May, 1910, Negroes began moving in and now, in Wells county, 60 colored families have 15,000 acres, and in eastern and southern Colorado there are some 500 colored families on farms and 2,000 farm laborers. A prosperous Negro town known as the Deerfield Settlement is being built up.

DEPENDENT PULLMAN PORTERS TO HAVE HOME

New York, N. Y., Oct. 8.—Frank C. Fane, treasurer of the Pullman Porters' Benevolent association, has recently launched a movement to establish a home for aged and dependent men of the service. The association has its headquarters in New York City.

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