ARD OF TRADE WHEBS GREAT POWER

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New Organization In Nashville Proves Its Worth-Has Confidence Of Public

At Large

(Special to the Afro-American Ledger)

Nashville, Tenn.-The most constructive and important organization to be usual functions of a board of trade, it lows: co-operates with the Nashville board of President, Mrs. E. B. Holland of



PRESIDENT R. F. BOYD.

trade and other commercial organizations in matters affecting the welfare of the people of the city.

During its short existence it has been of their young lives all of the beauty instrumental in doing certain things and charm of a well regulated home. that more than justify its title. It is As long as parents put the proper really the vanguard of organizations in estimate upon the home and the setthe south among our people that point | ting before the children of the proper the way to an amicable adjustment of examples of right and useful living differences and that get things for the greater will be the advance of the race. race from the powers that be.

One of the most helpful organizations The board of trade here occupies the in this section, which is wielding wide commanding position in the eyes of the people, and for the most part its mandates have the force of law with the people. Its leaders and officials are called into counsel on all matters that affect the colored people, and it keeps regularly employed a young man who acts as executive secretary and looks after its interests, which are the interests of the colored people.

What the Board Has Accomplished. The Negro board of trade is regarded in all respects as an auxiliary of the Nashville board of trade and has by co-operation with the white organization been able to secure a city park for colored people which cost \$18,000 unimproved. It has assisted in the "city beautiful movement" to the extent of cleaning up waste places in communities and planting flowers and trees. It has aided in the sanitary improvement of localities and now has in charge the matter of raising funds for a library site.

This latter proposition is purely voluntary on the part of the board of trade. The city has expressed itself as willing to provide a library site and appropriate \$2,500 annually for its maintenance. This was in accordance with the conditions made by Andrew Carnegie, who has signified his willingness to give \$25,000 for a library for the colored people of this city.

The Nashville board of trade has taken upon itself the task of raising \$5,000 from among our people in this city with which a suitable site will be purchased. In all these activities the Negro board of trade has the active leadership of Dr. R. F. Boyd, presi dent, who is also president of the People's Bank and Trust company.

secretary and looks after all the de- home training will accomplish in the talls of the "ganization. Various mat- lives of children is seen in little Loretters are attended to by division commit ta Taylor, the three-year-old daughter tees, the executive committee being of Mrs. James M. Taylor of 244 West headed by A. N. Johnson. Other of Fifty-third street, New York. ficials are A. S. Rucker, vice president, and I. L. Moore, treasurer.

in Yonkers, N. Y., is looking forward is highly intelligent and interesting and with much interest to the coming of furnishes a striking example of the in-Dr. E. W. Thompson of Sierra Leone, fluence that mothers have upon their who is to be the principal speaker at | children. This remarkable child has the August meeting of the organiza- bright future and will grow up to add tion. - Dr. Thompson is expected to ar | honor to the womanbood of the race. rive in New York during the week of July 20 and will go direct to Yonkers, where he will be the guest of Mr. John m. Bruce, president of the society. Dr. Thompson is the author of a history of the colony of Sierra Leone.

Large Sum For Missions and Education At the recent annual meeting of the | pal council of the diocese in 1913. Women's Baptist Missionary and Educational association beld at Cape Charles, Va., the committee on finance reported the sum of \$3,274.12 for the facal year. The sessions were presided over by the president, Mrs. M. R. Johnson. Generous aid was given to to several educational institutions.

WOMEN IN UPLIFT WORK.

Auxiliary to New England Convention Aids Institutions and Individuals. The women's auxiliary to the New

England Baptist missionary convention reported receipts for the year of \$273.87 at the recent annual meeting in Orange, N. J. The work of the organization under the able leadership of the president, Mrs. E. B. Holland, for the past two years has steadily

The auxiliary, besides assisting the general convention in various ways, does a large missionary and educational work. The institutions to which the organization gave financial assistance at the recent meeting were the Virginia Seminary and College in Lynchburg, Va.; the Watchman Industrial school, Providence, R. I.; the Howard Orphanage and Industrial school, Kings Park, N. Y., and two in-

stitutions maintained for working girls. The Baptist mission work in Africa found in any community among the was given the sum of \$25 and the gencolored people is the Nashville Negro eral convention toward its missionary board of trade, which has only been in and educational work \$50. Two widexistence since March, 1912. The or ows were given \$5 each. The memganization has within its membership bers are loyal to the work, and each most all of the important business, year an increase is noted in individual professional and industrial men of the achievements. The election of officers community, and, besides performing the for the ensuing year resulted as fol-

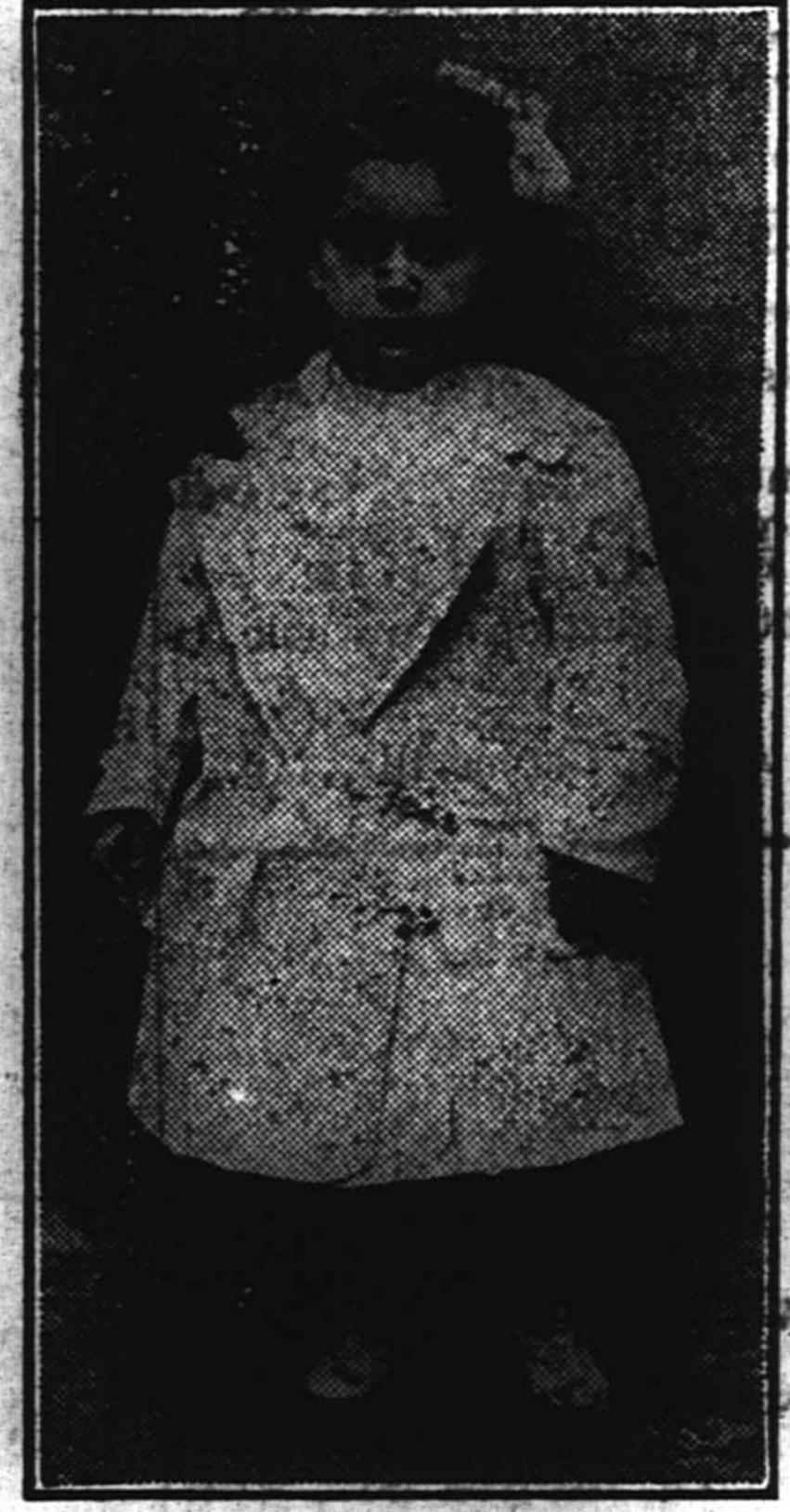
> Providence, R. I.; first vice president, Mrs. Wiley Seay of Brooklyn; second vice president, Mrs. Christina Harris of Stamford, Conn.; recording secretary, Mrs. Margaret L. Shepard of New York; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. J. Glascoe of Providence; treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Harris of Brocklyn: executive board, Mrs. M. S. Tribbett and Mrs. A. Tribbett of Philadelphia; Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Mattie V. Ellis of Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Elvina Washington of Boston, Mrs. Julia O'Hagan of New York and Miss Lucy Washington of Orange.

SHAPING YOUNG LIVES.

Progress Made by the Race Through Careful Home Training. By CLEVELAND G. ALLEN.

New York .- One of the most hopeful

signs of the substantial progress which the race is making may be seen in the advance that is being made in the home. More and more parents are beginning to pay greater attention to the home and the training of their children along lines of usefulness and right living. This being done, they will get out



FLORETTA TAYLOR.

influence in the training of the young, is the Mothers' club of Brooklyn, of which Mrs. N. B. Dodson is president.

These beautiful, consecrated and earnest Christian young mothers are beautifying the home and making it the center of influence from which the lives of the young are being shaped. Mr. D. Wellington Berry serves as A striking example of what careful

She is an unusually bright child and has shown rare gifts in music. She is especially gifted as a singer and has Research Society to Hear Dr. Thompson | the remarkable ability of almost re-The Society For Historical Research | peating a song when first heard. She

Episcopals Honor Rector Forguson.

Lott Carey Baptist Convention. The next annual meeting of the Lott Carey Baptist convention will be bel tist church, of which the Rev. Dr. J.

The accommodation trains of Germany celdow fall to provoke the wrath of American travelers. One of them

his blade."-Youth's Companion.

scrapin's."

maybe?"

Sim chuckled.

din', I reckon."

"I reckon."

Preparing For the Wedding,

Plain Dealer.

seems to have been preserved.-Courier

Why Lincoln Helped a Bug.

President Lincoln was walking with

a friend about Washington and turned

back for some distance to assist a

"Well," said Lincoln, with that home

ly sincerity that touched the hearts of

millions of his countrymen, "do yo"

know that if I had left that bug strug-

gling there on his back I wouldn't

Cause For a Rebate,

to embalm the body of a colored man

The wife of the deceased asked what

charge, to which she quickly replied,

"But it is the regular fee," protested

"That may be," assented the widow.

"but this ain't a regular corpse. My

The Family Skelton.

"Pop, us boys is going to have a min

"Well, can't we have the skeleton

old Mrs. Gaddy says you've got in

your closet to rattle the bones?"-Bal-

Profiting by the Occasion.

Yolly bad; can hardly eat anything and

drinks nothing but water."

him to dinner?-Pele Mele.

"I met Pantouse just now. He's aw

She-And didn't you like to invite

Consistently Dressed

Mrs. Fuciose-lan't my new decollete

gown great? I tell you, I'm in the

gwim now. Mr. Fuclose-You are cer

tainly dressed for the part-Philadel

Wouldn't Lot Him Die.

Bella-Be said be would kiss me or

A colored undertaker was requested

spare in assisting a bug.

class."-Kansas City Star.

"I think that's too much."

husband had a wooden leg."

the undertaker.

strel show."

"Yes, son."

timore American.

obia Record.

de Loudres.

The Powdering Closet

thus vented his feelings in a letter Lesson III.—Third Quarter, For "One morning I saw from the car-July 21, 1912. ziage window a square forty acre field of some unknown grain. It stretch-

ed for a quarter of a mile along the track, and we were just at the first THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

quarter of it. A feeble old man with a reaping book had begun at that corner to mow directly away from the Text of the Lesson, Mark iv, 26-32; Matt. xiii, 33-Memory Verses, 26-28. track round the field. Calling out to Golden Text, Matt. vi, 10-Commonhim, I asked the name of the grain. tary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns. but be was probably deaf and did not her. I sat watching him awhile and The portion selected from Mark for then put my question to the passengers. I went to every one in the car, but no one could answer my question. However, with some my inquiry served

today's lesson gives us two parables, one of which, the mustard seed, is the third in the regular order in Matt. xiii, as an introduction, and I passed the | while the gradual growth of the seed day very pleasantly in conversation is recorded by Mark only. The verse Going, toward evening, into the smok- from Matthew concerning the leaven is ing compartment, I settled down to the fourth in the series, according to read a newspaper, and as the air was Matthew, and next week's lesson on close I raised a window. A sharp the wheat and tares is the second. We sound of clashing steel struck my ears. | will be better able to summarize these I looked out. We had now arrived by first four or five parables after next a direct line at the far corner of the week. Concerning them it is said, "All field. And the old man, having mowed | these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables, and without a paralong three sides, was there, whetting able spake He not unto them," thus fulfilling Ps. lxxviii, 2, 3. He spake the word unto them as they were able to hear it, and when they were alone There was to be a wedding in eastern Kentucky. Many of the mountain. He expounded all things to His diseers would be there. Early in the ciples (Matt. xiii, 34, 35; Mark iv, 33, morning of the nuptial day Bud High- 34). His repeatedly saying, "If any tower was noticed filfing an old No. 12 man have ears to hear, let him hear" shoe with slugs and nalls and plaster (verses 9 and 23), or in the Revelation epistles, "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the "Wot you doin', Bud?" drawled Sim churches," reminds us that many are dull of hearing and makes us long "Kan't you see wot I'm doin'? I'm for such an anointed ear as Samuel makin' moonshine sperrits out'n cheese had, to whom the Lord could whisper things and give him messages for others also. The admonitions, "Take heed "Gettin' good an' ready f'r th' wedwhat ye hear," and "Take heed how ye hear" (verse 24; Luke viii, 18), were never more needed than now, for false "Goin' to throw it at th' bridegroom, teachers and teaching abound every-"Goin' to throw it at him, maybe, where. Our lesson title, "The Growth but it ain't goin' to hit him. It's goin' of the Kingdom," is very misleading, to break th' face of Snipe Tolliver an' no doubt unintentionally, but bad all do it accidental too. I been layin' f'r the same. It arises from the idea held that ther Snipe f'r a right smart spell." by so many that the kingdom began And he drove an extra railway spike | when the Spirit came, in a special way in the hardening mass. - Cleveland and for a special purpose, at Pentecost and has been growing ever since, whereas the truth is that the kingdom then at hand did not come and has When capricious fashion ruled that not yet come, and when it does come ladies should wear only white hair- it will not be gradual, but by a great the color supplied by nature being catastrophe, a judgment, an overthrow of no importance—the operation of of all enemies, according to Isa. xi, 4; putting on the powder made special ar | xiii, 9-11; xxxiv, 1, 2; lxvi, 15, 16; Rev. rangements necessary. These took the | xix, 19, 20; xx, 1-3. What then is the form of a special room or cabinet, and growth now going on, as set forth in in every house of any pretension a these parables and elsewhere? We small chamber was set aside for the must remember in connection with all exclusive use of powdering the hair. these kingdom parables His saying A curtain divided in the middle, a when they asked Him about the first powdering stand to hold the bowl of one, "Unto you it is given to know the powder and possibly a stool were all mystery of the kingdom of God" (verse that the closet contained, and through | 11). The kingdom is not growing, but this curtain the lady whose head was the mystery more fully described in to be powdered protruded her head, the Eph. iti and elsewhere is growing, maid standing on the other side and The church, which is His body, the elect "throwing" the powder at her head by from all nations who are to share the means of a powder puff. To preserve | Kingdom with Him, groweth unto an the eyes and complexion a mask was holy temple in the Lord (Eph. ii, 19-22). held to the face. Unfortunately, no U- The seed of the first parable, the word Justration of a "powdering closet" of God, being faithfully sown, quietly

beetle that had got on its back and lay goeth, is a truth on the same line. The growth of the mustard seed into on the walk, legs sprawling in air, vainly trying to turn itself over. The a great tree, sheltering the birds of friend expressed surprise that the pres | the air in its branches or under its ident, burdened with the cares of a shadow, sets forth another phase of warring nation, should find time to present things. That an herb should become a great tree is something out of the regular course of things, and these birds in the branches cause us to remember that in the parable of the sower the birds or fowls represented the devil (verses 4, 15). If in a dishave felt just right. I wanted to put course the speaker uses a figure and bim on his feet and give him an equal explains it, then a little later uses the chance with all the other bugs of his same figure. his former explanation stands. The so called church has grown to be a vast something very different from what the Lord intended it to be. and if in the first twelve disciples there was one of whom our Lord said, "One of you is a devil" (John vi, 70), we cannot doubt but that in the great comthe cost would be. He named his usual pany of those who today are called Christians there may be many who for some reason other than the right one

works according to this first parable of

today's lesson, the blade, the ear, the

full corn in the ear, until the harvest,

which, we shall see in next lesson, is

the end of the age. The wind bloweth

where it listeth, and thou canst not

tell whence it cometh or whither it

have taken refuge in the church. As to the woman taking three measures of meal and leavening it till the whole was leavened, is it not very clear that the woman, the church, is doing that very thing, and in our day as never before? From the passover story of Ex. xii, where they were to search for and put away all leaven, there is no place in the Bible where leaven means anything good. It is always something corrupting, and Israel was forbidden to offer it with their sacrifice (Lev. ii, 11; vi, 17). In Lev. xxiii, 15-18, where the church is typified by the first fruits, leaven was commanded because of the evil that the Spirit foresaw would be in those first fruits, but it was met by the sacrifice of the next verse. In Amos iv, 5, they were told that offering with leaven was just like them and their sinful ways. When Sarah baked cakes quickly for her visitors she took three measures of meal, but we are sure that she had no time to use leaven (Gen. zviii, 6). Our Lord taught the dis ciples to beware of the leaven, or false teaching of Pharisees and Sadducee (Matt. xvi, 6, 12), and the Spirit by die in the attempt. Della-Well? Bella | Paul said. Let us keep the feast with -He bas no life insurance, and I pitiet | the unleavened bread of sincerity and the poor old mother.-Philadelphia Tel truth (I Cor. v. 8). This age of the mystery of the kingdom, the calling out of the church while the kingdom is postponed, is marvelously set forth in these parables by Him who knew all.

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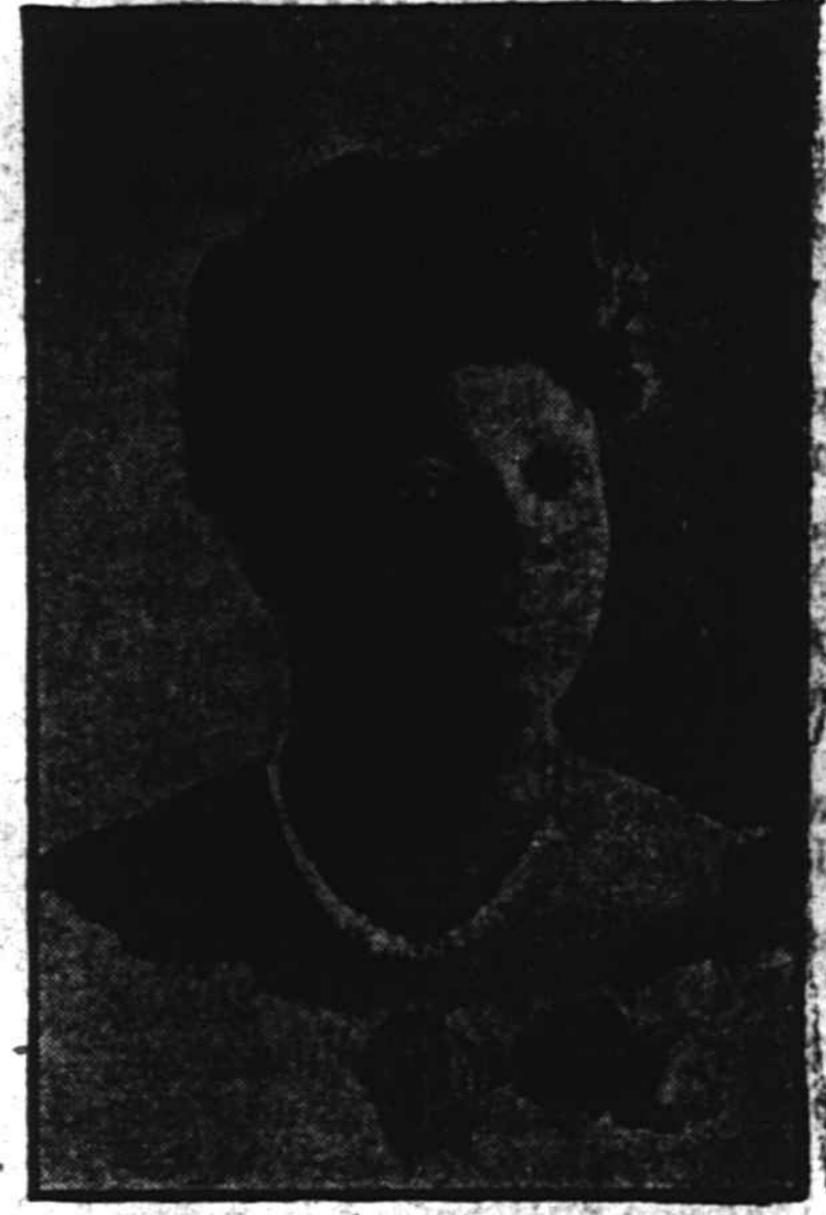
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