Midnight's Musing.

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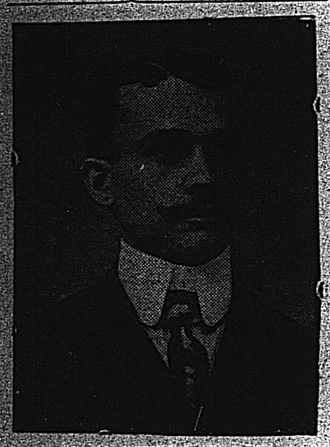
man of ability. From this marriage two daughters and one son have been ushered into the world and they are doing well.

I think we are proud of the fact that there is a man of our race in this country who owns a park and it is paid for too. He is a plain looking man, born before there was any color or beauty in the world. He is of a lilly black, simon pure, and a hustler.

The Association has in it many big men, and in this will be found some prominent men, I am here to tell you. Rev. R. C. Morris, Rev W. R. Tolliver, Rev. C. B. Brown, Rev. R. E. Bryant and many others. I want to mention that Rev. C. B. Brown is one of the most successful cotton growers in this country. He is a strong man and a man of rare ability. I wish that I could let you see him; but it is not possible this week. He has been the moderator of the Association for a long time, while Rev. R. E. Bryant a successful farmer



MR. EUGENE P. BOOZE.
Of Clarksdale, Miss.

presided over the Sunday School convention, and he made a good presiding officer. I would that I had time to tell you many things about this meeting, but I have not and will not. The people had a big time and a big time had the people. Old and young, high and low, rich and poor all seemed to be enjoying life. I don't know as I have ever seen so many cooked chickens, pigs, cows, sheep and everything else.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist convention was on hand and made a telling speech. Prof. Joseph A. Booker president of the Arkansas Baptist college was also to be found on hand, and since I have mentioned him I want to extend him congratulations for training Rev. Robert M. Cover a young man who is making his way to the front and who will be heard from in this world. Cover made a speech during the convention and association. I am not well as I write to you this week so you will pardon me for making these few scattering remarks.

J. O. MIDNIGHT.

WINCHESTER HAPPENINGS.

Injured Man Improving—Local Paper Quotes From Afro-American Ledger—Social Notes—Notes.—Church Happenings.

Winchester, Va., Aug. 6.—The concert given at the M. E. church last Wednesday was a decided success. All the numbers were well received, but Miss A. Vivian Hall was the centre of attraction for whom we predict a glorious future.

Mrs. Fitzgerald has returned home from New York City. Mrs. Sallie Hopewell of Martinsburg; Messrs. Jno. Curry, of Martinsburg and Thos. Gaskins of Providence, R. I., are here on a visit.

Messrs. John Ransom, of Boston, Edward Breckinbridge, of Philadelphia, and Abraham Hogans, of Martinsburg, who were visiting here have returned to their respective homes.

Misses Laura Dyson and Estella Brown school teachers of Washington, D. C., paid a visit to the Misses Micheels on Braddock street.

Mr. Walter Montgomery has gone to Front Royal as chef. Messrs. William L. Bragg and Wayman Strange have gone to Clarksburg, W. Va., and Capon Springs, respectively for the summer. Quite a number of our people went to Connellsville last Sunday.

The News-Leas quoted very extensively from the issue of Saturday week but there were a few things it left out. Then there has been no reply from any persons mentioned.

Peterson is improving. Boxwell is still working at the Sumac Mills.

HIS TEAM RAN AWAY

His Head Cut to Pieces by the Binder he Was Riding

Smith's Grove, Ky., Aug. 1—While cutting oats with a binder for C. O. Spillman at Smoyside, the team, driven by Richard White, colored, ran away, throwing the driver from his seat and in front of the binder. He rolled with the machine forty yards, and when found was literally cut to pieces and dead.

AGED MINISTER DEAD

Was Member of Conference For Many Years—Was on the Supernumerary List and Well-known in Baltimore.

Wilmington, Del., July 31.—Rev. Michael F. Sluby, an aged minister of the A. M. E. church, and attached to the Philadelphia conference in the character of a superanuated minister, died at his home in this city, Saturday last. His funeral took place from Bethel A. M. E. church, Rev. at W. Thornton officiating. Rev. Sluby was among the oldest living ministers, and served in the Baltimore Conference for many years, and was at one time well known in that city.

Advertising Pays.

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Albany, Ga., Aug. 4.—The first bale of the new cotton crop of Georgia to be marketed here was sold yesterday by Deal Johnson, a Negro farmer, for 15 cents a pound. The bale weighed 368 pounds. It was shipped to Savannah, Ga.

WILL RUN SPECIAL TRAIN.

The Colored Men's Business Association of Boston, have arranged through the Seaboard Air Line Railway, to run a private excursion party over the New York, New Haven, Hartford, Pennsylvania and Seaboard Air Line Railways to Nashville Tenn., on account of the meeting of the Fourth Annual Session of the National Negro Business League, August, 19-20-21, 1903. Tickets are on sale at the different offices of the railways mentioned above.

The train will leave Boston Sunday, August 16th, at 3 P. M. The train will run through New York City to Jersey City, Philadelphia and Baltimore Union Station, leaving Baltimore, Monday 9.29 A. M. The train will then run through Washington, Richmond, Atlanta, Chattanooga and other points until Nashville is reached. The train will be equipped with Pullman Sleepers and a Pullman Buffet Car. The train will arrive in Nashville, Tuesday 6.55 P. M. Returning, stop over priveliges will be allowed at any point, also at Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina Virginia, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. Side trip to Tuskegee will be arranged for $4.85, round trip.

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GHOST LEFT HIS MARK.

Gave Lasting Proof of His Visit to His Cousin.

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Whereupon he twisted the curtains of her bed through a ring in the ceiling, placed his hand on her carved satinwood bureau, where the ominous mark of his five fingers remained, and finally touched her wrist, which shrank and withered beneath his pressure.

Then he foretold many family events (which, of course, all came true), and vanished. From that hour until the day of her death the lady's wrist was never beheld by mortal eye. When she died the grim mark was seen, eaten deep into the delicate flesh.

Lady Betty was a famous compounder of "simples"—which, indeed, were very far from being simples—and a chilblain-plaster made from her recipe is still sold in the west of England.

She used to tell with glee how she once met a man who saluted her effusively, whereupon she asked his name. "Ah, then, my lady, you don't remember me? I'm the husband of the woman your ladyship brewed the medicine for; she took it, but she died the next day. Long life to your ladyship!"

What Constitutes a Family.

The question as to what constitutes a "family" is often up before the rail road officials. Some railroads are quite liberal in their definitions. The Pennsylvania Railroad company's definition in regard to a pass bearing a man's name and family is that it is only good for himself and members of his family who rely upon him for support.

Some of the European roads are more liberal. J. B. Hutchinson of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, who has just returned from a trip abroad said: "I was struck with the liberal definition of what a pass bearing one's name and family is good for on the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean railroad." He had copied the instructions bearing on this subject. They were as follows: "A pass for one and family is good for father, mother, children, grandfather, grandmother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece and servants attached to the family."

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