

Thoughts by the Way.

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ARNETT and VIGOROUS APPEAL AN AFRO-AMERICAN WOMAN.

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train of thought was started in a daily paper an ac- of two boys; one white, one d arrested, for shooting crap e streets. The white was sent eform school, the colored boy e. Just think of it! And yet ere the same age. It occur- ministers and prominent men agitating the question of a n school. I ask the question ood faith did your labors ut to anything? If not; why? e colored race is like one characters in Dicken's novel, e "waiting for something to p." We had better turn it hat should never be dropped e have a first-class reform- or colored boys in this state, t a prison in disguise, as all ch colored boys now are as- really are. For God's sake e spare time from your war- ous and theological discus- o help the mothers save the How often the cry goes out mother's heart filled with h, "Where shall I put my is companions are leading ray, but I can't send him he will be ill-treated." child led astray by others in jail or House of Correc- th hardened criminals to be d with shame for life? Of if all has been done that can e, all right. I do not think t has been made public. am "only a woman" some eale friends, perhaps even eacher, may say "That is e business women ought to o home." I will talk back e "You don't say that when t to help raise a collection. ou put us on the back and ood sisters." If you help e the boys we can work with eergy. Sisters, while they ing war let us battle for e and I think the "Prince e." will be more pleased tles taught "In His Name" Christ and The Church". e "Look up Lift up." e ever for the upbuilding of Kingdom,

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any demand, along the lines indicated, but we may never expect to get any considerable share in the distributions of life, without concerted action. The pocket book is the god of the tradesmen and he who helps to fill it may be assured of a practical smile. The same method would open banks, rail road positions; and in every way. You touch the manhood of one Jew and every Jew withholds his custom.—Philadelphia Tribune.

THE ARCHDEACON OF NORTH CAROLINA.

We present a "cut" of one of the prominent Episcopal clergymen of this country, the Rev. J.H. M. Pollard, Archdeacon of North Carolina. Archdeacon Pollard was recently appointed by the Bishop of North Carolina to this very important work. Under the Bishop, the Archdeacon has the supervision of all the missions and the missionary clergy in the work in the diocese of North Carolina. Archdeacon Pollard began prepar-



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ation for the ministry nearly 20 years ago under the Rev. Wm. Dame, D.D., now rector of an Episcopal Church in this city, but then rector of a church in Alexandria, Va. Mr. Pollard has held charges, in Alexandria, Petersburg, and Norfolk, Va., and the important parish of St. Mark's Charleston, S. C. He is also, at present, the Grand Chancellor of the Pythian Order in the United States. His headquarters are at Raleigh, N. C.

A. M. F. CONFERENCE.

The Annual Conference of the Baltimore Conference of the A. M. E. Church assembled in Cambridge last Wednesday, Bishop Handy, of this city, presiding. Rev. Dr. J. A. Johnson, of Washington, delivered the annual sermon. Rev. Drs. Jenifer, Norris, Beckett, Hurst, Collett, and Rev. Messrs. Martin and Grinnage of the clergy of this city were appointed on prominent committees.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Mr. Aquilla Tins read a paper at last Saturday's Literary, subject: "Is Wisdom alone, Sufficient in this Life, for man, without Education."

The Men's meeting next Sunday afternoon will be addressed by the General Secretary, Mr. W. T. Greenwood on "Rowdism in Baltimore."

The annual reports giving a synopsis of the work for the year have been printed and are being circulated.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Board of the Maryland Baptist and District Convention will meet at Enon church, Park avenue near Dolphin, next Tuesday May 10th.

The annual commencement of the St. Paul Normal and Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va., Archdeacon Jas. S. Russell, principal, will take place on the morning of June 1st. This school recently received a gift from "a friend" in New York, amounting to \$2,553.

Cheerfulness is an excellent wearing quality. It has been called the bright weather of the heart. —Samuel Smiles.

Race Doings.

BRIEF MENTION OF AFRO-AMERICAN NEWS FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS.

It is reported that Lieut. H. O. Flipper, an Afro-American, who graduated high in his class at West Point, and who served in the United States Army for fourteen years, is to be commissioned as Colonel of a regiment of colored troops in the present war.

Mrs. Laura Smith Haviland, one of the originators and prime movers in the great "Underground railroad," died recently at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dr. D. W. Ogden, a physician of Philadelphia, will go to Cuba on the regular staff the U. S. army surgeons.

Governor Black of New York, has appointed Charles W. Anderson to the position of supervisor of accounts of running races, under the McGraw bill, passed by the Legislature of 1893. The position pays a salary of \$2,500 a year, with \$500 for expenses. The term is for five years and the duties of the supervisor require him to inspect the books of racing associations to determine the annual State tax upon their receipts. Mr. Anderson has been chief clerk in the State Treasurer's office since 1893 and has acquired a high reputation as an effective campaign orator. Mr. Anderson is an Afro-American.

Mr. H. O. Tanner, the noted artist, son of Bishop Tanner of the A. M. E. Church, has just finished a picture entitled "The Annunciation." Paris critics say it excels the "Raising of Lazarus" and it is a wonderful picture.

Could not be a Traitor.

The Negro goes now to battle for its honor, and upon his return will find every avenue of decent and profitable work closed against him. He could not be a traitor, nor would he stoop to the little things that others do for pelf. He offers himself, with prejudice confronting him even in a soldier's uniform. When he returns he will find the anarchist, infidel, Jew, Italian, Russian, Pole, and hosts of unnaturalized foreigners working in the mills, the factories, foundries, the big stores and, in fact, in every vocation. He is not vindictive or bloodthirsty, as the millions of Southern homes attested during the war of the Rebellion. His patience and long suffering may look well in future histories, but a little leaven of justice at the present time is more to the point.—Philadelphia Tribune.

Trying to Get Away from Himself.

A Negro in Brooklyn paid a doctor \$5 to bleach him. He is now wanting to sue the same doctor for \$10,000 in damages. This is as is usually the case. Negroes who try to get away from themselves always get into trouble.—The Afro-American Presbyterian.

The Criminal Element.

The criminal element among us everywhere, although not five per cent of the population, perhaps, does more damage to the good name and reputation of the race than ninety-five per cent. who live soberly and obey the laws can afford.—New York Age.

FIFTY YEARS OLD.

Age is honorable, it matters not whether in an individual or in a church. Sharp Street church which is about the oldest colored church in the city is in about three or four years of its centennial. Bethel A. M. E. church is not very far behind, while St. James Episcopal church is nearing its diamond jubilee. And now Madison street Presbyterian church is about to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary of ecclesiastical life. It speaks well for us as a people that we are able to boast of such longevity with

respect to our churches, especially when it is remembered that emancipation is only removed a little over thirty years. At the morning service on Sunday next the Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Weaver, the late pastor will deliver the historical sermon which will be of unusual importance and value as it will chronicle many matter of historical interest and value. The musical program will be in-keeping with the occasion, and each night during the week there will be various festal attractions, Monday night to be occupied with the concert by Madam Selika.

REISTERTOWN.

Sunday was a day of much pleasure to the members and congregation of St. Luke's. At 11 a. m. the Rev. J. T. Moten preached an able sermon on Love. At night the Odd Fellows' were out in full regalia to have their annual sermon preached. A delegation was present from No. 1187 of Baltimore. The sermon was a clear, concise exposition of the duties of Odd Fellows' to God and each other. At the Epworth League Mr. Frank Nelson, President of Piney Grove League gave an excellent five minutes talk on Progress. Our organist Mrs. Henrietta Welsh was present for the first time after a severe illness.

CHURCH CLEAR OF DEBT.

Union Baptist Church Contributes One Hundred and Twelve Dollars.

The First Baptist Church of Mt. Washington, of which the Rev. Henry Sayles is the energetic and beloved pastor, has recently, succeeded in lifting entirely the debt which for some time has been upon their house of worship. So much gratified were the members of the congregation at this achievement, that the event was celebrated by a grand sacred concert on last Sunday night, and a jubilee and re-union on last Monday evening. Rev. Dr. Harvey Johnson and Rev. Jos. H. Mason were present and participated in the exercises. Union Baptist church, of this city, of which Rev. Dr. Harvey Johnson is donated \$112 towards the liquidation of the debt. The Union Baptist church is one of the most vigorous churches, in the city. There were large crowds in attendance each night, and the future prospects of the church in Mt. Washington is charmingly bright.

ROOTS AND HERBS.

Value of Nature's Remedies.

There is a medicinal value in the various remedies which nature supplies. Often it is the case that some old-fashioned home remedy secures more beneficial results to an afflicted person than many a scientific treatment. We live in an age of specialists. Men are making a specialty of various departments of affairs. And hence, the old gentleman who lives at 616 N. Eutaw street, familiarly known as "Dr." Kerr, although he claims not to be a physician, has made a special study of roots and herbs with respect to their value and use in the healing art, for more than fifty years. Living among the Indians, doing hospital work in two wars, the Mexican and the Civil, he has enjoyed rare opportunities for testing the accuracy of his discovered remedies. Thus, he advertises, most generously and freely in various newspapers, his ability in the use of herbs and roots to cure all the maladies known to human nature. The Old Indian Doctor is simply deluged with testimonials, from all sorts and conditions of humanity who have used with great relief and much benefit his root and herb medicines. The old gentleman is marvellously well-preserved, for although over 80 years old he is as spry and as active as a boy. With such pleasing and attractive manners one is not surprised that he has succeeded in selling his medicines and in making a great deal of money, which, however, he seems to spend, freely, in advertising and in charitable work.

Local Items.

DOINGS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR MANY BALTIMORE CITY READERS.

Messrs. J. H. H. Smith, N. Lewis and J. W. James, all Afro-Americans, were the cooks for the Fourth Regiment, recently, in camp, and they have been highly complimented on the very acceptable manner in which they performed their duty.

Rev. Alfred Young of Asbury M. E. Church preached at Bethel church last Sunday night. He took up a collection of \$36 for the pastor. Asbury choir accompanied their pastor.

Mr. Chester, the janitor of Clerk Livingston's coop, has recently had his salary raised by an increase of \$20 per month.

The Morning Star Baptist Church, Remington avenue, is conducting a very successful revival. Rev. Taylor Johnson is preaching every night. Rev. S. W. Ward of Enon church preached last Sunday morning, and the Rev. Geo. Moore, of Richmond preached in the afternoon. At night the Rev. Mr. Ward preached again. The meetings are well attended. The pastor of the church is the Rev. J. W. Williams.

The St. James' Literary was held Thursday evening. Rev. G. R. Waller, Trinity Baptist church, was the essayist, subject: "The Educated Afro-American, and his Responsibility." Select reading, Miss Gertrude Dobson; Piano solo, Margerie Hurst; Solo, Mr. George T. Simpson.

Mr. Walter Bright an old member of Asbury church was buried from that church on last Wednesday.

Mr. John W. Jones, Jr., has opened a barber shop at No. 437 North Eden street, near Jefferson, where he will be pleased to see his old friends and patrons. He will make a specialty of ladies' and children hair-cutting. adv.

The circus was in town on Wednesday last.

Last Sunday morning Rev. J. H. Reid pastor of Israel Baptist church preached a most helpful sermon on "The Beatitudes." In the afternoon at 3 o'clock was Covenant meeting, followed by Communion. Four new members were received into the church. The Prayer Meeting was led by Messrs Wm. Pollard, T. Smith, and John Taylor. Rev. M. A. Kyle preached at 8 p. m.

A council of recognition will assemble at the Rising Star Baptist church, cor. Penna. ave. and Franklin street, on the 15th of May for the purpose of recognizing it as a regular Baptist church. Mrs. E. Reynolds is the church clerk, and Rev. N. A. Mackay is the pastor of the congregation.

A GOOD PASTOR.

The members Grace Presbyterian church will celebrate the 7th anniversary of their pastor's connection with that church on next Monday evening by a musical and literary entertainment of an high order. It will be difficult to find throughout the city of Baltimore a more conscientious, God-fearing and faithful pastor than the Rev. E. F. Eccleston, the beloved pastor of the above church. Rev. Mr. Eccleston has been a positive factor for good and righteousness in our community ever since his advent here seven years ago. We extend our warm and sincere congratulations both to pastor and congregation and wish them, as they richly deserve, abundance of prosperity.

Bryan's Majorum Cream.

The Greatest Botanical Discovery of the present Century. It cures numerous ailments. It acts like magic to relieve and cure rheumatism, sore feet, chapped skin, back ache and most every ailment brought on by cold or irritation. Agents wanted to sell this wonderful remedy. 25 cents or 5 bottles for \$1.25. Apply to P. D. Blackwell, 208 Madison Street, Baltimore, Md.

ODD FELLOWS.

Last Sunday was a great day for the colored Odd Fellows of Baltimore. The customary day of thanksgiving was observed at Asbury M. E. church in the afternoon, the Pastor of the church, Rev. Alfred Young, preaching the sermon. Grand Master James F. Needham of Philadelphia was present and also made remarks. On Monday afternoon in the Lodge Room, with distinguished Odd Fellows and other representative men, a collation was tendered the visiting Grand Master. Speeches were made by Mr. John H. Murphy, Mr. Julian C. Johnson, and Councilman Harry S. Cummings. In response Grand Master Needham delivered a most beautiful and helpful address. During his stay in the city the Grand Master was the guest of Mr. Alexander Hemmley the prominent Odd Fellow and business man of 518 W. Biddle street.

A New Physician.

Dr. J. W. Prather, from Rock Hill, S. C., is the latest addition to the staff of colored doctors of Baltimore. Dr. Prather comes most highly recommended, with an experience of some 6 or 7 years' practice. He is a graduate from the collegiate department of Lincoln University, and a "M. D." of Howard University, Washington. He is affable and most pleasing in his manner, and we doubt not but that he will meet with success in the practice of his profession in Baltimore. He has located in E. Baltimore, at 1603 Millman street near Bond.

MT. HERMON LITERARY.

The Literary met as usual last Sunday and the following program was executed in good style. Solo, Mrs. Johnson; Recitation, Miss M. Smith; Solo, Miss Johnson; Address, Mr. J. A. Osborn; Declamation, Mr. Henson; Address Mr. Williams, of Towson; Solo, Mrs. Cora Savage. The subject discussed was, "Wisdom and its results." Many visitors were present. Madam Hill, returned from her visit to Frederick. Persons in the neighborhood who desire the LEDGER can be served by Mr. J. Pinokney, 923 Whatcoat street.

PRETTY AS A PICTURE.

Such is the scene of loveliness which presents itself as one is ushered into the establishment of Mr. George H. Siddons, the Myrtle avenue florist. All our people, churches, parties, and individuals who use flowers, in various designs, ought by all means place their orders into the hands of our genial and ever accommodating friend Siddons. Do you desire flowers for funerals, weddings and other occasions go to Siddons.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Amanda G. Stith, of Norfolk, Va., is in the city the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Bragg of McElderry street.

Mr. G. R. Wade a prominent citizen of Charles county was in the city this week. He subscribed for the LEDGER.

Grand Master J. F. Needham was in the city this week on business pertaining to the Odd Fellows.

Miss Sadie J. Bailey of E. Egget street and Mr. Joseph Bishop were married last Sunday afternoon by Rev. E. F. Grinage.

Miss Jeanette Hines of North Durham street, who has been quite sick is slowly improving.

Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Bright of 917 McDonough street are recovering from their late sickness.

A rich treat is in store for all who enjoy good singing. Read the advertisement of the "Grand Star Concert" to be given on Monday evening at Sharp St. church. Gen. Latrobe and Mayor Malster are booked to be present.

A very attractive entertainment and concert will be given on next Wednesday and Thursday evening at Israel Baptist Church, Mullica Ann street. It will be grand.

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THE MERIT SYSTEM.

Elsewhere will be seen an article containing the views of Supt. Wise with respect to public education. We are most heartily in favor of the Merit System. The colored people of Baltimore have been and are contending for colored teachers for all our colored schools. But we desire it to be distinctly understood by our Anglo-Saxon friends, that this contention is absolutely in perfect harmony with the merit system. Negroes believe in merit, for they can only hope to win through such an honorable course. Let the tests for white and colored be absolutely fair and impartial, and employ no

one who does not demonstrate his fitness through a satisfactory competitive examination. One of the worst injuries that can befall any race is the employment of incompetent teachers. It makes no difference whether they are white or colored. We pity the poor Negro who is incapable of seeing that the field of opportunity and distinction, for him, lies in the merit system. We need more men and women like Prof. Lockerman and Miss Fannie Barber, to enter into competitive examination and come out of it with credit and honor to themselves, and to the race with which they are identified, attaining such high average and evincing such unusual powers of mind as call forth the unstinted gratification of Anglo-Saxon examiners. We need educated men and women in the highest, noblest and best sense of the word, with all that it implies. Let us have the merit system. Under it the Negro will have a chance, and he will not be slow to use it, to vindicate the capability and strength of his intellectual faculties. No one need fear, the Negro will hold his own.

OUR VICTORY.

The victory on the first of May by our Fleet commanded by the courageous Commodore Dewey in the attack of Manila was a glorious one. The Spanish fleet was completely annihilated, and since then the American forces have taken charge of the Island. It was indeed a superior piece of naval skill and ingenuity. Victory sought to nerve us so much the more for a complete vindication of the laudable effort to secure, both in Cuba and in Manila, a good and orderly government by the people. That all the various things pertaining to the well-being of these islands may be so ordered and set upon the best and surest foundations that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established

among them for all generations. It is a victory of righteousness over intrigue, oppression and cruel barbarism. American civilization must always stand for the best in government as well as in religion.

THE LABOR QUESTION.

The Hon. John S. Durham, ex-Minister to Hayti, and one of the most brilliant of Afro-American writers has a timely article in a late issue of the New York Age with regard to the practical duty of the race in connection with the industrial question. Mr. Durham has for years, given much thought and study to this question and his conclusions are worthy of the most serious consideration upon the part of all Afro-Americans who would assist in removing the adverse conditions which militate against our advance in industrial pursuits. The entire article is good but our space forbids an extended extract.

In speaking of the lessons drawn from the late occurrence at Lattimer, Pa., Mr. Durham says: "For fifteen years past, I have been telling this one story, and Lattimer indicates more clearly our line of action than any individual can possibly do. It tells us to stop this eternal nagging at white people as individuals and direct that energy toward attacking conditions. It tells us to stop begging the white people for money and to use our influence in securing work. It tells us to stop talking about 'the poor Negro' and to make the appeal for work as thoughtful American citizens. No opportunity should be allowed to pass to bring this matter to the attention of every employer of labor with whom we come in contact, not as appeals for charity from a charity seeking class, but as citizens who should have the same opportunity as other citizens to rise by ability and application and to fall by lack of them. That we should organize for quiet propaganda, and spend our money to support such an organization is not yet understood thoroughly by our people; but the public schools and the American training of our boys and girls will make us see it before long.

Such an organization should answer every 'want' advertisement in its local papers, asking the employer whether he will consider the application of a colored man to be his clerk or salesman or mechanic. At every strike the matter should be brought to the attention of them employing corporation. The labor organizations should be asked to discuss the matter with the representatives of the organization. Such an organization cannot be run without money and brains. Talk will not do it alone."

True enough "talk will not do it alone." Neither can we hope for much success from such an organization securing five and ten cent contributions for such a most worthy object. What is needed, is for the colored men in every community who have been signally blessed financially, above their fellows, to organize themselves into such associations, and from their own means subscribe most liberally to such a fund. This being done, the smaller contributions from the masses could be advantageously used in supplementing an already respectable fund.

Our white friends, among themselves, are continually subscribing to this and to that fund for the public good, and it is very discouraging indeed to witness the absolute want of interest and enthusiasm upon the part of our more substantial colored men with respect to the removing of the barriers which obstruct the progress of the race. Such work as Mr. Durham intimates calls for large-heartedness and greatest generosity upon the part of Afro-Americans of means.

Charlotte, N. C., is a very small place as compared with the great City of Baltimore with its more than eighty thousand colored population alone. And yet, while we haven't a single drug-store in this city operated by colored men, the little town of Charlotte furnishes support for two well equipped and up-to-date establishments of that kind. There are so many regularly practicing physicians in the State of North Carolina that they

have a State Medical Association which has just met in annual session in the above city. We are always glad to chronicle such objective evidences of the progress of our people in the far South. We in Baltimore ought not to be ashamed to catch inspiration and strength from the good and successful work of our brethren elsewhere. Even in business and professional lines, actions speak louder than words.

THE KIND OF MEN WE NEED.

The Hon. I. C. Wears in speaking at Bethel church, Philadelphia recently, at the public Memorial meeting held in honor of the late Andrew F. Stevens, said:

"Andrew F. Stevens as he grew older and became more completely surrounded with a comfortable sufficiency of this world's goods, became still more approachable, and those who needed him either in business or in benevolence found in him none of that repelled taciturnity which small-minded men who are successful in life often assume."

The editor of the LEDGER enjoyed a personal acquaintance with the deceased and he can bear witness to the absolute accuracy of what Mr. Wears has so pointedly and timely said. True greatness is noted for its extreme simplicity. The nobility of a man's nature is vindicated by such a mastering of himself as will dispose him to live not for himself alone, but for others in the very best and truest sense.

COLORED SOLDIERS.

The poor Negro, whether in peace or in war, is continually hounded by his persecutors. The Commercial Appeal of Memphis is in tears because Negroes are to have a prominent place in the present war, in fighting for their country. After speaking of the adaptability of Negro soldiers for the tropical climate of Cuba, our contemporary observes:

"This seems to have given the colored soldier rather an exalted opinion of himself as he has grown impudent and tyrannical in his dealings with white men. The fear is expressed that if any great number of the negroes are put into the army as soldiers it will have a demoralizing effect on them when they return, and that there will be no getting along with them. No doubt when they come back from fighting the battles of the country they will have much to say favorable to themselves and they will be more or less disposed to arrogance, but they will be cured of this ere long by the introduction of summary disciplinary methods, such as were found necessary after the war. The colored soldier must not permit himself to be betrayed into the assumption that he has changed or benefitted his social condition by wearing a blue coat and carrying a gun. If he forgets himself he will be reminded of his delinquency in a convincing manner."

Of course no one is surprised at such utterances from our moss-back bourbon contemporary from way-back. As long as the Negro continues to personate the "Sambo," "Pompey" and "Dinahs" of a half-century ago he is a "good Negro," but the moment, education, culture, refinement, and money operate upon him just like these forces operate upon men of other race varieties, he is put down as an "upstart" or a dangerous fellow that must be humiliated and held down by "summary disciplinary methods," such as lynching, assassinations, mob violence, and the like. He is punished for following the inevitable trend of a cultured and refined gentility. It is a great satisfaction to know that the Negro hating element, whether North or South, must, willingly or unwillingly, surrender themselves to the grave. When such men are dead and forgotten the Negro as a redeemed, elevated and uplifted race will perennially shine in the hearts and affections of the perfected type of true Americans of the future.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

What the Superintendent Mr. Wise has to say on the subject.

Superintendent Wise said recently that he considered the adoption of the merit system, such as provided for in the new charter, the only salvation there is no positive assurance that a teacher assigned to any position is competent to fill such a position. He said that the greatest trouble is in the promotion of teachers. Here, at least, the fitness of the teacher for the new post should be determined by a competitive examination.

A great deal of annoyance is caused by the present lack of enforcement of civil service rules. The pupils of the schools concerned, as well as deserving teachers, are made to suffer. Superintendent Wise says that great trouble is occasioned by the taking into the city of the teachers in the Annex, and their promotion afterward without the formality of an examination.

He called attention to one instance where a teacher was promoted to the principalship of a grammar school. The promotion was made by a local committee. The teacher had had twenty years' experience in teaching, but it had all been spent in primary schools. When he came to take up the work of the grammar school grade he showed himself to be incompetent. Instead of teaching the pupils elementary reading and spelling, as he had been accustomed to do, he was obliged then to teach arithmetic, geography, algebra and geometry. The requirements were entirely outside the sphere of his earlier work. His reports showed him thoroughly incompetent. Not only were mistakes made, but he actually misspelled simple words and showed ignorance of grammatical construction. He had been promoted over the heads of competent teachers. Under a system of promotion by competitive examination this could not have occurred.

Another case in point was where a teacher had taken a school when it was of primary grade, and it had grown into a grammar school. He was made principal while being utterly unfit for the duties of the position. The superintendent, in visiting the school, had seen him listen to recitations in mathematics. The demonstrations were learned by rote, and the teacher followed the text in the book. If the recitation corresponded in words with the text, no attempt was made to ascertain whether it was made understandingly. The teacher was incapable of finding out a proposition in geometry was so misstated by a pupil as to mean nothing, still the teacher, in his ignorance, accepted it, and marked the recitation as perfect, because in connection with it the pupil recited what was contained in the text.

Superintendent Wise says that this is a very serious problem in the handling of the schools. Incompetent teachers make ignorant pupils. The people do not get what they pay for. Their money is spent on the schools to no avail. The duty to the children is entirely overlooked. Superintendent Wise says that it would be entirely practicable to introduce the merit system into the schools at once.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

10th. Anniversary of Israel Baptist Church, Mullikin near Ann street. Preaching 11 a. m. Anniversary sermon by the Pastor 2 p. m. Sunday school with anniversary services begins at 2:30. Opening address O. L. Donnell, subject: "What Has Christianity Done for us." Address by John E. Green. 3:30 a sermon by Rev. J. H. Lindsay; 8 p. m. Preaching by stranger. J. H. Reid, Pastor.

Peter Ailor, Supt.
Enon Baptist church, Park avenue—Sunday school at 9 o'clock a. m. Preaching 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Preaching at 7 p. m.; Preaching Wednesdays and Fridays 7 p. m.
Rev. Jones Watkins, Pastor.
Mt. Zion Baptist church, Waverly—Preaching at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Preaching at 7 p. m.
Union Meeting will take place at this church on the 3d Sunday in May. All welcome.

Rev. Reuben Parker, Pastor.
Ebenezer Baptist Church, 23 street, Morning service 11 a. m. Sunday school 2 p. m.; Young People's Union 4 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. by the Pastor.
Rev. J. W. Jones, 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. J. F. Waters, Supt.
Rev. JOHN HURST, Pastor.
Morning Star Baptist Church—Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School 8 p. m.
Rev. J. W. Williams, Pastor.

Notice: Grand Concert and EXHIBITION AT Israel Baptist Church, Mullikin near Ann Street, Wednesday and Thursday evening MAY 11th and 12th, under the auspices of Mrs. Mary E. Reid. Five prizes will be given to those selling the largest number of tickets. ADMISSION 10 CTS.
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Pastoral Reception

Seventh Anniversary of our Pastor. Grace Presbyterian Church cordially invite the public to the Seventh Anniversary of their beloved pastor, Rev. E. F. Eggleston, who will take place MONDAY MAY 9, at the church, S. W. cor. Dolphin and Eiting streets. A full Literary and Musical program. Admission 25 cents. Refreshments free. Mrs. C. F. Johnson, Pres.; Miss Bessie Lee, Sec.; Miss Bell Woodland, Treas.
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The negro has no warmer friend on earth than the Southern white man, that is a "true blooded" Southerner. The Northern white press, with a number of howling negroes, have at times spoken in vigorous terms of the so-called abuses of the negro freedmen in the South. This was partly because they knew nothing of the real situation, and partly because they were misinformed. As to certain social privileges, which the negro cannot enjoy with white men in the South that he may enjoy in the North, there is but one conclusion to be reached by the conservative and impartial onlooker, viz: We must admit that the condition of slavery is one which, to a great extent, is fraught with ignorance and superstition; and consequently an inferior moral and social status. We do not presume to say that the freedman is responsible for this state of things, nor does any sensible white Southerner think so, but the distinction is made, we believe, for the benefit of the ex-slave and ex-master. Then, the same line of distinction that is drawn by the Southern white man is also drawn by the more enlightened class of negroes. A distinction which is not only necessary but perfectly natural—a matter of moral duty.—Golden Epoch.

A Much Better Policy.
The eat and be merry, for tomorrow you may die policy of the Negro is rapidly being superseded by a policy of frugality, industry and economy. The race is learning more and more the important lesson of saving as well as earning the mighty dollar. It is what a man saves rather than what he earns that will insure him against a "rainy day" or make him a force and factor in civilization. As the Negro takes care of his money and purchases for himself and family a place which he may call home, he will be doing that which will make him a better and more permanent citizen of the State, county and city in which he resides. And, everything else being equal, he will be in a better condition to withstand legislative enactments that aim to abridge his rights as a citizen of this Government.—Christian Index.

Our Lack of Confidence.
Speaking of "condition and color" brings to our mind sad cases of lack of race pride and enterprise on our own part. We know of many, many business enterprises that have been launched by colored men in this community that failed purely because we would not or did not support them. We know that many colored men will loan money or invest money with the most ordinary white men that would not consider such propositions from worthy, ambitious and intelligent men of their own race. This lack of confidence must be broken down before any material advancement can be made.—Exchange.

Improve Opportunities.
Go right down to work like white people—build saw mills, saw and plane lumber, ship over the State to Negro lumber firms, build gas, saw and grist mills at all suitable points, establish all sorts of business houses, operate brick yards, train your sons and daughters in the trades and industrial callings so as to supply our many needs in all lines and furnish employment to our sons and daughters in the higher walks. Our industrial condition is now such that no one disputes that we are more profitable to the whites now than when we were their slaves. They have in their charge all of our source of supplies, and they obtain all we make.

An Important Work.
There can be no question that the clergy should do more in the race. This class constitute a serious menace to the race. Ignorant, idle and vicious, many are given over to evil doings. It is understood that the avenues leading to better conditions for these boys are few, but it is also true that thousands are not doing what they might in this direction.—Afro-American Presbyterian.

The Youngest Pharmacist.
Randolph Modster, a young man of San Antonio, Texas, recently passed a very creditable examination before county board of medical examiners as a pharmacist. Mr. Modster is the youngest colored man in the United States to secure such a certificate without a course in some pharmaceutical college.—The Elevator.

Protective League.
Oklahoma territory is said to have a protective league of colored men, which has a membership of 600,000. That's more colored men than most people thought there were in the territory.—The Republican.

Race Notes.
Thomas Boniar, a colored man of South Carolina, has built more cotton mills than any contractor in the South. Every industry operated by Negroes is a link in the chain of financial progress. The time has long since passed when we must pose as objects of special charity.—The Daily Record.

W. Ramsey, a colored lawyer, not 30 years of age, of Stafford county, Ga., has an annual practice of over \$1,000. He was appointed Public Administrator recently.—The American.

Never think that hard work will cure your boy. It will simply give him a chance to develop his muscle and the same time make him independent.

Mrs. V. E. Bahú, a colored lady, has been appointed postmistress at Madisville, La. She was strongly endorsed by the Democratic Congress of that district.—The Republican.

People and people who take no pride in the world of books are apt to gossip about their neighbors. Some gossips a gossip as one that does not have his own business because he has no business and no mind.—Afro-American Presbyterian.

W. B. Derriek, P. D., and W. F. Rose says the colored American during the late session of the A. C. Conference at Berkeley, Miss., was highly entertained by Mrs. (white) a very wealthy lady of the South.—The Appeal.

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thousand dollars to leave the state because I cured diseases that the most noted doctors and physicians failed to give any relief whatever.

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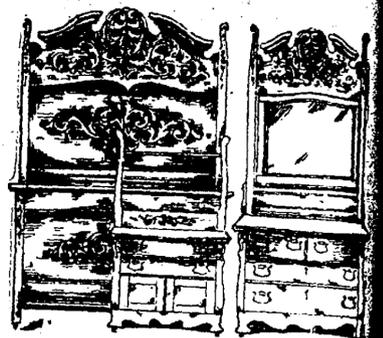
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