Midnight's Musing.

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Mary Montgomery, who is a graduate from the schools of Vicksburg and who got a thorough training while she was at it. Now this young woman stands in charge of the office and is doing excellent work.

In spite of all that Mr. Turner has said there are many young women of the race who are doing something. As long as I am in this world, I intend to have a word to say about our girls who are making it in a world like this, and I will occasionally get permission from Mr. William Turner to do so as he is the great reformer and crank of Memphis.

Now I am moving to the place where I must bring these few rambling remarks to a close with a hope of hearing from you again. Next week I am going to attend the Negro National Business League in Nashville, Tenn., and will start from there to Clarksville, Tex., to visit a District Conference and will spend a day or two with Rev. J. R. Bennett and then on to Philadelphia. Take good care of yourself and let me have a line or two from you.

J. O. MIDNIGHT.

NEGROES OWN MUCH LAND

Austin, Tex., August 12—There are 3000 Negro farmers members of the Farmers' Improvement Society of Texas, and they own over 50,00 acres of land, an average of over 16 acres each. They are considered among the best citizens of the state.

WINCHESTER PICKINGS.

Receptions and Social Events—Dog Tries to Stop an Automobile—Justice as it is Administered in Winchester.

Winchester, Va., August 14—Mr. Reuben Moss the popular headwaiter at Hotel Evans, took 14 men to Jordan's White Salphur Springs to wait at the Governor's banquet,

Mr. William Curry has gone to Baltimore, where he will reside in the future. Mr. Zachariah Beamer wears a smile that won't come off. It is a boy.

Misses Edith Ransay, Mamie Washington and Mr. Danfield Morris gave a delightful reception at the latter's residence in honor of the Misses Lockley. Over thirty guest were present.

Mr. John Morris went to Martinsburg last week on business.

A delightful social was held at the residence of Miss Winnifred Ransom, Amherst street on last Tuesday night.

A dog belonging to Mrs. Geo. Gilbert tried to stop an automobile by biting at the wheels. He did'nt stop it, though said.

Boxwell was tried last week and was released. Peterson and Boxwell went out and took a drink together. Peterson is just that stupid, but some of our people here would not nave forgiven him. R. E. Byrd was Boxwell's attorney. Byrd is the man against whom the Police Justice refused to issue a warrant for, whe he struck a blind colored man. Bitter feeling exists here over these two occurrences.

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connivance and encouragement, we shall assuredly suffer later on because of what we had done. The cornerstone of this Republic, as of all free governments, is respect for and obedience to the law. Where we permit the law to be defied, or evaded, whether by rich or poor man, by black men or white, we are by just so much weakening the bonds of our civilization and increasing the chances of its overthrow, and of the substitution therefor of a system in which there shall be violent alterations of anarchy and tyranny. Sincerely yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

AT THE OLD STAND

"The Devil is never idle. Sometimes he labors quietly and toys subtly with the moral instincts, raising doubts about the lines between right and wrong. At other times he takes the moral sense squarely in the face. Race riots in Indiana, like their prede-cessors, may find scattered apologists. Some innocent souls may imagine that when two gangs of opposite color go gunning for each other the fun can be traced to moral feeling instead of to that love of adventure, and especially of hunting, which, even in civilized man, lies so near the surface. When, however, we get such a neat example of undoubted evil as the Alabama slavery cases, no voice is raised in sophistry. The Negroes are enslaved by trickery and collusion with the guardians of the law, because it is cheaper to enslave them than to pay them wages, even though it be necessary to allow the judge a "rake-off." The object of the employers is a reasonable one—increased economy in production—but the means employed have not been approved by public sentiment in Alabama; and they would not have been approved in Massachusetts. Seriously, there is much that is encouraging in these peonage convictions. A Southern judge and Southern lawyers have done the purifying work, and the unwillinguess of the offenders to face a Southern jury is a pleasant symptom. Taking the form of slavery, also, this scattered and sporadic oppression recalls the great legalized disease which flourished half a century ago, and shows us how genuinely conditions have improved, especially for the white man. One Negro woman beaten to death now by a brutal overseer, is like a faint afterraste of the irresponsible power which once brutalized Southern whites. Moral progress everywhere is slow, but nowhere, we believe, does it more surely exist than in the South. There, however, as elsewhere, the Prince of Darkness continues to do business, and occasionally makes the tactical mistake of producing a form of sin which unites the moral opposition. —Collier's Weekly.

Rev. WILLIAM AVANT.—During the absence of the Rev. Dr. Bragg, rector of St. James P. E. Church, Park Ave. and Preston St., the Rev. William G. Avant of New Berne, N. C., will conduct the services and occupy the pulpit in his stead. Mr. Avant besides being the rector of the Episcopal Church in that city, is also principal of the Colored Public school and Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Masons. He is a man of good presence and a most excellent speaker.

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, Chatnooga 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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"'Here!' says a big feller, on the sidewalk to me. 'What you tryin' to do there?'

"'Tryin' to stop 'em,' I says.

"'Well, you trot along now, and let 'em fight,' says this man stepping down to the street, where the boys was, and giving me a little push on the shoulder; and I pushed him back, and he hit out at me, and the next minute him and me was havin' it there in the street in great shape, hammer and tongs; and the crowd wasn't just standing along on the curb now, but surrounding us in a ring, and we goin' it biff-bang all the time.

"The two boys, of course, stopped fightin' the minute we got at it, and the littlest one says to me:

"'Go it! Skeesicks! Go it!' and seemed to be more delighted over it all than anybody. And we went it all right to a finish."

"Did you lick him, Uncle Hiram?" asked the lusty young nephew to whom the old gentleman had told this story.

"We'ell," said Uncle Hiram, "that's hardly for me to say; but that fight taught me one lesson, that the old Adam is lurkin' in us all. We air, all of us, anytime, liable to lose our temper; and we want to be always watching out."

Eminent Negroes to Present Case.

The most eminent citizens of the United States of negro blood will address the country in a book to be published in September entitled "The Negro Problem." The race question will be discussed by Booker T. Washington, Prof. W. E. Burghardt Dubois, Charles W. Chestnutt, Paul Laurence Dunbar, T. Thomas Fortune, Wilford H. Smith and H. T. Keating.

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