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The High School can learn something from the Normal School when it comes to simplicity of dress and unostentation at commencement exercises.

In four different sections of the city, citizens' associations have presented tablets to the schools. Dunbar, Banneker, Douglass and Elliott are the honored buildings. At the unveiling of the tablet at the last named building, Superintendent Koch remarked that a larger percentage of colored schools than white had received this honor at the hands of these citizen associations. Eventually all of the schools are to have names and tablets. If the school community has not pride and interest enough to give the money for defraying the expenses connected therewith, then the School Commissioners step in and furnish the funds out of the public treasury. It is a high mark of distinction, when these citizen associations voluntarily present tablets to schools in their neighborhood and themselves conduct the ceremonies. It is the beginning of the larger community interest so necessary to the best development of our school system. Robert Brown Elliott school and the Northwestern Citizens' Association are to be congratulated upon stepping into line.

What about that swimming pool?

"Many are the backs that are weary tonight,
"From using the spade and the hoe,
Many are the men who are straining their sight,
"Watching for the stuff to grow.
"Planting tonight, planting tonight,
"Planting in the old back yard."
—Congressional Record.

The Washington Normal School, which this year sent out 63 graduates, has been boasting for many years that it furnished the best part of all the teachers for the middle states. The large class of forty-four young men and women that our local Training School sent out this year makes it evident that Baltimore is doing its bit toward the proper education of school teachers.

Horace D. Slatter, whose articles on "Men I Have Known" have delighted and instructed Afro-American readers, has the following to say on "Beating 'T. B.'"

"The physician prescribes absolute rest, fresh air all the time and the very best food; three of the most expensive items in life outfit. Now what has the Negro, who has no money and fewer friends to do but die? How is he going to rest, when he has no money? How is he going to stay in the open without sufficient clothing for himself by night and day? How in the world is he going to get the very best food when he is forced to pay 8 cents a pint for milk, 40 cents a dozen for fresh eggs, and the delivery boy can push but 50 cent steak through the keyhole?"

Mr. Slatter is not cured of the disease. He has control of it, however, and believes that with due care and diligence he will be able to live out his alloted time of three score years and ten. He realized early that patient Job Deines would not cure him, and did the sensible thing of putting his case squarely up to the physician, and then following his advice.

If you light your fire near a cave, you will be pretty apt to smoke out something. Baltimore owes to Mrs. Terrell the credit for the discovery of a genuine southern copperhead in the city administration.

MRS. TERRELL ON RESPONSIBILITY.

Every day brings a wider range that lines of work outside the racial occupations are becoming available to colored workmen as never before. The shortage of labor is country-wide. At the same time there is more business in the country than at any time before or during the present war. Our army and that of the allies is to be armed, clothed and fed. The industrial workers who are now engaged in these activities are not available in numbers sufficient to supply all needs. The colored workman can get himself accepted in any position for which he can qualify. As he makes himself more efficient, there is talk of bringing in the Mexican to do the drudgery, and even the renewal of Chinese immigration is being whispered abroad.

The open letter of The Afro-American to the ministers and teachers and others in authority of the race to urge at every opportunity these new work men to become reliable and efficient has had twe echoes during the past week.

In Detroit, the Urban League, under the direction of Mr. Forrester B. Washington, is holding noon hour meetings among the workingmen but recently come to that town. The director explains to them that they are on trial, and that they have got to make good.

At the commencement of the High School Wednesday evening Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the speaker of the occasion referring to the effect of the war upon labor, said:

"Upon us is the necessity and responsibility of making a reputation for efficiency and responsibility. A glorious opportunity lies in front of us. If we do not make ourselves more proficient in everything we do, it were better that a millstone were hanged around our neck, and we were thrown into the deep sea. If we were weighed in the balance and found wanting, our last days will be our worst days. Never before in history has there been the necessity of training men and women properly. Never has it been of more importance to make a reputation. It will be a little short of crime if we do not value this work, however, and prepare to avail ourselves of this opportunity."

It would be a splendid thing if Mrs. Terrell could have told the graduates of a friendly world that will receive them after graduation, pat them on the back and point their feet in the way of success. Unfortunately, reality is not so roseate. The young men and women, who entering into the many new positions are on trial. They will receive few favors. Theirs is the responsibility and they must make good.

COPPERHEAD CHIVALRY.

With due consideration for the large number of colored people in this city who look to the Baltimore American more than to any other daily paper for the fair representation of their activities, it does appear that its report of the High School commencement should have assumed the proper tone. To be explicit.

The audience at the Lyric was not excited. They disagreed with Comptroller Thrift, and expressed this by not allowing him to continue in that line. Unusual forbearance, quite in keeping with the dignity of the occasion, was exercised by allowing him to continue at all, after he had stepped out of his official role, and began to give his personal opinion on a question which he is not qualified to discuss.

Besides stepping to the front of the platform, the principal of the High School wisely refrained from any attempt to stop the hissing.

Finally, the usually level-headed American lost its balance altogether in the attempt to support the discourtesy and ill-breeding of the city official in his over-anxiety to criticise publicly and with feeling the invited guest and speaker of the evening. Mr. Thrift is avowedly southern born, but the much vaunted southern chivalry was noticeably lacking.

DUNBAR'S BIRTHDAY, JUNE 27th.

There are many traits in the life of Paul L. Dunbar, our national poet, which become brighter as the years go by. His persistence in sticking to a literary career against the advice of his friends and the sneers of his [illegible], and his determination to win national recognition in spite of handicaps, are but two of the sterner sides of his character. On the softer side, there is evident in any number of his works an understanding love of nature and an interpretive devotion to his own people. Equally apparent in several of his poems is his love of children.

"Little Brown Babe with Sparkling Eyes" and "Lias", to mention but these two, are notable examples of his observation of child life. Perhaps less often quoted is his "Boogah Man." The barest mention of the title is enough to send a delightful shiver down the back of the southern reared youngster, while the short lines of regular trochees, in which the vowel "o" constantly recurs, adds materially in creating the effect of mystery and wonder.

To quote only the two last stanzas:

"When de win's asleepin'
Then de moonlight pale,
An' dey comes de pattetin'
Of de evenin' rain
When de owls a-hootin'
Cut dem in de woods,
Jes' you wish, my honey
But you had been good?
Dat's no use to try to
Git to sleep no to-night
Bless you, dat's de time!
Of de Boogah Man.

"Jes' you lovey yo' mammy
An' you git your fill,
Ef you nevah wiggles
Outen Sukey's lap
Ef you says yo' 'ay me'
Evah single night
Fo' de tucks de rivers
An' gets out de light,
Den de rain kin pattah,
Win' blow lak a fun,
But you need'n bothah
'Bout de Boogah Man."

SAVING FOOD.

We are paying at least 35 per cent more for the food that we eat than is paid for the same food in London. This is in spite of the fact that the food eaten in London in many cases is the same that has been exported there from the United States. Lamb chops cost 72 cents in London and 90 cents here; jelly is 6 cents there and 21 cents here. Fruits and tea and coffee cost 100 per cent more here than there.

Prices in America now compared with the prices of the same commodities last October show an increase of 53 per cent. Until Congress took up the matter and began to talk of control of prices and food dictatorship, there was every evidence that flour, potatoes and sugar would soon be out of reach of the average consumer. Food riots in several cities were only the forerunner of what was likely to become general unless Congress did something.

While Congress is threashing out the matter, it is necessary for the household to practice the most rigid economy in order to live comfortably.

There ought to be no more paring of vegetables before cooking. Fruit should be skinned in the most economic way. When one commodity is beyond the reach of the pocketbook, then another with the same food value ought to be substituted, which does not cost as much.

Canned goods will be short next year, and for this reason, home-made canned and dried fruits and vegetables should be set aside to fill up this shortage. Here is where the home gardens come in. Nobody ought delay in spading up even the smallest space and setting out lettuce, onions, and even potatoes, tomatoes and corn. Mr. Roosevelt was right when he said early in the spring that the "people of America have got to do two things, 'farm and arm.'"

SAFE AND SANE FOURTH.

The committee on the celebration of a safe and sane Fourth of July has completed its plans for the day. The program, which will be given in full in next week's issue, includes arrangements for a mammoth mass meeting at Bethel Church on the evening of the 3rd. Mr. Harry T. Pratt is the chairman of the committee.

Where are the Bellmen going? To Greenwood Electric Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Branston attended the commencement of the Dunbar High School from which their cousin, Miss Carrie B. Mains was a graduate.

CARGILL-MANNING NUPTIALS

Dr. William H. Cargill, son of the late Dr. J. Marion Cargill, was married to Miss Prue E. Manning, of Knoxville, Tenn., on Friday, June 22. The bride is a daughter of Prof. Manning, supervisor of the public schools of Knoxville. The happy couple will be at home to their many friends after June 24th at their future residence 430 West Biddle street.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS OF AMES GO HIKING.

The Campfire girls of Ames Memorial M. E. Church held their first campfire outing on Sunday, June 17th at Mt. Washington. The girls with their guardian met at 1570 Lexington street at 5:30 A. M. and a prayer of inspiration and songs of devotion, left for Mt. Washington. Arriving there the girls followed a well arranged plan of fire making, wood craft, bathing and singing of camp fire songs. On a whole the six hours of recreation were spent in a most profitable manner, and all are looking forward to the next outing which will be held in the first week in July. On Monday night, June 18th the first exhibition of the girls in their uniforms was held at Ames Church and a good program was rendered under the direction of Guardian, Mrs. Annie Thomas. Those who participated were: Prologue, Velma Roberts; solo, Eleanor Johnson; recitation, Mildred Goodrich, piano duet Hazel Mitchell and Florence Jackson. The program was followed by a drill.

NURSES TO GRADUATE.

Rev. W. J. Moore and Dr. W. H. Montague are to be the speakers at the annual commencement exercises of the Nurses Training School of Provident Hospital. The exercises are to be held at the Macedonia Baptist Church, Druid Hill avenue and Gilmore street. A musical program, a demonstration by the Nurses' Association is to feature the occasion.

Dr. W. Sampson Brooks, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church is attending the commencement exercises at Wilberforce University this week, but will return in time for his church services tomorrow. Since coming to Baltimore, Dr. Brooks has been greeted by unusually large audiences on Sunday.

SPRIGGS-DICKERSON

On Tuesday, June 19th, at 7 A. M. Rebecca Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Spriggs, and Mr. James Gilbert Dickerson, quietly married in the rectory of the Bethel A. M. E. Church by the friend of the bride, Rev. J. Alfred Nally. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Howard L. Spriggs, who was also best man to the groom. Miss [illegible] was bridesmaid. Following the wedding ceremony the couple repaired to a wedding breakfast at the groom's home, after which they left for a short honeymoon trip to Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson will be at home to their friends on Sunday, June 24th, from 4 to 6 P. M. at 1558 Argyle avenue.

Mrs. D. N. E. Campbell is in Cambridge, Mass., attending the commencement at Harvard University, where her brother, Horace Preston Payne, takes his Bachelor of Arts degree this year. Young Payne's career at Harvard is a unique one, as he is completing the four years course in three years, after having won $150 cash as prize in his first year for the highest average in competitive examination. He is from the Harrisburg High School, Pennsylvania.

Saturday twilights beginning Saturday, June 23rd. 6 o'clock.

SCHOOL No. 108

Caroline Street near Bank
Daniel C. Creditt, Principal

Myrtle Eulalia Whyte, Roland Creditt Whyte, William Lincoln Mondowndy, Blanch Eloise Mills, Ruth Genesta Wheelton, Mabel Rebecca Anthony, John Albert Crunnie, Arthur Ockaney.

The Bellmen's Auxiliary are Going. When are the Bellmen Going?

Miss Edity Lynch is sick at her home on George street.

COMMENCEMENT AT BOWIE

The graduating class of the Maryland Normal and Industrial School at Bowie, Md., numbered fifteen. Dean Pickens, of Morgan College, who attended the exercises last week stated that he was impressed with the fact that there was no effort to "show off" at Bowie, but only to build solidly and firmly. Dr. Goodloe has made the wilderness to bloom. What he has done there in six years ought to justify the state in spending many times their annual expenditure on the Bowie school.

S. JAMES CONSECRATED

The 17th anniversary of the occupancy by St. James Episcopal Church of its present home, Park avenue and Preston streets, was observed Wednesday. Bishop John Gardner Murray consecrated the church at the morning service and Archdeacon H. L. Phillips, of Philadelphia, preached the sermon. Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., is rector of the church.

Prominent among the visiting ministers present at the services were the following: Rev. H. L. Phillips, archdeacon of Pennsylvania; Rev. W. E. Henderson, St. Thomas; Rev. Robert H. Tabb, Crucifixion; Rev. John R. Logan, St. Simon; Rev. Ernest S. Thomas, St. Barnabas; Rev. Richard Bright, St. Monica's and Rev. D. R. Clark, all of Philadelphia; Rev. Geo. M. Penshett, of Orange, N. J.; Dr. W. V. Tunnell, St. Philips; Rev. T. J. Brown, St. Luke's; Rev. Oscar L. Mitchell, St. Mary's; Rev. F. J. Bennett, Calvary; Rev. George W. Fowler, St. Monica's; Rev. Edw. Douse, St. John's Chapel, all of Washington. A. N. B. Boyd, of Orange, N. J.; Rev. A. C. Powell, St. Mary's, Roland Park; Rev. L. P. Gaskins, St. Matthews, Spurrows Point; Rev. Arnold R. Pedigree, West Arlington.

RECEIVES DOCTORATE

Washington, June 14—E. M. A. Chandler, a graduate of Howard University in the class of 1913, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Illinois yesterday. Dr. Chandler specialized in chemistry. He is a native of Ocala, Florida.

COMMENCEMENT AT WILBERFORCE

Wilberforce, Ohio, June 21—The annual exercises of the university here closed today with addresses by the Hon. Richard T. Greener of Chicago, consul to Bombay and Vladivostok. The new Tawanka hospital was dedicated in the [illegible]

Friday, 29th, all day.
For me and my gal.

THE GOVERNOR PETITIONED.

Because the First Separate Company is already recruited up to its full quota, and there are still other citizens who are willing to express their loyalty and willingness to serve their country, the Women's Patriotic League has sent a petition to Governor Harrington urging the extension of the company into a regiment. The petition was signed by the following ladies: Mesdames John Ivy, Marie Byers, Margaret Hunter, Sarah Fermandis and Mamie Thomas.

HOUSEWIVES TAKE NOTICE

Cooking teachers employed by the government will be at Hill street, Carey street and Jefferson street schools o Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week to give instruction in the canning, preserving and drying of fruits and vegetables. This is an experiment. Its continuance depends upon the interest displayed by the public.

HIGH SCHOOL GRAD ELOPES.

The elopement of Miss Geneva Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lewis, of Baltimore, and Darius H. Jones, of this city, came as a great surprise. The bride is a recent graduate of the Baltimore High School.—Philadelphia Tribune.

At a reception tendered Rev. Chas. E. Stewart, pastor of Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, the Young Men's Club of the church presented Mrs. Ivy with a beautiful gold cross [illegible] of appreciation and [illegible]

ALLEN—In said [illegible] June 20th, 1917, [illegible]

WILLIAMS—In said [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sunday.

[illegible] home.

[illegible] Mrs. Emma Seymore

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH
W. Sampson Brooks, D. D., Pastor.

11 a. m., Special Sermon.
2:30 p. m., Sunday School.
3:30 p. m., The famous "Thunder and Lightning Sermon by Rev. Aquilla Brooks. Music by St. John's Choir.
6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p. m., Special Sermon.
The congregation and the public are cordially invited to attend the "Congress on the American Negro" Monday and Tuesday, June 25-26. [illegible]

ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH
Lexington St. near Paca
Rev. P. W. Wortham, Pastor.
Parsonage 634 George Street.
11 a. m., Sermon by the Pastor, subject "Faith" 2:30 p. m. Sunday School. Promotion day service. 7:45 p. m. Pastor on Steamer.
John Woodhouse, Superintendent.

EBENEZER A. M. E. CHURCH
Charles E. Stewart, B. D., Pastor
W. Montgomery St. near Charles

Special sermon at 11 a. m. to the Church Aid Society. Mary E. Cross, president. The Rev. Wm. Alexander will preach at 3:30. Game Sermon at 8 p. m. by the Arcanum Social Club, the Peoples Singing Association, Avon Pleasure Club, the Gentlemen and Workers' Assn., the Silver Spring Social. Morning Bible Class at 9 a. m. Mary H. Smith, leader. Sunday School at 2:30. Chas. Brown, supt. Sunday Evening Library concert by the Nautilus Literary Society. Lincoln S. Dodd, president. 7 p. m. Come but bring your friends.

ALLEN A. M. E. CHURCH
Cor. Lexington and Gordon Streets
Rev. C. Harold Depriest, D. D., Pastor

11 a. m., Special sermon by the pastor. All are invited. Subject: "The Seed and the Sower." 2:30 p. m., Sunday School. 3:30 p. m., the annual sermon to the Juvenile Department of the Order of Good Hopers of America will be preached by Rev. C. Harold Depriest. Wm. G. Price, grand master, Alfred Nixon, grand secretary. 8:30 p. m., the public is cordially invited to be present at the Great Camp Rally, 50 captains. A wonderful display of lights. A wonderful sermon, subject "Light." And a wonderful amount of interest is being manifested in it. Mr. H. D. Brent, Supt. S. S.

CALDWELL MEM. A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.
Spring street above Lanvale.

11 a. m., Sermon by the Pastor, subject "Move or Die." 2:30 p. m., Sunday School, Mrs. Mary J. Williams, Supt. 8 p. m., sermon by Pastor, subject "Six Men Escape Hell." Rev. W. N. Edwards, D. D., pastor.

PAYNE MEM. A. M. E. CHURCH
Colburn and Laurens streets.
Rev. C. H. Murray, Pastor.
Res. 1342 N. Calhoun Street.

Trustees Rally. Each member is highly requested to comply. 8:00 a. m., 6:30 a. m., Song and prayer service conducted by Rev. J. H. C. Douglass. 11 a. m., Sermon by Pastor. 2:30 p. m., Sunday School. 3:30 p. m., Congregation and choir will accompany pastor to Wm. Paca A. M. E. Church, Carroll street near Cordelia avenue. 5:30 p. m., Class, Bro. H. C. Edelin, leader. 6:30 p. m., Allen Leagues. 8 p. m., Sermon by the pastor.

[illegible] Neal, Supt., Nehemiah Haney, [illegible] president, Lessie [illegible] Harrison, secretary.

CHRIST INSTITUTION CHURCH
Eutaw street near [illegible]
Dr. G. W. Kemp, Pastor.

11 a. m., Sermon by Rev. [illegible]. 2:30 p. m., Sunday School. [illegible] Spiritual Service [illegible]

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Hoffman Street near Potts'a
W. F. Allen, Pastor.

10 a. m., Men's Bible class. 11 a. m., Preaching by the Pastor, subject "Motion Cooperation." 2:30 p. m., Sunday School. 8 p. m., subject "The Saints Final Triumph." All are invited.

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SOCIAL FREE BAPTIST CHURCH
Druid Hill Avenue near Dolphin street.
Rev. Jason H. [illegible]

[illegible] Sunday School, 3 p. m., [illegible] Prayer Meeting [illegible] Thursday night.

[illegible]

EASTERN M. E. CHURCH
Rev. A. Young, Pastor.
Children's Day.

11 a. m., Sermon by Stranger. 2:30 p. m., Children's Day Program. 8 p. m., Special music by invited guests and the children. All are welcome.

Come to the Great Children's Day and Family Reunion at Gaskins Square Baptist Church, corner Eutaw and Clinton streets, Sunday. The program will be conducted by the children. All superintendents and [illegible] are cordially invited to be present each service. Rev. F. R. Williams, D. D., Pastor.

Closing exercises of the A. M. E. Preachers' Meeting City and [illegible] and vicinity, at Evergreen A. M. E. Church, Carroll Circuit. W. H. Williams, Pastor. [illegible] June 25th. Dinner and Supper at the church. Program at each service.

The public is cordially [illegible]

TYSON M. P. CHURCH
West Roland Park, Tyson Road.
Children's Day.

9 a. m., Sabbath School. [illegible] Special sermon to the [illegible] and children. 3 p. m., Special exercises by the Juniors. [illegible] program by Senior department.

ST. MATTHEWS M. P. CHURCH
East 23rd street.
Rev. R. A. Green, Pastor.

11 a. m., Rev. [illegible] 2:30 p. m., S. S. Mr. [illegible] Supt. 4 p. m., Rev. Mr. [illegible] St. A. M. E. Church will be with us. [illegible] R. B. Fuller, president. Mrs. N. Thaw, Supt. [illegible] Mr. R. O. Rasheed, [illegible] erintendent.

CENTENNIAL M. P. CHURCH
Rev. John S. [illegible]

[illegible] At the morning service the church will be [illegible] the Rubber Checker [illegible] A beautiful [illegible] to receive [illegible] the new [illegible] Adventure [illegible] the church [illegible] Epworth League [illegible] Goods have been [illegible] Cooper Dunn, Carrie Lightfoot, Albert [illegible] D. Carroll, Laura Mae Ellis and Messrs. [illegible] South Jersey [illegible] Prof. [illegible] the Rubber Checker [illegible] Adventure [illegible] Epworth League