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MIDNIGHT'S

ENCES WITH BISHOP TYREE AND ENJOYED THEM.

Man — Tells About How Younger Days When The Folk Went From Plantation Plantation Calling Out "Chrismas Gift'-Comes Across'A Race Problem.

Smithville, Texas.—It has been sever. the whole race. I wish that I had time 14.—Hon. William H. Fleming, Aual weeks since I have started my letter to enter into details. on time, and it is all because I have I have not told you about Mrs. L. been so very busy. I have not had time | Kerr, because I have not met here beto do what I desire to do. but then I will fore. She teaches in Bastrop, Tex, and Chronicle of a recent date. I thank you do the test I can and nope that it will I am told that she ranks among the best suit you as well. I am kept busy now, teachers in the country. It is indeed and I beg to say that your views in but then you will pardon me, and let me pleasant to meet such women of our respect to the race and suffrage quesdo my duty until I am through.

Bishop Tyree, and while I have not had lovely home right in the town that I'll them Von spacetion homes about the statutes. much to say about the work, I am sure levely home right in the town that I'll them. Your suggestion, however, about the same. you will enjoy what I have to say this tell you about another time. time and you will now pray and listen It is indeed inspiring to meet men and uutil I get through.

The first conference I attended was thing. In this connection I would menheld in Oklahoma, I. T., and it was in- tion Henry Neely, who sells wood here. deed a fine conference and much was He has a fine home and plenty of childone there for all of our paople. I am dren in it. I admire him because he not able to tell you all that was said and | sees to it that his children are kept in done by this wonderful man, but it was school every day. They are kept busy the first snow that I saw and the only getting education and be keeps his wife one I have seen up to this time. I told at home to look after the children. you about the one held in Guthrie, and The colored people are trying to do

then I jumped around. You will read this as your Christmas proud to see them trying to do someletter. It takes me bick to the days thing. They have a grocery or two and when us young children used to hang up other business places. Time will not our stockings and in the morning find permit me to write a longer letter. them stuffed with good things, caudy, Did I tell you that Mrs. Collett and app'ees, and the like, and I tell you we Mrs. Tyree named the typewriter which would enjoy these good things. They was given to Bishop Tyree. Mrs. Tyree were happy days. Just before Christ. | named it "Texas" and Mrs. Colletcham. mas we boys would save our money to ed it "Advance" hence it is named have something for Christmas.

ed every year by some of my friends. | you. The office force has remembered me, my private secretary has remembered me, and even the editor has had a kind word to say to me. I am well and I am happy today, and as you eat your Christ

Frankfort, Ky. The year is about to close, and we will all close it as happy can be. I have been serving the Lord and expect to continue to do so. I look back over many were unable to have any services at happy days spent during the past year. Wards Memorial church, Sunday. I have met many prosperous people, and Mr. Ben Mullen, of Jones M. E. as I close this year, I feel that I am near | church and who was one of the best ing my grave. Well I want all to look workers, is dead. He departed this life God to continue to bless me.

ed in this world, and all because he has Brooks, expastor. leading stable in Hearne. He owns the family. many horses, cows, buggies, hacks and houses and lots. I tell you he is a man well fixed. He operates a feed store also He found his way to Texas 28 years ago and has a wife and grand daughter to add to she happiness of his home.

Rt. Rev. Evans Tyree and as I write bridge and other Massachusetts towns this letter today. I am here attending last week. The Democrats won here, the closing of his conference. He has while in Cambridge the non-partisan made a fine impression here on the peo- ticket, Wm. A. Hazel, colored, was ple, and they all seem to love him. As elected to the Cambridge common counthe is a great teacher of the people and a cil and Emory T. Morris was probably leader of men. Put it down that I told elected alderman in Cambridge. you Bishop Tyree is a great man. The ministers of the conference showed what they thought of him in part by presenting him with a No. 6 Remington typewriter just from the factory, and Davis, a young colored man, of Girard, a fine leather case, all costing \$107.50, Ala., while out hunting yesterday afterand the men raised the money. Time will not permit me to tell you all that noon, received a load of bird shot in his I would like to know about this, yet I side from his gun, from which death ream going to tell you as much as I think sulted last night. He was climbing to the white man. you should know about it.

Texas conference which is the largest in the state, and which is attended by many men. Dr. Taylor is a man of abil. ity, and if you will remember that he held the position of editor of the Southeru Christian Recorder for 4 years, and retired to the pastorate last May. He made a good business manager and edi-HAS ATTENDED SIX CONFER. tor, but his health was about to fail him Well he is doing good work. You know Dr. Taylor is a good preacher, and knows how to pastor. This is much of the battle.

This is a little town, but I tell you it is a blessed town. Prof. Wm. Anderson is principal of the colored school Thinks Bishop Tyree A Great here. He is a man who has prepared The Negro Should Not Be Alhimself in Paul Quinn college after get-He ting the free education in the public school and since then he has taken bis His place in this world among men. He is doing good work here and has the love and respect of the people. He makes a good first-class teacher. I admire anoth-Toter quality, and that is he has a good wife, who will make for him many triends. They are as happy as can be, and seem to be enjoying life, getting so much out of it. Mrs. Lulu Jackson is the assistant

teacher, and she is also a graduate from Nunber Of l'eople In The Paul Quinn College This educated young woman is working hard to start Great State of Texas Who Are the young boys and girls of her race along the right think-track. I have Holding Up Their End Of The seen people down here who are indeed educated, so much so that you can see it pulling out of their heads. They are letting it out to others and it is helping ington. - Washington, D C., December

women of my race who are doing some-

something for themselves, and I was

"Texas Advance." It is to write the Early in the morning we wo ld start appointments for the next three years, ont from plantation to plantation, and then to write to the ministers. "Christmas gift." we would cry out, and Bishop Tyree will use it all the time. it all meant something, sometimes an I have been to see my private secreorange a little candy or a piece of cake, tary, and I have visited the deaf, dumb with "God bless you." Some of the and blind institute, at Austin, and I am older people would get drunk as they do here to tell you that they have many now, but us children had fun The students and are doing well. I will Ohristmas times meant so much to us write about Sam Huston college and then, and they mean something now, other institutions at another time. I am We would get presents and we would inclined to think that I ought to pay my give presents. The people keep up this respects to Prof. M. W. Dogan, but will custom today. I have been remember- refrain from doing so now. God bless J. O. MIDNIGHT.

BENNINGS HAPPENINGS.

dinner I will also eat mine in Snow Storm Prevents Church Attendanee Church Worker Dead,

> (Special to The Afro-American Ledger.) Bennings, D. C., December 20.—Owing to the snow storm on Saturday we

back over a well-spent year, and ask Wednesday, Dec. 14, and leaves a wife, While in Hearne, Texas, I had the pleasure of meeting a man who is bless—His funeral was preached by Rev. Thos.

We are all getting ready for Xmas.

Mis. Annie Miller is ill at her home.

ELECTION IN BOSTON.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—Municipal I have spent much of my time with elections were held in Boston, Cam-

ACCIDENTLY KILLED HIMSELF. Columbus, Ga., December 18.—Joseph over a fence and accidently dropped his You will remember Rev. G. E. Tay- guo, the trigger striking a railing, and lor? Well, he is entertaining the West caused it to fire.

DECREASING.

CRUMPACKER BELIEVES SUPREMACY OF VIRTUE AND INTELLIGENCE

lowed To Vote On Account Of His Race Or Color, Nor Dis. White Or Black. -All Should Stand On The Same Platform cessual solution of the problem, Equal Before The Government. Negro Race Will Decrease.

"House of Representatives, Washgusta, Ga.—My Dear Sir: I have your letter of the 12th instant containing an interview given by you to The Augusta for the courtesy of sending me a copy, white supremacy does not meet with Rev. R. D. Pitmrn, P. T. H, deliv-

will show a declination of the colored population rather than an increase. The problem for the colored race to solve is to adjust itself to the white man's civilizacion and, in my opinion, in making this adjustment, and in carrying the responsibility of freedom, that race will suffer immense numerical inroads on

inoral force. "The average Negro would be the victim of vice, crime, pestilence and poverty, and the morality of the colored) race will be greater in the future than it has been in the past. In my judge | - TO ment, fifty years hence there will not be as many colored people in this country Arguments In The Supreme Court grades to be taught by the same teacher. as there are today, and while the numbers grow smaller the quality must improve. The law of natural selection must, in a large measure, settle the question. The weaker members of the race must fall by the wayside, and its criminated Against On That posterity must be those of the best physical, intellectual and moral fiber Account.—One Standard Of The siuffing off process is the ultimate solution, but at the same time funda-ernment-Says The Executive Citizenship Foi Every Man, mental conditions must be established and maintained, giving members of that race every opportunity that they are justly entitled to to work out a suc-Sincerely yours,

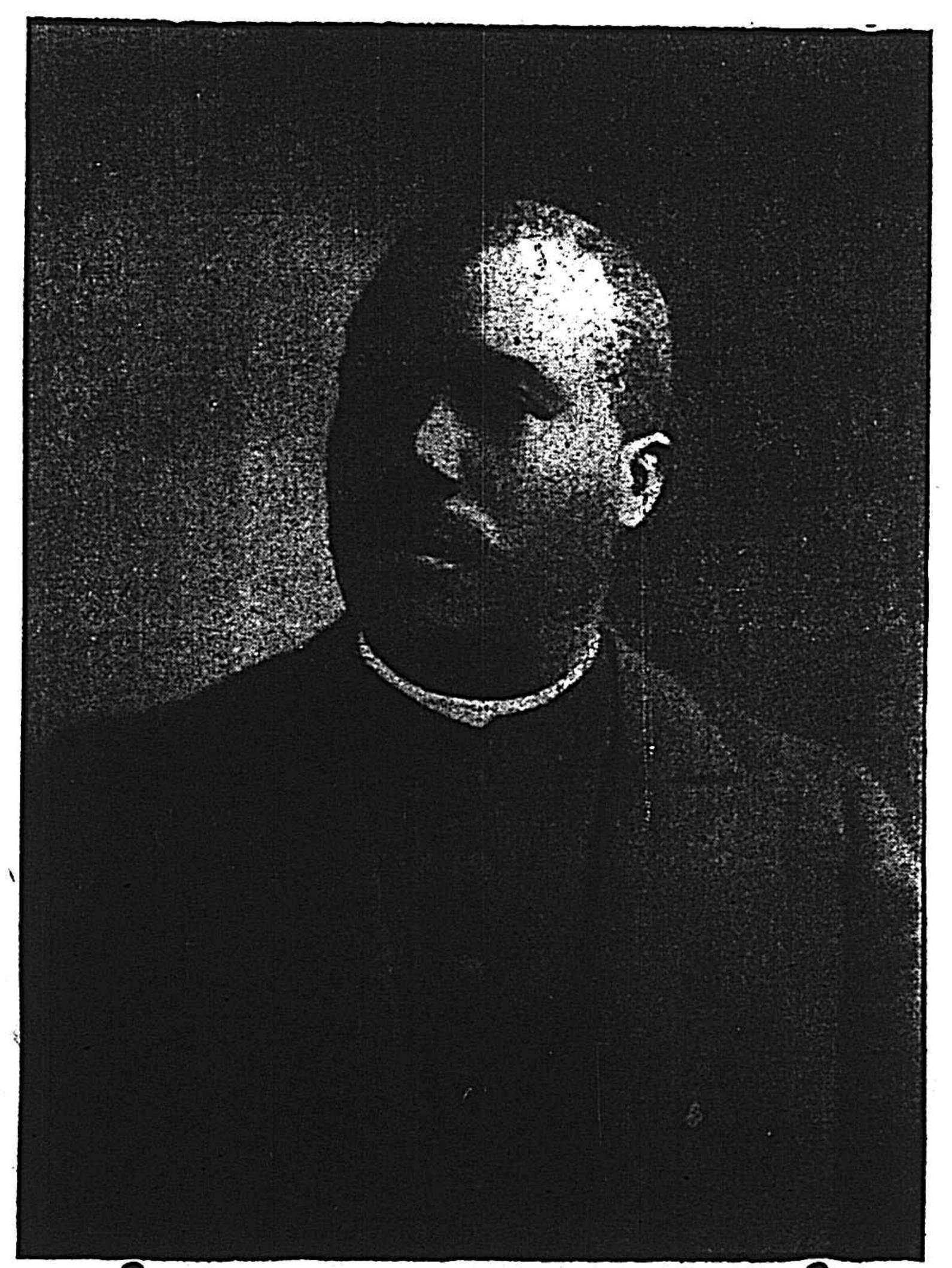
"E. D. CRUMPACKER."

Schools Closed For The Holidays

Preparations For Christmas. Roll Of Honor.

Waverly, Va., Dec. 20.-We are havrace. You will enjoy meeting this bril- tion in the southern states are the best ing an abundance of snow here now,

my entire approval I believe in the ered an excellent sermon at the Liberty supremacy of zirtue and intelligence, Baptist church Sunday. 一种一种一种一种一种一种一种一种一种一种一种一种一种一种



BISHOP EVANS TYBEE, D. D., M. D.

tried to bless himself. I have not told The doctor is working hard on our you about J. I. Dickson. Well he is a pastor, Rev. Chas. Bourne, to get him and, of course, that means white sum and of our race, and the owner of the down stairs to eat his Xmas dinner with premacy under existing conditions, and Sunday, at Jerusalem church, Surry practice law is dead. He was born at its entitled to be called the throng of

I firmly believe in one standard of citi- county. zenship, and that every man, white or Mr. Geo. H. Cary went up to Petersblack, rich or poor, should stand abso- burg, last Wednesgay to do shopping. lutely equal before the law and the gov- Mr. W. T. Ruffin went to Petersburg publican national conventions, was maintain that the throne in the house ernment in his civil and political rights. today to visit relatives and also to do dean of the law school of Shaw Univer-[conceive this to be an essential princi- shopping. ple to the permanancy of republican Mrs. Eutoka Spratley, teacher of the largest colored schools in the country, institutions, and it canno: with safety Oak Grove school, closed her school be departed from. The Negro should the 16th inst., and will open again Jan. and Charlotte, was a writer, and often liament. Others, again, say that there not be allowed to vote on account of his 2nd, 1905 Roll of honor for the week furnished articles for the lead ng North is no real throne in the strictest; acc race or color, nor should he be discrim- | ruding Dec. 16: Lucile Devraux, inated against on that account, but Engene W Spratley, 97; W. R. Spratwholesale and impartial election laws lev. 90; Alsie B. Ford, 85. should be enacted that protect the ballot Rev. R. D. Pitman closed his private of large means. against vice and ignorance. These laws school, Dec 16th and will open again on should apply to white and black alike, Jan. 2nd, 1905. and should be honestly and firmly ad- A merry Xmas and a happy New

ministered. "If there is only one colored man in twenty-five that should be given the privilege of the ballot, that one should

DECREASE OF NEGROES.

"I believe with you that the future many years.

Year for the editor.

Births and Deaths Decrease. Fewer persons died and a smaller be accorded it as freely as it is ac corded number were born throughout Eng-

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COURT OF RESORT

account of its lack of foresight and GOVERNMENT POWERLESS TO ENFORCE A LAW HELD TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL.

> Case of Samuel Clyatt, Convicted of Peonage—Attorney Gen-1 eral Makes Argument For Gov-Arm Of The Government Is on Bank street, and his congregation Paralyzed And Canuot Enforce The Decisions Of the Courts.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Arguments auxiliary of the church presented a robe LOOKING FOR SANTA CLAUS was begun today in the supreme court to their pastor to preach in on Uhristof the United States in the case of Sam. | mas Day. Rev Wynn is thinking of uel Clyatt vs. the United States, in transforming the auxiliaries of the which the court is called upon to deal grand rally to take place in the spring. -Folks Are Busy Making with the question of peonage. Clyattis | Each state is to be represented by a a resident of Georgia who, in 1902. was governor. It is hoped that they will convicted in the federal courts of that society of the church will give a Rose state and sentenced to four years im. Bud Tea for the benefit of the church prisonment at hard labor on the charge on Dec. 29th. Beginning with the first of having held two Negro men in peon- of the year, a revival will take place, I have been to six conferences held by liant young woman. She has taken un. that I have seen in print. In the main but the children are looking out for age on account of debt, in violation of groung in early and they have a

Attorney William G. Brantley made the first presentation of the case. He METHODIST EPISCOPAL appeared for Clyatt and claimed that the record failed to establish the fact that men were held in unlawful servitude, the apprehension being in the nature of an arrest. Senator Bacon also appeared in the case for Clyatt, while Attorney General Moody represented the gov-

ernment. The attorney general has filed a brief in which he says, in speaking of the im-

portance of the case: "Immediately upon the certification of this case to the supreme court several of in session in Tolbert Chapel A. M. E. the district judges in the fifth circuit in Zion Cnurch, Bishop Goodsell, presidwhich numerous prosecutions for viola. ing. has closed its sessions and the aptions of this regulation were pending, pointments have been read assigning refusing to try any of the cases and the pastors to their charges for the year. postponed the same to await the decis- Among the notable ministers present ion of this court. Itis, therefore, quite were: Dr. Lee Altman, of the Cincinevident that the executive arm of the natti Book Concern; Dr. Mains, of the law, so far at least as the enforcement of New York Book Concern; Rev. Dr. R. this statute is concerned, is practically E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern paraylized. Notwithstarding the fact Christian Advocate and Dr. I. Garland that several United States courts have Penn, assistant secretary of the Epheld this law to be constitutional, the worth League. Dr. C. M. B. Mason, government is powerless to compel ite secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society enforcement or observance, even in the of the M. E. Church, was expected but most typical and flagrant cases. We did not come. think we may truthfully say that upon Helpful addresses were made by Dr. the decision of this case hangs the liber- Penn and others. Three new members ty of thousands of persons, mostly color- passed the examination and were aded, it is true, who are now being held in mitted to the conference. Charges a condition of involuntary servitude in were presented against Rev. S. H. Viel, many cases worse than slavery itself, but he not being present. was allowed but the unlawful acts of individuals, not to withdraw under charges. Total only in violation of the thirteenth amount of conference claims raised was amendment to the constitution, but in \$1,150. violation of the law which we have here under consideration."

JOHN S. LEARY DEAD.

Was First Colored Man To Practice Law In North Carolina. Of Large Means.

Raleigh, N. C., December 15,-John practice law, is dead. He was born a is entitled to be called the throne of slave, but was very highly educated. England, being the one occupied by He was several times a delegate to re- the sovereign at coronation. Others sity at Raleigh, this being one of the on practiced law at Raleigh, Fayettsville state purposes at the opening of par-98: Carolina newspapers, having the conficeptatian of the word, and that all dence of the best men of both races. He the thrones, or chairs of state, in the stood high as a law yer, and was a man

A CONCERT (OMP)NY.

Visits B. lair And Make an Impression School Needs A Large Building. Belair, Md., Dec., 16.-The "Twentiety Century Concert Company" vis- company which carries the name of tted this place and gave two excellent Henry H. Rogers, the Standard Oll land and Wales last year than in 1902, | concerts on Monday and Tuesday nights | magnate, who worked as baggage maswhile in London itself both birth and December 12 and 13, at Bond street ter in June, 1861, for twenty-one days,

cess, a large crowd being present each night. Rev. J. W. Carroll and the pa-!roos of the concerts speak in the highest terms of the performance.

Before leaving for Baltimore, the company visited the public school of which Mr. James Stanley is principal, and Miss M. Green, assistant. They found the school in excellent condition, as far as the morale was concerned. but a new building is sadly needed. There are eight grades tought, six of which are in the principal's room There are 109 pupils in the school, which is far too much work for two teachers, especially when there are so many different The sanitary condition is far from being Of The United States In The up to the proper standard and certainly

PREPARING FOR NEW CHURCH.

Church Organization Rally To Sup-

, pert of Partor and Officers Newark. N. J. December 120.-Rev. R.D. Wynn, of Bethany Baptist church are progressing in their effort to raise money for the new church edifice, It is hoped that they will be in a position to build or make some alteration during the spring On Thursday evening, November 22, 'the flower committee, an (church into States preparatory to the groping in earkness will be brought into' the mar: elous light.

CHURCH CONFERENCE.

Notable Divines Present.—Bishop Goodsell Presides - Appointments Made.

Pensacola, Fla., December 15.—The Mobile Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been

STRUCK BY TBAIN.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 13 - Andrew. Gordon and his wife, a highly esteemed couple, were run down by a train on! the Delaware road last night. The train struck a team they were driving. seriously injuring Gordon and fatally injuring his wife. The horses were Was Deau Of Law School Of killed and dragged a block on the pilot of the engine. Mrs. Gordon was aken Shaw University. - Was A Man to the hospital where she is lying in a dying condition.

> Throne of England. of lords is really the official throne, as it is occupied by the sovereign for various palaces throughout the kinge dom are equally entitled to be called the throne.

Millionaire's Humble Beginning. A New Bedford man has an old pay roll of the Fairhaven Branch Railroad deaths were the fewest recorded for hall, for the benefit of Ames M. E and received \$24.23 therefor, an aver-Church. The concert was quite a suc age of about \$1.16 per day.