and Part Played by Colored Americane—How the State Benefits by In- are endeavoring daily to raise the dustry of Laboring Class.

By RALPH W. TYLER. 'Atlanta, Ga,-There are two cities in the south contesting for the supremacy in Dixieland, and they are Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga. The next federal census will undoubtedly show one or the other the largest city in all southland. In both the Negro citizenship forms one-third of the total population, and the next ten years' record made by each in population, wealth and commercial progress must in no small way be contributed to by this third of our people. And were it not for the progress that was made during the past decade by this onethird population in each city both would have failed to have made the wonderful strides already recorded.

Birmingham, surrounded by an almost inexhaustible deposit of iron ore, coal and limestone, making it the Pittsburgh of the south, depends upon its Negro population largely for taking the mineral deposits from the earth and later developing it from the crude form to a marketable product of usefulness. In Atlanta, which city aims to be the gateway for all that region that lies to the south, the Negro is depended upon largely to make her busy industries hum. The white man most largely. of course, furnishes the money in both cities, but the Negro furnishes | MISS EFFIE KING AND MISS LOTTIE GEE. the brawn, without which wealth is

This makes for better recognition of know how to use them. The act is the race in Atlanta and Birmingham. | beautifully costumed and staged with A stranger within the gates of At- artistic taste. and then to Piedmont street, Ridge the Mitchell Sisters of Wilberforce uniavenue, North boulevard and some of versity in the American Jubilee chorus. the other avenues where our people Miss King appeared with Williams prepare one for the unrolling before vaudeville.

we are making. The best whites, in no small degree, of Virginia. appear to be trying to wipe out that | She, with Miss King, joined the awful blot in Atlanta's record by ac- American Jubilee company, Williams cording the race a fairer chance to and Walker company and later entermake good. That it is making good ed vaudeville. These young women is evidenced by the beautiful homes. represent the better element of young the successful business enterprises, the colored performers on the American high class professional men. and the stage. Both own property, thus show- and universities, making equally high crowded universities which make At- ing that their efforts have not been in lanta the "Athens of America." The vain. Odd Fellows' temple alone stands as a monument to race progress in At- RACIAL QUESTIONS ARE

In no city in the country has the race such a magnificent building or such a revenue producing investment. Not content to stop here, the Odd Fellows | Colored Americans Taking Care of here are preparing to erect a \$50,000 auditorium adjoining, and make Auburn avenue and the vicinity the Negro business center of Atlanta. The convention of Baptist young people of Gettysburg, and his name and fame money for this auditorium is in hand— America, which held its sessions at the today shine as a star of the first \$50,000 on deposit in the bank.

Ben J. Davis, the most adver- recently, the Rev. Dr. Robert Stuart that my people are not discouraged. tised, perhaps the most decried, and. MacArthur, who was for forty years | The God of nations is our God. He it is | 188 paradoxically, one of the most useful or more pastor of the Calvary Baptist | whom my people try to serve, who men in this section, has done much to church in New York city, referring to gives us grace sufficient to withstand advance the race in Atlanta. Even the unjust discrimination and preju- every injustice aimed at us. But those who disagree with him, even dice practiced against the colored peo- Bates college, especially the faculty! those who despise him, admit that he ple, made the following sweeping dec- and classes of the eighties and nineis a wonderful organizer, a wonderful laration: producer of good for the race, and a "The question of religion must be feeble words can give.

A. Rucker, quiet and astute: Dr. Wil- talk of the Negro question. but this act justice, Negroes are not all inliam Penn, R. E. Pharro. Dr. T. H. is a question of minor importance. dolents, fools and menacers of race Slater. Dr. Butler. Dr. Johnson, H. E. The Negro is an American. He speaks purity and race integrity. More than Perry. G. M. Howell, Ben Driskell. English, He is vastly more American nine and three-fourths millions of us John Hernden. Contractor Hamilton than many of us who affect to be his are proud of our God given color, satand a number of others whom I could superior. mention have helped largely, earnestly He is taking care of his own ques- fields and at our work, trying always and enthusiastically to put Atlanta on tion in an interesting way. The serfs to produce a better citizenship and not the Negro commercial map and to of Russia were liberated before Mr. thinking nor desiring to mongrelize force better consideration at the hands Lincoln issued his emancipation proc- America. of the whites. And her ministers and lamation. The Negro in America has The few score who give trouble are those self sacrificing, high purposed. made vastly greater strides in the ac- set down upon harder by these overintellectually strong professors here in quisition of property, in the possession, whelming hosts of us than by any the message came in a shrill whisper. the educational institutions which make of education and in the development of you or your southern cousins. And Atlanta famous have helped amazingly of Christian life than have the serfs so sanity and reason are again to purify the moral and religious at- of Russia. nosphere of the city.

to my astonishment discovered the ignorant white people rather than oneness of humanity and are finding ant it mounts up to \$30,000,000. Won- with the Negro.

fficient Work of Misses King and Worthy of Praise.

Philadelphia.—In no other field have colored Americans with artistic aspirations found the road to success so hard as that leading to prominence apon the stage. As a rule, those who Printaccor have selected the stage for their professional career have been given very little consideration by our writers and

vocation, it has improved with time. Succinct Account of Commercial Ad- There are many clever, honest and Well Known Educator of Dalton, Mo., they were hired at \$10 each and exvance in Two Great Southern Cities | Well deserving colored men and women following this profession.

Conspicuous on the roll of those who standard of acts upon the stage may



foreign immigration as in the north. These talented young women have and west. The colored people oppose one of the best "sister" acts in vaude-"race suicide" with a prolific birth rate. | ville. Both have excellent voices and

lanta is first shown through Peter and They are conscientious workers, and yet we are just beginning to make real Decatur streets, where the race is now their services are constantly in de- progress. progressing, then he is whisked out mand. Miss King was born in Lima. to the "intellectual center," to the Uni- O., and educated in the public and versity of Atlanta, Atlanta Baptist uni- high schools of that city. She began versity, Clark university, Spellman her musical career in the A. M. E. seminary and Morris Brown college church of that city, and later joined

have beautiful homes. The exploiting and Walker for two years, and with of the first is to show the contrast be- the Smart Set company for two years. tween stationary and advancement; to and later joined her present partner in

one's eyes the wonderful advancement There is no more ambitious student among the colored performers than Since the regrettable and hoped to Miss Lottie Gee. Her aim has been be forgot, Atlanta riot, our progress to please, as she has successfully done. has been accelerated by a better con- To this end she has thoroughly presideration on the part of the whites. pared herself. Miss Gee is a native

Own Problem, Says Dr. MacArthur.

Baptist temple, Brooklyn, for five days | magnitude. Again I declare to you!

man who has really done things in studied racially. Racial questions are For here there now is a type of great among the most important considera- and noble hearted white Americans, But Dr. Davis is not alone, for Henry tions of the hour. We hear persons who give every student equal and ex-

"The whole problem in America is and hearts of white Americans, and made diligent inquiry as to the col- anding its own solution. Perhaps the these, like Bates college fifty years ago. etive wealth of Negroes in Atlanta greatest danger we have today is with are now beginning to appreciate the

ful evidence of progress: In At- "There are enormously difficult racial grade, enslave and withhold inalien oneer questions in several states today, but able rights from their unfortunate they are largely questions affecting the | brother of a darker bue without them white race rather than the Negro. The Anglo-Saxon race is autocratic, Our governing classes are seeing the

Bright Future Ahead.

Noble Type of White Americans,

In a recent address at Bates college sen, catcher, nus of Bates college, gave a most in- ing Senator Julius C. Burrows of Michteresting and instructive discourse on igan and found him a delightful comknown college man and deserves all turned to baseball, for Mr. Burrows the praise which has come to him for | was a "fan" in the superlative degree. his unselfish labors in behalf of his

Mr. Bruce first paid this high trib- been beaten." ute to his alma mater:

manhood. Her doors, from the begin- | years ago, senator?" asked Mr. Cobb ning back yonder in 1864, were opened | innocently. never destroying each other's sunshine | the field and most of the way home. suffer her student bodies to close ator?" asked Cobb politely. Bates' door of hope against any poor boy of any race."

Bruce said: In those sections we now possess But how did you know the score?" dren in public schools, 300,000 farms | was Olsen."-Harper's Weekly. owned by us, with 100,000 churches and with upward of sixty banks of our own and hundreds of various business ly begun of what has been done, and the best light.—Emerson.

How is it. I am often asked, that your people, several hundred, are in German, Italian and English colleges



PROFESSOR N. C. BRUCE.

averages as the best white Americans, and that in our great American | with their hosts when there came a universities, when given a chance, they | patter of little feet along the hall. perform as well even in the most ab. "Hush," whispered the hostess, raisstruse subjects as any of their white ing her hand. "The children are com-AMONG MOST IMPORTANT. fellows? I invariably give one and the ing with their good night message. It same answer to all, the Bates col- always gives me a feeling of reverlege answer, that "God is no respecter | ence to hear them. They are so much | of persons." Your own Abraham nearer to heaven than we, and they Lincoln had less chance than most southern Negroes today, yet he ex-In an able address at the national celled Harvard's Edward Everett at ties, affords a better answer than my

isfied with ourselves, are busy in our

enthroning themselves in the minds selves suffering in equal proportion. d and self opinionated. It is ex- education and training will help ever

To Prove It He Showed Where the

Other Side Made a Hit. Frank I. Cobb, chief editorial writer of the New York World, was a great baseball player while he was at college in Michigan. During vacations he accumulated strength and a little extra money by "working" in a lumber camp and playing catcher on the camp team. (The word "working" is put in quotation marks advisedly.) Young Cobb and his pitcher, Flanagan, formed a WORKING FOR RESULTS It is true, however, that the professlon has in the past merited severe SPEAKS AT BATES COLLEGE and their camp mates won their bets in games against rival camps with great regularity. The battery worked Americans Are Not Discouraged. They had to pretend to be Swedes, of day and night. course, and they were down on the score card as Larsen, pitcher, and Ol-

a team," he declared, "that has never

"Didn't the team from Svenson & "Bates college recognizes men and Stefansson's camp beat them some

to all who had a will, male and female, "No, sir!" cried Mr. Burrows, turning especially the worthy poor. God grant | hot as if the battle were again going her the wisdom to fight it out forever on before him. "No, sir! They didn't on this line. Like Pentecost, where Per- | beat us. Confound 'em, they put in two i sians, Medes. Greeks, barbarians, Par- ringers as a battery and were leading thians, Cretes, Jews, all were welcom- our boys by 7 to 4 in the eighth when ed and were of one mind and purpose, we found out about it and ran 'em off of racial purity, may she never even "The score was 7 to 3, wasn't it, Sen-

"No-o-o-yes, I believe it was," Mr. Burrows admitted. "That's so; the um-Continuing his speech, Professor pire didn't allow our fourth tally because the runner didn't touch second.

\$1,000,000,000 of property, have more "I was there," said Mr. Cobb, turning than forty good colleges manned suc- the left side of his head toward Mr. Coaches to hire for all occasions nothing.

In the south increased population is and Lottie Gee, the Ginger Girls, in a tors, 2,000 lawyers, 3,000 medical doctors, 2,000 lawyers, 3,000 medical doctors, 2,000,000 chilbrick as I was going over the fence. I

> The Best Light. Treat a man with as much deference establishments, and the story has hard- as you would a picture-look at him in

> > Poetry With a Sting In It. On one occasion when Paul Hamilton Hayne was visiting Samuel Minturn Peck at the latter's home in Tusshadows of the pines.

"Here are your favorite pines, Hayne," said Peck. "Let's dream a few poems beneath them." The languid summer day had its efsnoring and dreaming away.

started down the home road at top speed, shouting as they ran. An army of yellow jackets had discovered them and, not being partial to poetry, had forcibly and feelingly resented its intrusion on their domain. Later, at supper, Peck asked:

"Did you make a poem, Hayne?" "No," was the meek reply. "I made

a poultice!" "So did I," said Peck.

Their Message. The evening callers were chatting



hearts never so freely as when the

a cockroach in the bathtub."-Ludies'

He Loved Not the Massage, Mrs. Ponsonby, visiting Paris, is re ceiving her friends at a "little ev ing," and, thinking to have a pleasant change after talk, suggests to a guest. 'and now, M. Dubois, shall we have a

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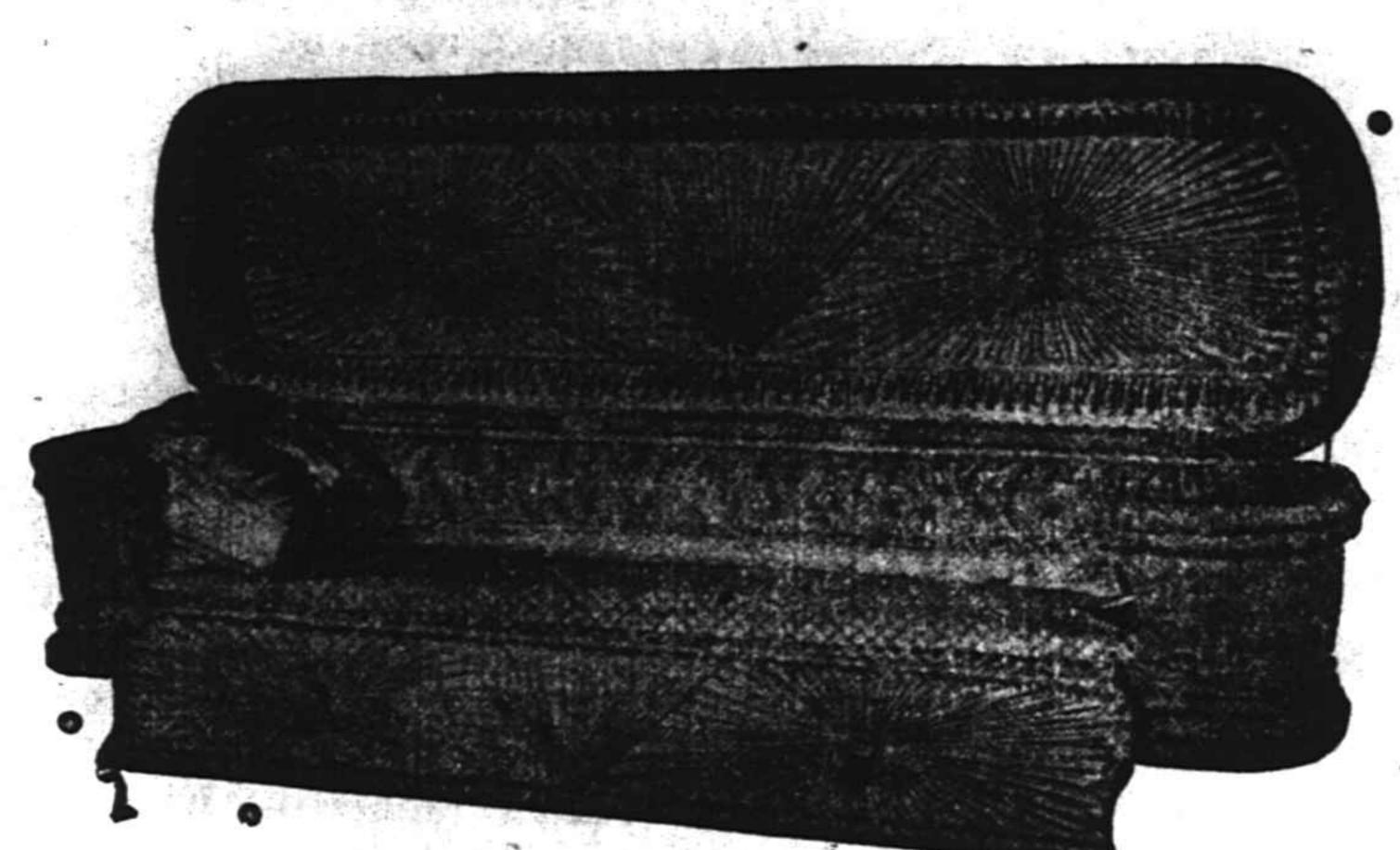
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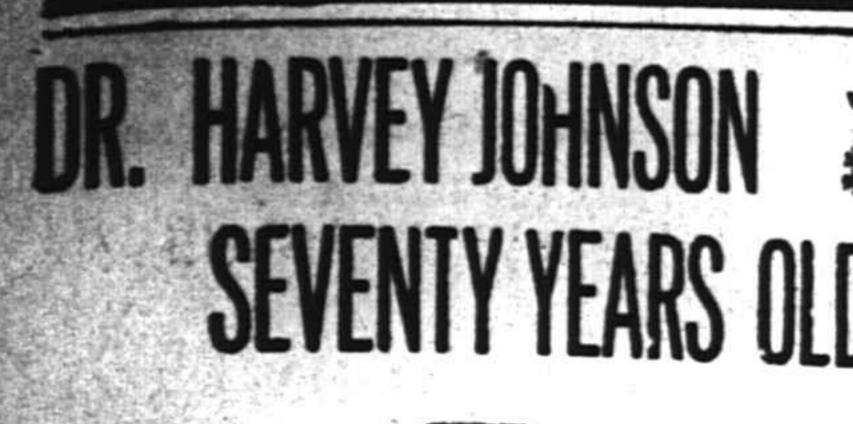
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Venerable Pastor of Unior Bapcist Church Still Hale, Hearty and

Rev. Dr. Harvey Johnson, Baltimore's veteran pastor and champion of the race, passed his seventieth milestone Monday.

Few, if any, ministers in the country are as widely known and generally respected as is the man who has for nearly 41 years been pastor at Union Baptist Church. Born in Fauquier county, Va.,

August 4, 1843, he grew up like the average son of a slave parents. He was converted when a young man, and entered school at Alexandria, Va. In 1867, he entered the old Wayland Seminary in Washington. He was called to the pastorate of Union Baptist Church in 1872. With the assumption of his work here began the career that has made him one of the notable figures of the day. It was he who led the successful fight that resulted in the admission of colored lawyers to the State bar, helped to provide adequate school facilities for the race and in numberless other ways lent his aid to movements that meant for racial uplift.

There has been no stronger advocate of the rights of the race than he, and many have been the



Pastor of Union Baptist Church who is a strong race advocator.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* hard thrusts made by him at prejudicial conditions. He led the movement that resulted in colored Baptists, for the most part, seceding from connection with white Baptist bodies in Maryland, and doing their own work untrammeled. Dr. Johnson made a notable address at the session of the National Baptist Convention at Boston in 1896, when he attacked the Northern Baptists for their alleged dominance of the work of colored Baptist as well their alleged minimizing of the efforts that colored Baptists themselves put

forth for themselves. Dr. Johnson has never been politically active, yet has always spoken frankly to his people about the issues. Living a life that has been regarded as most exemplary, his opinions have been highly re-

When the Suffrage League was organized at Bethel Church nine years ago, the assemblage unanimously voted that he be made president. He declined, but the assemblage voted to keep him there. The enthusiasm for him was Bo) great that his declination was not allowed to stand then. He resign-

ed later, however. Dr. Johnson has fiercely attacked the attitude of the white man toward the colored people, and in his book. "The Nations from a New Point of View," makes an onslaught at the civilization of the whites. He is a firm believer in the theory that Texas should be purchased by the national government and sold to colored people who want to establish an independent government. This, he says, would relieve the prejudiced conditions now existing between the races in this country.

He and his church have been most generous in aiding the cause) of education and many of the younger men in the ministry have been aided by him in their efforts to obtain an education. The Clayton-Williams University stands as a monument to his unselffish efforts.

A bitter critic of men and measures that he does not agree with, he has the highest respect of all. He has had clashes with persons of eminence, including the late President Harrison, whom he talked to about the lynching evil, and Booker