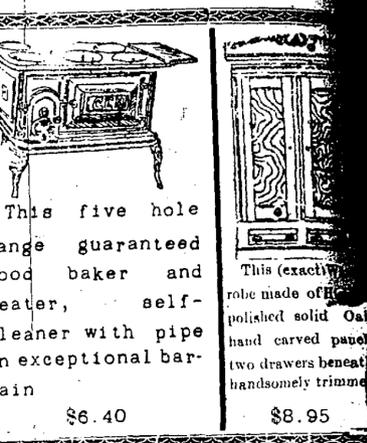


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Colored Men in Office.

A New Era in the Municipal Life Of Baltimore City.

Notwithstanding the shortcomings of the Republican party in many directions with respect to its faithful colored contingency, yet we cannot be unmindful of actual gains and progress made in the direction of political recognition, although it be confined to positions of ordinary importance. Substantial progress is being made, and while we are not to be surprised by the slowness with which our expectations are realized, yet a few years back and the ability of a colored man occupying a position of any kind in the municipal government appeared most without promise of fruition. In the political upheaval during the few years past colored citizens have been enabled to come forth more prominently, and at present there is good reason to hope that a wedge has been successfully inserted, which, in time, will accomplish results which will be most satisfactory.

Most satisfactory and pleasing. As compared with the past the success already attained is indeed noteworthy, and while it is very far from being satisfactory with respect to our political aspirations, yet we have reason to be very grateful for present accomplishments, which indicate very much more in the future, if we stand in our places like men. We are reliably informed that as a result of the few positions already given to colored men under the city government, that very nearly 250,000 passes annually into the hands of colored men as wages from the city of Baltimore. Upon the whole, the men who have been honored, in securing the appointments, are of such character, experience and business qualifications as to warrant us in predicting a successful career for them, which will do much towards establishing confidence in race ability and trustworthiness. Messrs. J. H. Cooper, K. L. Morton and J. H. Carter, all reputable colored men, have been appointed superintendents of districts of the street cleaning Department.

Each having under him a large force of colored men. Mr. Cooper has been in the feed business for many years, Mr. Carter a collector for the Baltimore Mutual Aid Association, while Mr. Morton for many years has carried on very successfully a job printing establishment. Mr. R. H. Harris, prominent barber of the third ward, has been placed in charge of the elevator in the City Hall, while Mr. J. E. G. Webb has been appointed one of the door-keepers of the city council.

Jeremiah Chester who has been bustling around in politics since while was successful in securing the appointment as janitor of the Clerk's office, while Mr. Allen a colored carpenter secured the appointment of Clerk of Livington, as custodian or janitor of the building. Malachi Gibson, a young law student of this city, has the honor of being the first Negro appointed as clerk to a Legislative committee, the committee being that of the Judiciary. Certainly the colored citizens of Baltimore ought to feel encouraged by these facts. But, of course, so much has been done, yet most evident that the intellectual class of colored citizens have been wholly forgotten. Notwithstanding the excellent showing along the line above indicated, it should not be forgotten that as the human nature is the same, the younger and more intellectual inspiring men of the race will only chafe under the seeming situation of themselves by being

Race Doings.

BRIEF MENTION OF APPRO-AMERICAN NEWS FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS.

Harry J. Edwards, a colored man, has been appointed searcher of deeds and titles by the mayor of New York.

L. A. Newby, enterprising young man, a warm supporter of the election of Mayor Harrison, has been given a place as water inspector in Chicago, at \$900 per annum.

Mrs. Clark, one of the wealthiest white ladies of Barkdale, Miss, entertained Bishop Derriek and Rev. Dr. O. P. Ross at her home in royal style during the sitting of the A. M. E. Conference.

It is said more handsome residences are occupied by colored people in Denver, Colorado, than in any other city in America, and they also boast of more than sixty policemen.

Fort Assiniboine, Mont., has a prosperous lyceum, made up of non-commissioned officers of the post. It was instituted several weeks ago by Rev. R. T. Anderson, chaplain of the 10th United States Cavalry, and it is doing much good. There are at this post seven troops of cavalry and two companies of infantry; and a first class band. Among these there are one hundred non-commissioned officers. All of the non-commissioned staff are colored, with a few exceptions. They have some very intelligent men graduates from reputable colleges.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT MAN

A Very Interesting Sketch of the Life of the Late Stephen B. Gibson of Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Tribune, gives the following very interesting sketch of the late Hon. Stephen B. Gibson of that city. "Stephen Blackburn Gibson was born in Philadelphia March 12, 1853. He is the son of Charlotte and the late William E. Gibson. At an early age he entered the Raspberry alley school. He afterward entered Lincoln University, from which he graduated in 1869 as one of the youngest men to ever complete the course. While quite young he went to South Carolina to teach. He, however, became actively interested in politics. Although quite young, he soon earned distinction as a campaign orator. Congressman Elliott and Rainey soon recognized the powers of the youthful orator. He was elected Commissioner of Public Schools for Georgetown county, S. C., and then Governor Moses appointed him to a responsible position of Tax Collector and Justice of the Peace.

In the spring of 1877 he was accidentally wounded by a pistol shot, and was brought back to Philadelphia for medical treatment. Upon recovery he accepted a position as teacher in Hartford county, Md. He also taught school in South Chester, Pa. In 1880 he was elected to represent the Seventh ward in the Republican City Committee. A few years later he made his memorable fight for the Legislature. In 1886 he was appointed a clerk in the Tax Office. In 1890 he was promoted as one of the water auditors in the Controller's office, which position he held up to the time of his illness and death. For several years he represented the Seventh ward in Common Council. In 1888 he addressed large audiences in Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

St. Augustine's School, Raleigh N. C., has just received from Mr. Charles Lowell, treasurer of Emmanuel Church, Boston, of which the Rev. Leighton Parks, D. D., is rector, a check for eleven hundred dollars, which is to be used for the endowment of the school. It is, we believe made up from the missionary offering of the parish during the month of February.

The purchase of a Colored Woman's Club building with store room and office apartments, is the latest forward movement of the race in Atlanta, Ga. You should be sure and procure a copy of the Ledger each week. It is the paper of the people and for the people.

Local Items.

DOINGS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR MANY BALTIMORE CITY READERS.

Rev. J. W. Scott of the Waverly Baptist Church has just closed a very successful revival. He has as a result of the meetings about 36 converts.

Rev. K. A. McGuinn of Jordan Trinity Baptist church last Sunday.

To-morrow is Palm Sunday and is quite generally observed in this city in the use of palm. It is commemorative of the Saviour's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Rev. Dr. Beckett, pastor of Beth-el church, on last Sunday, delivered a timely and beautiful address on the life of the late Bishop Armstrong, who died at his home in Texas last week. The music on the occasion was appropriately rendered.

Prophet Andrew Jones preached at Leadenhall street Baptist church last Sunday.

Presiding Elder N. M. Carroll held quarterly Conference at Brown Chapel, Dayton, Howard county, last Sunday. He organized an Epworth's League with Mr. Benjamin Snowden as president.

Faith Baptist church had a grand rally last Sunday. Rev. A. Brown preached in the morning and Rev. G. R. Waller at the afternoon service.

Next Friday is the anniversary of the Crucifixion, commonly called Good Friday. Solemn services of prayer and preaching of the Cross will be conducted at St. James' church, High near Lexington street, from 12 to 3 p. m., marking the period of time that Jesus hung upon the cross.

At Ebenezer A. M. E. church, South Baltimore, the Rev. L. M. Beckett, presiding elder preached morning and evening last Sunday. The Rev. D. J. Hill preached in the afternoon.

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church meets this year in Cambridge, Md., Bishop Handy presiding, on the first Wednesday in May.

The Ledger is meeting with great success and as an advertising medium you will find it first class.

The Ministerial Union, composed of the ministers of the various denominations of this city, will hold their regular monthly meeting on next Thursday at 11 a. m. at Sharp street church. A general discussion of a very important subject will be the special order. Rev. Wm. Alexander of the Baptist Church is the presiding officer for that meeting.

The Rev. W. J. Conquest, of Durham, N. C., preached at Mt. Moriah mission on last Sunday.

Energetic young women can make money by canvassing for the Ledger. For terms apply at 1805 McElderry street.

The responsive service of the Allen Literary, last Sunday, was led by Mr. George Brent. The audience was large and quite appreciative. The program consisted of solos, recitations and addresses by Rev. W. J. Conquest, Miss Hattie Williams, Mr. Edward Jones and others; Mr. Thomas Scribner is president and Miss Ida Johnson is secretary.

The funeral of Mrs. Amanda Holmes took place from St. James church last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Holmes, although about 65 years of age, was only baptized on Sunday the 19th of March, and confirmed by Bishop Fret on Wednesday evening of last week.

Church Workers.

The Male Staff of Workers of John Wesley Church Supper With Their Pastor.

On last Tuesday evening at the hall of Mr. Isaiah P. Brown, on Sharp street, a most pleasing and somewhat unique social affair took place. The board of male officers of John Wesley M. E. Church, of which the Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon is pastor, to the number of about fifty, class-leaders, stewards, day-school teachers and members, most excellently entertained a supper of elegant delicacies at the gathering in a spacious hall. Officers that were present were: Mr. J. H. Murphy, president; Mr. J. H. Murphy, secretary; Mr. J. H. Murphy, treasurer; Mr. J. H. Murphy, assistant secretary; Mr. J. H. Murphy, assistant treasurer; Mr. J. H. Murphy, assistant secretary; Mr. J. H. Murphy, assistant treasurer.

After justice had been done to the many good things that were served, a few addresses were made, of a variety of interesting subjects and seasoned with humor by John H. Norris was the toastmaster who ably presided, assisted by Mr. T. H. Smith, the superintendent of the Sunday-school. The following is a list of those who entertained the assembly: "Our City"—Mr. J. L. Young; "Our Country"—Mr. George Lester.

"How to Keep our Young People from the Clubs, Pool and Billiard Rooms"—Mr. K. W. Ross; "Necessity for Union"—Rev. S. Henry; "Importance of Epworth League"—Mr. Howard Jackson; "Fraternal Unity"—Rev. J. H. Murphy; "The Political Situation"—Rev. J. H. Murphy; "The Future of John Wesley Church"—Rev. Dr. Lyon; "Why we Ought to Have Colored Teachers for our Colored Public Schools"—Mr. Thomas H. Smith. Very great praise is due the pastor of John Wesley Church for the princely manner in which all things were conducted and the eminent success of the whole affair.

The Annual Easter Supper of the congregation of St. James church only give about two entertainments during the year. The Annual Easter Supper is a standing institution of many years in that congregation, and is always largely attended and patronized by the citizens of Baltimore, and it is always worthy of the patronage thus bestowed. The committee with Miss Rosa Peters as president expect to make it the grandest ever held. Tickets are now on sale by the members of the congregation, for the small sum of twenty-five cents which includes a royal good supper.

Notes From Israel Church. Rev. John L. Murray preached an able sermon last Sunday morning. His text was from St. 13 chap. and 37th verse. A congregation was present. A choir conducted the service. A Review, being assisted by assistant superintendent, E. Reid. It was a very interesting treat. The choir enjoyed a very interesting treat. The paper discussed with Brother Smith. At a prayer meeting a most interesting sermon, "God is a Spirit," by a crowded house.

Young People. The usual meeting of the Young People's Society was held last evening. The subject was "The Christian's Duty." The paper was read by Brother Smith. At a prayer meeting a most interesting sermon, "God is a Spirit," by a crowded house.

"Noble Paper." Rev. J. W. Williams Morning Star Baptist Church, North Baltimore, writes: "greet you all, and hope you are all successful with your noble paper. We are getting along well. It is adding to the blessing we hope will be saved."

Equal Opportunities For The Race.

MR. JOSEPH H. THOMAS MAKES AN EARNEST PLEA.

Will equal opportunities and equal privileges bring about a final solution of the race question? Equal opportunities would be the removal of all restrictions, limitations, prohibition and inhibition placed upon us on account of color and previous condition of servitude; the opening of avenues which are now closed against us, giving the colored citizens equal opportunity with any man of the caucasian type, to aspire to and fill any position in the various departments of government as far as mental qualification and fitness would permit him.

We contend for an equal opportunity in commercial and mercantile pursuits and in every department of the great workshop of life. Now the vital question is: "Are we prepared to take advantage of equal opportunities and privileges?" I answer we are and if they were granted us, we would not only elevate ourselves to a higher plane of citizenship, but material strength would be added to the republic.

Do we not stand today head and shoulders above the

Foreign element that pour into our country, through the flood gates of emigration, in moral, intellectual culture and fitness? Look at the illiteracy, pauperism, immorality, and might say criminality the emigrant brings here with him! Yet he is favored above the colored citizen whose illustrious ancestors poured out their patriotic blood in the wars of the Revolution for American liberty and independence.

I know that the colored man is looked upon as a person who is bereft of business intelligence and capacity. While it is true that the average colored young man has not enjoyed the advantage of a special business training in a school like Bryant and Stratton, yet let the merchant give the colored youth an equal opportunity with the white youth to work himself up in his firm from an errand boy to a clerk, book-keeper, salesman or drummer, and I am confident he will demonstrate his fitness for business, equal to that of the white youth.

Improve the Opportunities. I do not claim to be able to point out just how equal opportunities can be brought about, but I do think it lies in our power, to some extent, to improve the limited opportunities we now possess. If we utilize the material wealth we now possess in the form of money now lying in white banking institutions unused; if we have yankee push with brains behind it, success will be ours. If we are deficient in business knowledge, in any particular, let us give more attention to training our boys for business pursuits as well as for professional life. If the money we possess wielded an influence in the business world, we would stand in a more commanding position. While we have political interest to engage our attention, commercial pursuits are at least of equal importance.

The Remedy. Therefore it is of vital necessity that the rising generation have a thorough knowledge of business, so when what is possessed by parents passes into their hands, they may be able to utilize, and employ it in developing industrial enterprises, and in giving others of the race an opportunity to earn wages. Let us swear eternal hatred against ignorance and make our moral and intellectual standard high, and labor to attain it.

Education, morality, religion, manhood and money with equal opportunities and privileges will bring about a final solution of the race question.

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There is nothing in the matter with North Carolina. In Halifax county five of the largest towns have Negro postmasters. One of the three county commissioners is a Negro. The only Negro congressman is furnished by that county. The solicitor and prosecuting attorney of the judicial district of the dozen or more counties, is a Negro, and the court crier is a Negro. In a number of counties in that part of the State Negroes hold office of register of deeds, superior court clerk and all county offices except sheriff. So far there has been no Negro sheriff in that State.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, corresponding secretary of the National Baptist Association, has issued a pathetic appeal to the church and Sunday schools of that denomination to contribute funds for the relief of missionaries now suffering in the foreign field. It is a most deserving cause.

Negroes and whites are permitted to intermarry in twenty-one states, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The small per cent of mixed marriages in these states does not indicate that the liberal law materially affects the matrimonial tendencies of the races. The freedom of action has caused no rush on either side. The selection of a life partner is something that statutes cannot regulate, and the matter can best be adjusted by the persons most directly concerned.—Colored American.

Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute of which Mr. Booker T. Washington is the principal, was visited by Dr. W. S. Rainford, pastor of St. George's Church, New York, Wednesday, March 23, upon which occasion he dedicated a handsome chapel recently donated by Northern friends of the institution.

Has a Negro postmaster been appointed in Ohio? inquires the Atlanta Constitution. Yes. There was a Negro postmaster at Wilberforce, Ohio. He was a democrat, was appointed by the Cleveland administration, and he died a natural death.—Washington Post.

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AND SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.
 ...and very rightly so, ...ing better treatment, politeness, in the dispensing of public ... We complain that we ... have received very little recognition, and that that little is confined almost entirely to positions of a menial character. Now, all our contentions may, more or less, be true, but we desire to point out the very significant fact that the three colored men who have been selected as superintendents of districts of the street cleaning department, have it in their power to advance our interests and pave the way for recognition on our part ... honor as well as ... more money. The converse of all this is also true. They are in a position to break us up entirely and cause to be taken from us even the little that we already have.

We regard the positions above mentioned of a very responsible character. If the colored superintendents will determine to keep the streets cleaner and in better condition than ever before, and in accomplishing this to permit nothing to stand in the way, they will not only make creditable records for themselves as individuals, but demonstrate the great probability of colored men rendering acceptable service in other and higher positions. We have thrown upon us whether we like to confess it or not, the onerous burden of changing, modifying and really remodelling public sentiment with respect to us and our status. We are more closely watched and observed than we often think. Our failure causes no great surprise, for, say what we may, after all the dominant feeling among Anglo-Americans is adverse to real Negro equality. It is, when in spite of hindrances and the failure upon the part of the race, we are able to give ourselves not only the legitimate superior to them, but succeed in re-creating a fairer view with respect to us. It will not be long before the Negro superintendents and their white predecessors will surpass them. They are the right

To Move Colored Troops.
 In the direction of General Miles, commanding the Army orders have been issued for the transfer of the 8th Regiment of Infantry to Fort Totten. The fact that the regiment is made up of colored troops is regarded as quite significant in view of the purpose of the transfer to concentrate the colored troops in the vicinity of

AN INJURIOUS CUSTOM.

Passing one of our colored public schools the other day, in the midst of a rain, about the time of the closing of the school, we observed a number of boys jumping over the high fence surrounding the building. We asked some of them what it meant. They responded that they had been standing in the wet and rain, in the yard, waiting for the gate to be opened, and becoming tired, mounted the fence and freed themselves.

These children, many of them, ill clad, ought not to be forced out into the yard to wait in the rain, and damp weather for the opening of the gate. The gate should be opened before the children descend into the yard, and if the school has a regulation to that effect, we beg leave to say that it is a very unmerciful and harmful one.

Parents, who, naturally, are solicitous for the health and comfort of their children repose great confidence in the kindly and sympathetic feeling of the teachers, who, for the time being, stand in their places. This confidence must not be abused or rendered hard of fulfillment on account of any rigorous and severe postulate of the school commissioners. The editor of the LEDGER directs attention to this matter, for he witnessed it with his own eyes, and we could hardly believe what we were forced to observe children standing in the school yard in the rain, for several minutes, waiting for the gate to be opened.

The public schools belong to the people. Our principals and teachers are, generally, pretty well paid, and this money comes from the tax-payers and patron of the public schools. We are much interested in all that concerns the well-being of the system. With the prospective and beneficial reforms which will inevitably follow, in the enforcement of the provisions of the new charter, with regard to our schools, many of the inconveniences and drawbacks of the present system of management will disappear.

WHY THE DEATH RATE IS HIGH.

We are sorry that our space does not permit a reproduction, in full, of the able and timely article of Dr. Fowler printed in the American a few days ago, upon such a most important topic, but herewith we give an extract from the same, which will be read with interest as well as profit.

"Another habit obtains among some of our people in going to public markets at certain late hours on Saturday nights and other times, and buying up, for a trifle, what is hardly fit for human food, and which has been turned over a hundred times already.

"And as cleanliness is next to godliness, it would be a great blessing to the colored people of Baltimore if our city fathers would greatly promote the use of bathtubs in the houses, and encourage the abundant use of pure water. We doctors, preachers, teachers and others are willing to advise all that we can, but if the city authorities would lend a kindly, yet firm hand, in thus helping on the good cause, the high death rate would be reduced. Advice is always good, but sanitary laws must be enforced. Another thing requires looking after in Baltimore. I refer to the colored social clubs for young men, the very recruiting ground of crime, and which lead on to the prison and the penitentiary. It is true that these clubs are licensed, but it would pay the city far better to dispense with the money thus obtained, and shut up the very last social club in Baltimore. In these clubs the morals of the young men are ruined, their health is often destroyed, and the results are evil in every way."

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A BROTHER IN BLACK WITH A BIG SALARY.

Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars a Year is the Amount Paid Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason.

We ran across, a few evenings ago, at the residence of Rev. Dr. Lyon, a man whose identity with the Negro race could hardly be doubted, for in complexion he is as "black but comely" as they are produced. But such an intelligent, cultivated gentleman he is that one sometimes, insist on classifying all Negroes together. Dr. Mason is a native of the State of Louisiana, and for many years he was field Secretary in the mission work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, then later he was elevated to the assistant secretaryship, and at the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church when Dr. Hartzell was elected a Bishop for Africa, he was elected as his successor, as one of the two general secretaries of the great Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

As a general officer of the whole church he receives the same annual salary as is paid the Bishops of that body, \$4,500 a year and traveling expenses. We doubt that there is another colored man in the country, in any of the other religious bodies who receives so large a salary.

Dr. Mason's work is to superintend the educational work of his church in the Southern states, where there are some 46 institutions, colleges, and other schools of learning, for white and colored; direct in the employment of teachers, etc., and raise the money for their support. In prosecuting his work he is a regular official visitor to all of the conferences, white and colored, of his church and there in his official capacity urge upon the ministers their duty in the premises. He also preaches in many of the large and influential churches of his connection in the North, in the interest of the work. He tells us that everywhere he is most cordially received and honored. In this special matter there can be no doubt that the Methodist Episcopal Church leads the way in thus honoring the black race with a position not only honorable but financially as good as any in the gift of the church.

At present Dr. Mason is engaged in a special effort among the large colored membership of the M. E. Church in raising, by the beginning of the 20th Century, one hundred thousand dollars, as a thank-offering, upon the part of the colored people, for the great work that church has done among the race since emancipation.

THE STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The First Annual meeting of the Maryland State Teachers' Association will be held in Trinity A. M. E. Church, April 7, 8, and 9th. Mr. John H. Camper is president, and Mr. Howard E. Young is secretary. A very interesting program has been arranged. Addresses will be delivered by Prof. E. B. Prettyman, Joseph S. Whittington and J. E. McCahan, Col. Charles B. Rogers, and Messrs. W. Ashbie Hawkins, and George W. Anderson.

The following papers will also be presented:
 "Should the Sexes be co-educated in Our Schools?"—Mr. Wm. H. McAlbee; "Should the State Board of Education select the Text Books for the State?"—Mr. Howard E. Young; "Spelling"—Mr. Charles E. Redden; "The Teaching of Elementary Composition"—Mr. Heber E. Wharton; "The Educational Value of Geometry,"—Prof. Kelly Miller; "A Short Talk on Drawing,"—Mr. Howard Gross; "Corporal Punishment in the School,"—Mr. George W. Biddle. Lawver Hawkins' topic will be "The Teacher Legally Considered."

BREVITIES.

The women connected with Sharon Baptist church, Pressman and Carey streets, have been, of themselves, conducting a series of revival meetings with most gratifying success.
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PREACHERS' MEETINGS.

Baptist.
 Corner of Dolphin and Pennsylvania avenue: The Rev. Henry Sales of Mt. Washington delivered a sermon, for the criticism of the brethren, from Matt. 7 chap. and 13th verse.
 At the Leadenhall street conference, there was a general discussion of the topic "The Relation of one Baptist Church to another Baptist Church."

African Methodist Episcopal.
 Rev. M. W. Vernon read a paper, which was discussed "The Church what it is and what it ought to be."
Methodist Episcopal.
 There was a general discussion of the some of the things said and done at the late Annual Conference held at Cumberland, Md.

THE ORPHANAGE.

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Baptist Orphanage will be held at Trinity Baptist church on Monday April 11. The lady Board of Managers will meet the Trustees at 1 o'clock. In the same church in the evening there will be a public meeting in the interest of the Orphanage, and every Baptist Church in the city, as well as other friends, will be requested to make a contribution for the new Home. Rev. A. B. Callis, B.D., has been appointed as the Financial Agent of the Home.

Reisterstown Ripplings.

A few nights ago a grand concert was given by Mr. Tucker and a company of ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the stewards of St. Luke's M. E. Church. It was a success. Many friends from the city were present.
 The United Brethren Lodge of Odd Fellows is preparing to give a banquet and reception in Goodwin's Hall Friday evening April 22nd. The Reistertown and Emory Grove electric cars will stop at the door bringing from the city all who may desire to attend.

There was a large crowd Sunday at Piney Grove. The Rev. J. T. Moten being unwell. Rev. G. Brooks preached a very interesting sermon. His visit was much appreciated.

The LEDGER met with a warm and hearty reception among our people.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Prince Edward Graves of Forrest street has been quite sick.
 Bishop Handy left the city last week for Texas to attend the funeral of Bishop Armstrong.
 Miss Emma Jones of Stirling street, is detained in her home with pneumonia.
 Rev. B. T. Perkins, of Annapolis, was in the city this week.
 Mrs. Nettie Johnson of George street has been quite sick.
 Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Educational Secretary of the M. E. church was in the city this week.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

Israel Baptist Church, Mullikin near Ann street. Preaching 11 a. m. by Pastor. Covenant Meeting at 8 and Communion at 4. Rev. Kyle and other ministers will attend the afternoon services. 6:30 Prayer Meeting conducted by Brother Alfred Young and Sister Sarah Smith. 8 o'clock ex-Judge John H. Ballou will preach. S. S. at 9:30 a. m., and 2:30 p. m. Com. all are welcome.
 P. Ailor, J. H. Reid, Pastor.
 Waters' A. M. E. Church, Spring St. near Jefferson. 11 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 2:30 p. m.; C. E. 7 p. m. W. H. Bevans, Supt. Rev. John Hunter, Pastor.
 Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Waverly. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor. Rev. Reuben Parker, Pastor.
 Ebenezer Baptist Church, 24 street. Morning service 11 a. m. Sunday school 2 p. m.; Young People's Union 4 p. m. Evening preaching at 8.
 Rev. J. W. Jones, Pastor.
 Macedonia Baptist Church, Preaching 11 a. m.; Ordinance of Baptism 12:30 p. m. Special Services at 4 p. m. Rev. Mr. Cox pastor of 7th Baptist church will be the preacher, subject: "Spiritless-ism." Collection for Orphanage. Preaching at 7:45 p. m. Rev. A. B. Callis, Pastor.
 Division Street Baptist Church, 11 a. m. preaching by the great evangelist of Norfolk, Va. Rev. M. Lewis 8 p. m. Baptizing, and preaching by the pastor, subject: "The Woe of God's Kingdom without His Righteousness." 8 p. m. preaching by Rev. M. Lewis.
 Rev. A. E. Minkins, Pastor.
 John Wesley M. E. Church, 11 a. m. subject, "Triumphs of Christ." Preaching also at 8 and 8 p. m. Passion Week will be specially observed, there being service and sermon each night during the week. Rev. E. Lyon, Pastor.
 Centennial M. E. Church, preaching at the regular hours 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor.
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The ladies of Macedonia Baptist Church are preparing for an Easter festival and concert for the benefit of the new building fund.

Since the return of Rev. W. M. Moorman from the late annual conference the officials of Centennial M. E. church have increased his salary by adding on \$50.

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WEEKLY SERMONS.

Address by Evangelist D. L. Moody in New York.

Rev. George H. Hepworth's Sermon in the New York Herald is entitled "The Value of the Bible Texts." An address by Evangelist D. L. Moody on Bible Texts.

The New York Herald publishes the complete result of its recent competition for prize sermons printed in its columns. The first prize was awarded by the Herald itself, and the second, third and fourth prizes were decided by the votes of its readers.

First prize, \$1000, to the Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge, pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Middleboro, Mass. Subject, "The Power of Gentleness."

Second prize, \$500, to the Rev. W. S. Perkins, pastor of St. Paul's Universalist Church, Burlington, Conn. Subject, "Burden Bearing."

Third prize, \$300, to the Rev. John D. Long, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, L. I. Subject, "The Good Side of Life."

Fourth prize, \$200, to the Rev. Edwin P. Parker, pastor of the Second Church, Hartford, Conn. Subject, "Law of Kindness."

Dr. Hepworth on "Nothing is Small." Tax: "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Matthew xxv., 21.

"It is very evident that these two men found more in Christ than did a good many others of their time. And do you know that there are a good many in New York the same way? It is recorded in the gospels that many of those who followed the Saviour left Him, and there are many who follow Him to-day who say they are disappointed. Why? I think I can tell you. When the crowds followed Christ in the Holy Land they did so from various motives. Some of them wanted to see Him perform miracles. They wanted to see the devils cast out and the lepers cured, and so they were always saying to Him, 'Master, show us a sign.' Others thought He was going to found an earthly kingdom, and wanted to get into office when He founded it. Others thought that they might entangle Him into saying something against the Mosaic or Roman laws which would lead to His condemnation and death. Others followed just from morbid curiosity to see the crowd and hear something new. Others He Himself accused of being after the flesh and the love of money. They did not care about His message."

"All these people soon got tired of following Christ; but I can vouch for one thing—that no man for eighteen hundred years who has followed Jesus Christ for what He is has ever been disappointed. He is all that you make Him to be. Some make a little Saviour, because they think little of Him."

"What do you, you that are here to-night? Come, tell me. I could go through the crowd and find just the same motives actuating you as those who followed the Lord in Palestine. There are some men back there who came to see the crowd. Another has come because his wife has been nagging at him for the last three weeks, and he promised to come. Another man is here because he has nowhere else to go. He says that if he had a good comfortable home you would not find him here. Another one comes to hear the singing. I'm glad he wanted to hear something, anyway. Although some of you have come with low motives, thank God you have come at all, and you may change your mind before you're through. I'm glad to have a chance at you, whatever your motives for being here may be."

"Here is another text I want to read: 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.' So many people think that they will attend to temporal things first, and after they have made a comfortable fortune and settled down they will attend to eternal things. God says, 'No. You must first seek the Kingdom of God. I think if this were really done you would never come to want.'"

"I have been besought on all sides to preach sermons on capital and labor and similar subjects. My friends, I believe as long as you start right and follow that text you will turn out right in the end. I believe so many of you rest on because the Kingdom of God comes last, not first, with them. You can't tell what may happen before the morning. Christ would not even allow a man who followed Him to bury his dead father before he had obtained the Kingdom of God. I believe there are thousands and tens of thousands of young people who have written on the flyleaves of their Bibles by some loving father or mother the text I have quoted, from Matthew vi., 33."

"If Moses should suddenly appear here what do you suppose would be the first words he would say to you? If you asked him to come to the platform and take my place he would say: 'The choice is between life and death, Choose life.' If Hezekiah were to come here what would he say? I think he would ask you a long long halt ye between two opinions? If Solomon should appear he would say, 'Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' Suppose that little tent-maker, Paul of Tarsus, were here. He would shout, 'Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.' And if Jesus Christ were to appear among us He would say, 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.'"

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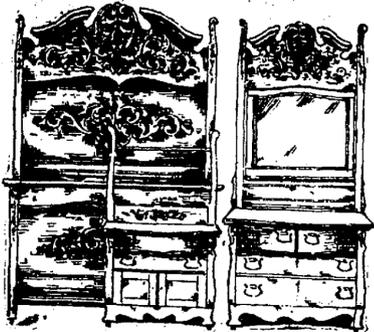
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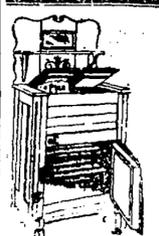
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