EMINENT RACE LEADER'S WO

Church Honors Worth of Dr. Garland Penn.

NOTED SCHOLAR AND AUTHOR.

Past Achievements of the Newly Elect- sulted in the forceful National Med ed Secretary of Freedman Aid So- ical association. ciety-Insures Future Usefulness of the Organization Which Has Done So Much For Afro-Americans.

Atlanta, Ga.-The election of Dr. I Garland Penn of this city to the office of secretary of the Freedman Aid soclety at the recent session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church seems to have given gen. Episcopal church whereby several be eral satisfaction. Caring for a large nevolent causes among the colored peo number of well known educational in ple could be placed in the way of self stitutions throughout the south, the support. Freedman Aid society is regarded with peculiar affection and gratitude by a Out of these conventions came the large portion of the colored people of decision to observe the fiftieth anni America.

They all welcome the step that insures the continuance of its usefulness by placing at its head a man who is so



DR. I. GARLAND PENN. well known by reason of his constructive work in several fields of racial endeavor. The work of the Freedman Aid society needs at this time a man of forceful character and energetic manner such as Dr. Penn is known to be. He is peculiarly known as a man who has been successful at everything

he has attempted. He called the attention of the country to the remarkable achievement of the Negro race through the success of the exhibit at the Cotton States exposition, held in Atlanta in 1895, because of the painstaking care and general Odd Fellows to Hold Business Meeting forethought that directed his every movement as head of the department.

It is generally known, too, that through his invitation he gave that eminent educator, Dr. Booker T. Wash Odd Fellows will be held here the ington, the opportunity at the Cotton week beginning July 15. As this is States exposition to promulgate his the final session before the ferthcom gospel of amity and mutual helpfulness between the races, for which he has since become famous the world over.

Dr. Penn came to this position from the public schools of his home town, Lynchburg, Va. As principal of the filled by the order are expected to at school in Lynchburg he not only suc. tend. They include Henry Lincoln ceeded in his work, but drew consid. Johnson, deputy grand master, who erable attention to himself through the will preside in the absence of Grand authorship of a distinctively race work. Master Edward H. Morris, who is "The Afro-American Press." This book abroad; James F. Needham, grand sec of 600 pages was an authority at the retary of the order; Julius C. Johnson time upon the relation of the Negro Baltimore, who is a candidate for re press to the abolition of the race.

of the African by which he will win place and power." The present volume is a library of valuable history and biography and a picture gallery as well. Dr. Penn has since written "Self Education" and "The United Negro" and is a joint author of "Graded Sunday Schools."

He is perhaps more widely known among the young people of the race regardless of denomination than any oth. er churchman among us. Thousands have heard of eminent prelates and other men who have stood in the lime light. Throughout the country as he has gone on his mission as assistant secretary of the Epworth League he has come in contact with young men and women, has had heart to heart talks with them and has been of great nelp and inspiration to hundreds.

His success in the Epworth League has been reflected in the many fields west coast. The Rev. Dr. A. M. De into which he has been called, in all of Lima of Cape Palmas, Gold Coast which he served with particular dis- West Africa, who is on a visit to this tinction in the matter of genuine serv- country, spoke at the Bridge Street A ice. It is quite fair to say that Dr. M. E. church in Brooklyn the latter Penn first emphasized to Negro church part of June. Dr. De Lima said that men the value of numbers and organi- the work of education and missionary mation in all departments of church | endeavor had wrought mightily in the work.

Forceful Leader Among Young People. While in the young people's Christian and educational congress he sought to unite all the churches into one impressive organization that at least would i ton division of the Grand United Or serve to emphasize the readiness of der of True Reformers will be held or our young people to respond to capable | Sunday evening. July 14. The sermor and forceful leadership. The move | will be preached by the Rev. S. P. W

It is therefore peculiarly appropriate 2bat be should be continued by the bishops of the church upon the commission on federation of all the color ed Methodist churches throughout the world, upon which he is the ranking lay member. In the matter of organi zations Dr. Penn has a notable career He has to his credit the Epworth League in his own church, which ir the past sixteen years he has built up until it occupies the position of the best and most widely organized Chris tian society among the young colored people, yielding by far the largest re

He engineered the first and most successful Negro exposition movement during which time he also called to gether the Negro physicians, giving birth to the idea which has since re

Through the national Negro young people's congress Dr. Penn offered for the first time in all history a move ment whereby Negroes of all denomi nations could come together in one great Christian movement for the race

The last movement which he pushed to a successful conclusion was that of quadruple conventions among the col ored conferences in the Methodist

Fathered Fiftieth Anniversary Idea. versary of the emancipation of the Negro by the M. E. church on behalf of the Freedman Aid society to raise \$500,000 for the endowment of schools Dr. Penn, the originator of the conven tion movement, could not foresee at the time of putting forward these con ventions that in less than two years he the corresponding secretaries of the Freedman Aid societies and given the task of pushing forward the great jubilee movement, which was the out growth of these conventions.

Again, Dr. Penn twenty-five years ago, when he lived in Lynchburg, Va. undertook to take the lead with others in having the local church, of which he was a member, give \$5,000 in one sum for the establishment of the Virginia Collegiate and Industrial insti tute in that city, now one of the Freed man Aid schools.

His church gave this sum of money Perhaps the most effective argument which he will have to use in securing Order of Odd Fellows. He served two hear it, but many of the religious leadfunds throughout the church for edu cation will be that one church through his own efforts contributed such a sur of money for the education of Negro children, emphasizing at this early time self help upon their part.

His success in these and other ef forts leads the people of the country to feel that Dr. Penn will bring to the Freedman Aid society, in addition to his energetic and forceful manner, the ripe experience he has gained in al. these activities, and thus be the means of bringing about larger results for the work of the schools in the south that depend almost entirely upon the Freed man Aid society for their maintenance

IMPORTANT COMING EVENT.

In Philadelphia July 15. Philadelphia. - The semiannual ses sion of the subcommittee of manage ment of the Grand United Order of ing meeting of the biennial movable committee of the order, which will be held in Atlanta in September, the ses Born Educator and Well Known Author | sion will be a most important one.

A number of men mentioned in con nection with prominent positions to be election as grand treasurer; David With reference to this book Bishop Brown, New York; G. A. Sheeby, Jack W. Hays, Cincinnati; C. A. Howze Birmingham, Ala., grand directors; L N. Porter, Little Rock; W. W. Law rence. Newbern, N. C.; T. P. Turner. Pulaski, Tenn., grand auditors; B. J Davis, chief justice of the supreme court of the order, who will most like ly be the next grand master; W. R. Morris, Minneapolis; William L. Hou ston, Washington, associate justices Harry S. Cummings, Baltimore, attor ney general; William T. Francis, St Paul, clerk of the court, and W. J. But ler, Philadelphia, marshal.

> Foreign Visitor's Hopeful Message. Native Africans of education and means who make visits to the United States from time to time invariably speak hopefully of their people. Espe cially is this true of those from the civilization of the people throughout his section of the country.

Annual Meeting of True Reformers. The annual meeting of the Washing

SCHOOL BOARD Lesson I.—Third Quarter, For

Rise of William L. Houston as THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES. an Educator.

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Legislative Body of Educational Sys tem In Washington Gains Zealous Worker-Achievements of Appointed as Former Head of Odd Fellows, Able Lawyer and Business Man.

Washington.-William L. Houston, & prominent attorney at law in this city public school system of the District the best service he is capable of rendering

nity. As he is in harmony with the to my voice, and Israel would none of present officials, the advent of Mr | me." Even in the days of Enoch, the Houston on the board is regarded as seventh from Adam, we read of the the beginning of the end of the fac ungodly and their words and deeds tional divisions that have long giver (Jude 15). It is also written that at uneasiness to those who have had the best interest of the 15,000 colored chilwould be called to the office of one of dren in the public schools at heart The term for which Mr. Houston has been appointed is three years. The board is made up of nine members, of whom three are colored. They are questioned the word of God and made Lawyer R. R. Horner, Mrs. Carrie Wilder Harris and the subject of this

Mr. Houston is an active force ir the professional and social life of the nation's capital.

He is a young man of fine intellectua attainments and sterling character and is an orator of pronounced ability. He is perhaps best known throughout the upon whom He always had compascountry for his brilliant administration | sion, there are multitudes now who as grand master of the Grand United would listen to the gospel if they could



WILLIAM L. HOUSTON, ESQ.

terms, during which time the order said to have reached the high water mark of its existence.

The membership was increased to over 500,000 during this period, and large gains were made in property holdings. At the fifteenth B. M. C., held in Baltimore in 1910, he was made an associate justice of the newly | the devil, but it stands, as our Lord created supreme court of the order for the eight year term.

His friends are now insisting that he stand as a candidate for the office of grand secretary at the sixteenth B. M. C., which meets in Atlanta, Ga. next September.

several years. In the meantime he had graduated from the law department of Howard university.

legal profession, he resigned from the alone can forgive sins? As there is government service to enter a partner | "none other name" (Acts iv, 12), if that ship with Counselor Edward H. Mor name is refused or dishonored there ris in Chicago and quickly earned for | can be no forgiveness, but only eternal himself an enviable place at the Illinois bar, carrying all the while the arduous duties of grand master of the

Returning to Washington for permanent residence. Mr. Houston has in a "Behold my mother and my brethren, Passenger Agent. comparatively brief period built up a for whoever shall do the will of my Falucrative practice and is ranked with ther, which is in beaven, the same is my the ablest members of the bar of the brother and sister and mother" (verses District of Columbia regardless of 31-35; Matt. xii, 46-50). On another ocrace or color. In addition to his active | casion He said, "My mother and my labors in the Order of Odd Fellows, brethren are these which hear the word | MCCall Mr. Houston is a master Mason and is of God and do it" (Luke viii, 21). identified with numerous other fraternal and civic organizations.

He is a member of the A. M. E. church. His wife, formerly Miss Mary Hamilton of Wilberforce, O., is also a potent factor in the social and religious activities of the city. The family circle is completed by Master Charles Houston, an unusually bright lad, who graduated with honors from the M street high school, winning scholarship at Amherst, where he is now making a proud record.

Entering upon his duties with the heartiest approval of his admiring felment has its reflection in the many Drew, pastor of the Cosmopolitar est ideals with reference to the educalow citizens and imbued with the high-Sunday school and missionary organi. Baptist church. Addresses will be de tion of his race, the people of the Disnations which the different denomina- livered by Grand Worthy Master Floyd | trict of Columbia may expect at the tions have since taken up of their own | Ross, Grand Worthy Secretary Mau | hands of Mr. Houston a service that rice Rouselle and Mrs. S. F. Lewis | will be painstaking, conscientious and acting chief of the Washington divi productive of golden results to all con-

July 7, 1912.

Text of the Lesson, Mark iii, 20-35. Memory Verses, 28, 29-Golden Text, John iii, 19-Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

This lesson is found in Matt. xii as

well as in Mark iii and is a sample of their treatment of Him whom they should have welcomed as their Messiah, but of whom it is written: "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not" (John i, 10. 11). In our lesson, verses 21, 22, it is has been named as a member of the written that they said: "He is beside board of education to succeed Dr. W | Himself. He hath Beelzebub and by V. Tunnell, professor of history it the prince of the devils casteth He out Howard university. Mr. Houston has devils." They frequently told Him and announces that he will give to the 52; x, 20), and as early in the record as Matt. xii, 14, it is written that "the Pharisees went out and held a council against Him, how they might destroy faction to all classes in this commulation lxxxi, 11. "My people would not harken the end of this age, to which we are fast hastening, there shall be only a form of godliness without the power and sound doctrine will not be endured (II Tim. iii, 1-5; iv, 3). The great adversary, the father of lies, who to Eve God a liar, will yet gather the nations to make war with God's people. Israel. and the Lamb of God Himself, but beast and false prophet shall go alive to the lake of fire and the devil to the bottomless pit (Rev. xvii, 14; xix, 19, 20; xx, 1-3; Zech. xiv, 1, 2. Like the multitudes who clung to

Him when here in humiliation and ers of today are as much against the gospel of God concerning His Son, Jesus Christ, as were the scribes and Pharisees against Jesus Christ. Those who today believe that Jesus is God. the Creator of all things, who died for us, bearing our sins in His own body on the cross, rose from the dead, ascended to Heaven and is coming again to set up His kingdom of righteousness and peace on this earth, are accounted unlearned, ignorant, behind the times, narrow and all else that unbelieving words can describe. But his approval is everything. How utterly foolish seemed their accusation in the light of His question, "How can Satan cast out Satan?" (Verse 23.) How great and farreaching His saying in verse 27, "No man can enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods except he first bind the strong man," The devil is the god of this world, blinding the minds of all unbelievers. The whole world lieth in the wicked one. And it was not wholly an untruth when be said to our Lord as he showed Him all the kingdoms of this world and the CHESAPEAKE STEAMSHIP CO. glory of them, "All that is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I will I give it." (II Cor. iv, 4; I John v, 19; Matt. iv. 8; Luke iv. 6). Those who talk of winning the world for Christ do not seem to believe these truths nor consider the necessity of getting rid of said—the strong one must be bound

before his goods can be taken. The unpardonable sin of verses 29. 30, makes us think of I John v, 16: "There is a sin unto death. I do not say that be shall pray for it." Let us not forget verse 28 of our lesson, "All Mr. Houston came to Washington sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of Vincent said, "The pen is the sword sonville, candidate for grand treasur after a season as a schoolteacher in men and blasphemies wherewith soer; J. S. Noel, Montgomery, W. Va.; G | Evansville, Ind., to accept a clerkship | ever they shall blaspheme," and also I in the war department and filled the John i, 7, "The blood of Jesus Christ position with credit and distinction for cleanseth from all sin." What, then, can this sin be that hath never forgiveness, but the persistent refusal to listen to the voice of the Spirit, whose de-Anxious to gain experience in the light is to point to Jesus Christ, who damnation (verse 30).

> As he was told that His mother and His brethren were without, desiring to speak to Him, He stretched forth His hand toward his disciples and said, N. CHAPMAN. When a certain one spoke of the blessedness of being His mother He said. "Yea, rather blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke xv, 28). We cannot but think of His words on the last night concerning such as keep His words becoming a mansion in which both He and His Father would dwell. At the same time He told His Father that certain ones had received the words which the Father had given Him for them (John xiv, 23; xvii, 8). I am greatly impressed by the fact that receiving His words made Him so glad that He told His Father of it. How it must grieve Him to have His words treated as many of His professed friends treat them today, seemingly forgetting that all His words were not His, but His' Father's (John xii, 49; xiv, 10). "We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth (II Cor. xiii, 8).

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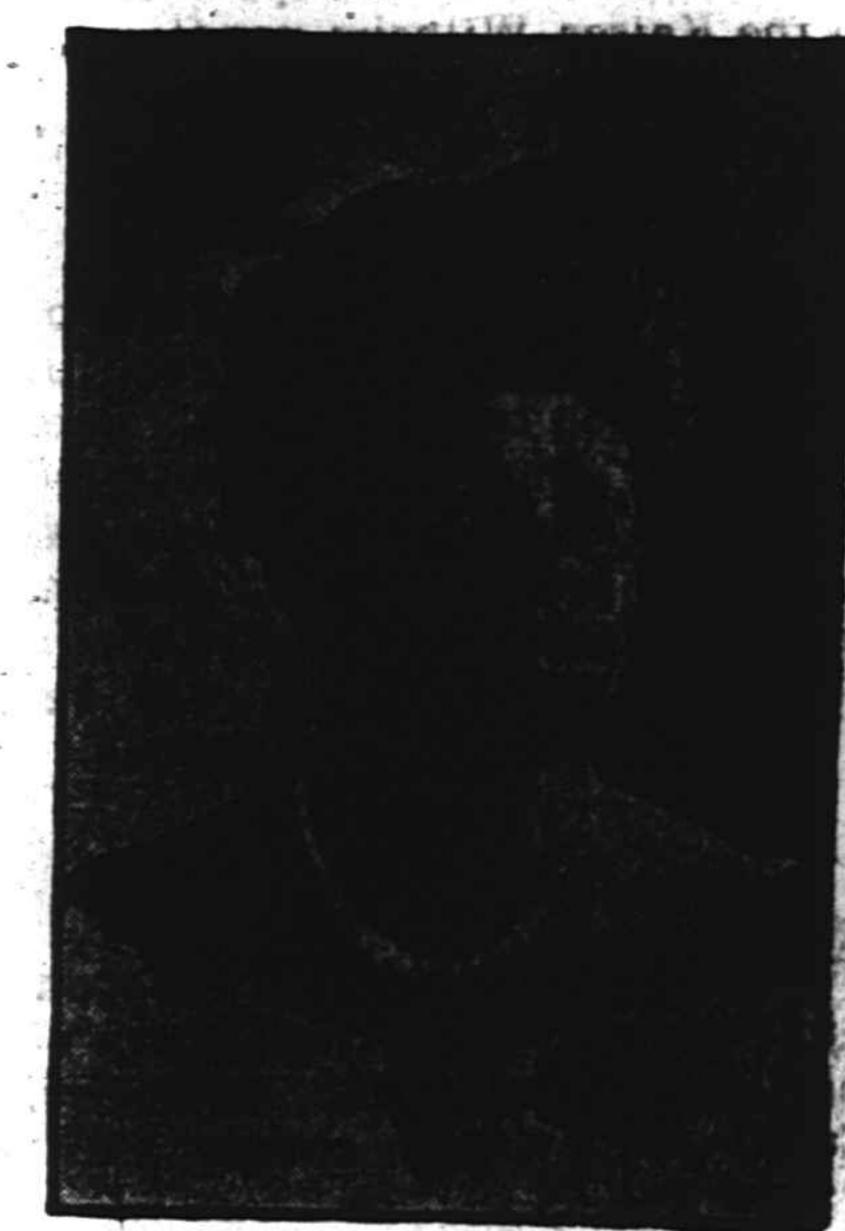
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