French, George E. Singleton, Busi- School, Chicago.

Mrs. Mary M. Bethune writes that it is impossible to tell of the destruction and suffering among colored people in Florida as a result of the hurricane: "Suffice it to say that the lower East Coast of Florida lies prostrated. Delray, Pleasant City, Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, Canal Point, Bellglade, Panoke, all have been seriously struck. Never before in my life have I witnessed such suffering, and so many homeless people. The Coast has been raked and scraped from Pompano to Stuart. The storm was the most violent ever known in that section. In its rage, it brought all persons down to a common level of mutual help. Little has been left of the homes and business places of the Negroes in West Palm Beach. School houses have been destroyed-every church, save one, in the entire city, is demolished. All of the public buildings are destroyed. . . . The distress among the poor people in the everglades is great. They were drowned by the hundreds. Great trucksheaped high with dead bodies-white and black-men, women and children, were buried without being identifiedmany of them having no one left to identify them. Steam shovels were used in the colored and white cemeteries to dig the trenches in which this great mass of stricken humanity was laid to rest."

THE MIDDLE WEST

Mildred Bryant Jones of Chicago The summer school for workers in has been granted the degree of Doctor industry at Madison, Wis., consists of of Music by the National University working men and women who are I W. L. Hutcherson, executive secof Music, Chicago. Mrs. Jones was given six weeks intensive courses in retary of the Wichita, Kansas, branch born in Macon, Georgia; educated at English, history, physical education, of the Y. M. C. A., has been appointed Fisk, the New England Conservatory economics, etc., prepared especially for by the Probate Judge of Sedgwick of Music, and Northwestern Univer- them. A large number of these stu- County to serve on an advisory board sity. She received her degree of dents were working as ushers during of fifteen persons, for the newly com-Bachelor of Music from the Lyceum the past session in order to see the pleted County Boys' Farm. Mr. Arts Conservatory, 1921 and in 1923 University plays without cost. When Hutcherson is the only Negro Memthe degree of Master of Music from one of the students was refused a posi- ber serving on this commission. the Cosmopolitan School of Music and tion as usher because of her color, all The State Building and Loan As-Dramatic Art, Chicago. She has stud- the other student ushers gave up their sociation of St. Paul and Minneapolis, ied voice culture in New York City; chance to see the plays.

Minn., recently appointed George the violin in Louisville; and harmony, The tenth annual convention of Bryant, colored, as state manager of orchestration and composition in Chi- the National Association of Negro the Association. Mr. Bryant will have cago. Two summers she spent abroad Musicians met at Detroit, Mich., late complete charge of all investments studying the opera in France. Italy in August. I. Wesley Iones. Chicago. among the colored people of Min-

Atlanta University opened its 60th was Supervisor of Music in the Louis- mille Nickerson, Washington, D. C.,

I Spelman College opened with 135 Illinois has been awarded Lawsen tions. This award carries with it a students in college and 172 in the high Miller of Chicago, through Samuel cash prize of \$250. school grades. Dr. Louise B. Wallace, Insull, public utilities magnate. Mr. I Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell, founder formerly a Professor of Zoology at Miller, who is a recent graduate from of Meharry Medical College, died re-Mount Holyoke College, will teach the Wendell Phillips High School, cently at Cincinnati, O., at the age of was an honor student, editor of the school paper, and was a member of the star lightweight basketball team that



Dr. Mildred Bryant Jones

won the city championship last winter.

and Germany. From 1909 to 1918, she Ill., was elected president; Mrs. Ca-nesota.

year with an enrollment of 300. ville Public Schools, and for the last corresponding secretary; and George Among the new teachers are Miss J. eight years, she has been Director of Hutchison, Chicago, Ill., treasurer. It E. Guernsey, Education, Hans Music in the day and evening schools was announced that Harold Brown, Naether, German, Miss H. M. Cross, at the Wendell Phillips Senior High colored composer of Indianapolis, was the first prize winner of the Wana-A scholarship at the University of maker award for orchestra composi-

> 86 years. Bishop Hartzell was active in church work in Africa for twenty years, having developed an educational, industrial and missionary center in Rhodesia. He was born June 1, 1842, near Moline, Ill. After his high school education at Moline, he worked his way through Illinois Wesleyan University.

The eleventh annual national convention of the Madam C. J. Walker Agents was held recently at Indianapolis, Ind. Hundreds of Walker Agents and many prominent men and women came from twenty-six states to witness the official dedication of the new Walker building, and to take part in the convention procedure.

With 15,000 delegates and members in attendance, the 24th B. M. C. Grand United Order of Odd Fellows met in its five-day session recently in Chicago.

Miss Rebecca Davis of Cleveland, O., sailed for Africa late in August, to initiate rural work among women, under the auspices of the Jeanes Foundation.

TRANS MISSISSIPPI

The inspector of Negro schools for the state of Missouri declares that 50% of the Negro children, living mostly in cities, receive adequate elementary and secondary free public schools. Of the other 25,000 Negro youth, 3,000 get no schools at all, 14,-000 get poor ungraded schools, 5,000 get ordinary elementary schools, but poor secondary training.

LOUISIANA AND THE SOUTH-WEST

T D. J. Wallace, director of the Security Life Insurance Co., and an attorney of Okmulgee, Okla., died recently at that city at the age of 70

Ministers and laymen from fortyeight states took part in the 49th annual session of the National Baptist Convention of America, which convened in Shreveport, La., early in September. Over \$300,000 in business during the past fiscal year was reported by the Publishing House as the gross operation of the institution. This is an increase of more than \$20,-000 over the year 1926-27.

A new colored high school building, modern in every respect and costing \$45,000, was opened in North Little Rock, Ark., in September. keeping with the custom of naming school buildings in honor of some notable citizen, the school board named the school the Scipio A. Jones High School.

An investigation of the penal system of Texas has revealed the fact that 4,000 prisoners, most of them Negro workers, are ruled by whip and blood-hound terror on the prison farms of that state. This is true of the main penitentiary at Huntsville as well as the twelve prison farms. If a convict does not work as hard as the guard thinks he should, he is given solitary confinement on dry bread and water. When he returns to work, if he is too weak to work as hard as formerly, he is bound to a post and lashed with a heavy thong.

THE PACIFIC AND MOUN-TAIN STATES

The Inter-racial Committee of San Diego, Calif., and The Little Gallery, held its first exhibition of contemporary Negro art in San Diego on September 16th.

I A protracted fight against colored citizens of Los Angeles, Calif., occupying residences in the exclusive Crestmore residential district terminated recently when the State Supreme Court ruled that Negroes might buy property ir the area, but they could not occupy

Frederick M. Roberts, a colored man, was re-nominated for a sixth term in the California Legislature in the recent primary elections. In all of the precincts known as the "colored" precincts, Assemblyman Roberts was the choice over his opponent by majorities ranging from two to one to more than three to one.

THE WEST INDIES

I Silvio Cator of Haiti, runner-up at Amsterdam in the Olympic broad jump, broke the world's record for that event in an international meet held at Paris, when he leaped 7.93 because I have just conferred in the metres, or 26 feet 27/128 inch.

The Virgin Islands Fish Industries, Inc., with headquarters at St. Thomas, and with a capital of \$15,000, has been organized by a group of citi- An extraordinary movement has zens who have been studying the unde- taken place in South African trade veloped resources of the Virgin Islands. unionism. The Amalgamated Laun-

his home in Oouajay, Cuba. Mr. Atjona was a dominant figure in Cuban literature for more than three decades.

SOUTH AFRICA

The South African Native College under the Presidency of D. D. T. Jabavu, B. A. (London), is situated at Fort Hare, Alice, Cape Province, South Africa. It was established by the natives after long effort and is recognized as an official part of the University of South Africa. At the last Commencement, May 30th, the College for the first time, presented candidates for degrees, and H. M. Scott, Director of Education in the Transvaal Province, bestowed the following degrees: Gertrude N. Ntlabati, Bachelor of Arts; Benjamin Mahlasela, Bachelor of Arts; Donald Guy Sidney Mtimkulu, Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Scott said in conferring the degrees: "This ceremony to-day is more memorable than those which have preceded it for two reasons. In the first place the standard of attainment reached marks a higher level than has ever been reached before and we must congratulate not only the student concerned but also the Institution. Moreover the day is particularly memorable name of the University a degree upon a woman of the Native races and this is the first time that a woman has won this distinction in South Africa."

T Cuba's foremost poet, Vincenta Sil- dry Cleaners and Dyers Union, white, veira Arjona, Negro, died recently at (Will you please turn to page 393)



Women's Auxiliary, N. A. A. C. P., Kansas City, Mo.