



Afro-Cuban Editor.

THE DEEDS OF JUAN GUAL GOMEZ TO FAME AND POWER.

ded to Twenty Years in
for Preaching Cuba's
ion from Spain—His

Alberto Gomez, the sub-
sketch, was born in
province of Matanzas,
1844, and is therefore in
birth year. His was an
modest home, though
one. Studying at the
not an easy affair for a
ed lad, and the only in-
that he had was that
procured reading at
studied carpentry in
branches, and this was
his greatness.

sent to France, and, as
does not find any insur-
barriers in France, he
d himself surrounded by
fluences that could not
be the moulders of his
Though an Afro-Cu-
Mr. Fortune would call
was admitted to the
men's Club, and was
ch of by his comrades.
ez once said:

ingmen in France go to
shops in the day time,
d the club at night. Not
they have work, but they
have liberty; not only do
their duty, but also they
exercise their rights. I
e clubs with my teach-
rades. I saw that men
more ignorant than my
d rights and knew how
them. I saw a class of
ignorant as mine influ-
moulding the govern-
powerful state, and since
said to myself,—What
ingmen do can be done
r Negroes of Cuba. As
ts as these people enjoy
enjoyed by my people. In
l order of things, we are
It is absolutely neces-
ve be equals in the social
ad writing for some
pers, he went back to
d Cuban home. Soon
ced the publication of
r which he named *La
ad* (Fraternity) and
amous by his vivid imagi-
ong hammering for li-
the espousing of noble
causes.

r. Gomez found himself
nds of this very same
eneral Blanco (who
is Governor of Cuba)
ent to Ceuta on the coast
for his bold utterances.
ta he went to Spain, was
to a Spanish deputy
made himself acquaint
Spanish politics and poli-
upon he made such strides
made the Madrid cor-
of a Havana newspa-
paine was on everybody's
ians and statesmen hon-
with their acquaintance,
e reached the conclu-
e people and his coun-
his services in a closer
him. Again he sailed
his friends and neighbors
in his efforts for free-
erty for Cuba, he soon
d the publication of a
y newspaper that he
same as his first. Bold-
ented the separation of
Spain by peaceful and
ns, if possible, but if not
peaceful means—well he
self in jail and spent all
in costly law suits, un-
he made the Supreme
pain confess that it was
to propagate the seeds of
if no resort to arms was
or more than five years
very battling for his race
and had the honor of
the Spanish Govern-
a law that gave equal
ts with the white popu-
the colored folks, equal
railroad service to all
his was one of his great

est achievements, but not the
greatest. In 1893-4 he organized
the Cuban Revolutionary Party in
Cuba, and conspired with Marti
against Spain. He was in Cuba
when Marti was out of Cuba, the
head of the party. His work was
dangerous. He bought arms and
sent them over the island and di-
rected the internal affairs of the
conspiracy.

In February, 1895, his was the
voice that ordered the men to pray
for Marti's command, and he was
among the first to shoulder arms
for freedom. At Ibarra, in Matanza-
s, he fought the Spaniards, but
alone in the scattering of his forces
after his unfortunate baptism of
bullets, he was forced to surren-
der. The Spanish Governor Gen-
eral Calleja had published a decree
pardoning all those who surren-
dered in eight days. He was par-
doned, and while going down the
palace stairs was arrested again,
charged with buying arms from
the rebels and sentenced to twenty
years in Ceuta, at hard labor. Af-
ter spending three years with the
worst Spanish criminals he, back
with his friends, ready to be use-
ful—his sole aim.—John Bonilla,
in the New York Age, June 5.

ALUMNI RE-UNION.

A splendid literary program has
been arranged, to which the public
is invited, free of charge, at the
Madison Street Presbyterian
Church on next Monday night.
The occasion is the annual re-union
of the Alumni of the High
School. No doubt there will be a
very large attendance upon the
part of the public to enjoy the feast
of good things spread for their
benefit by the young ladies and
gentlemen who have graduated
from our High School. The
alumni need to feel an increasing
pride with respect of their position
as the fruits of our High School,
and by rallying together and com-
bining their efforts they will prove
the instrument for accomplishing
much in an educational way for
their city and people. Men and
women should always be actuated
by a noble pride on behalf of the
institution which has enabled them
to take their places as work-
ers in the educational army, and
the people should be ever ready to
evince their true appreciation of
commendable effort put forth in
that direction.

Return From Wilberforce.

Bishop Handy has returned
from Wilberforce, whither he has
been to attend the annual com-
mencement of this the chief school
of the A. M. E. Church. All the
Bishops of the church were pres-
ent. The degree of Doctor in Di-
vinity was conferred upon Rev.
A. L. Gaines of Portsmouth, Va.,
a relative of Bishop Gaines.

A Great Day in Israel.

"The Lord has spoken concern-
ing Israel" says the Rev. J. H.
Reid, pastor of Israel Baptist
church. Last Sunday was a great
day with that congregation. At the
11 a. m. service the Rev. Mr. Mar-
shall preached, at 3 p. m. Rev. J.
Burley officiated and at 8 p. m.
Rev. John H. Ballou the talented
lawyer and preacher occupied the
pulpit.

A SOCIAL.

A number of the young people
of East Baltimore gave a very en-
joyable sociable and reception on
last Monday evening at 312 south
Bethel street. Among those pres-
ent were Mrs. Cora Watts, Misses
Nellie Myers, Ella Harris, Lenora
Harris, Margreter Hughes, Ida
Harris, Mrs. Virgie Jones, and
Messrs. Leroy Collins, Charles
Haywood, William Harris, How-
ard Harris, Samuel Haywood and
Richard Harris.

A RECTORY PURCHASED.

The Vestry of St. James' church
North High street, has purchased
very valuable and convenient
property, 825 Alaquith street, as a
rectory or parsonage for the parish.
The deal was carried through dur-
ing the present week, and the rec-
tor, Rev. Mr. Bragg hopes to be in
possession of the same during the
next thirty days.

PROVIDENT HOSPITAL.

THE FIRST COMMENCEMENT OF THE NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL.

A Memorable Occasion, and Most Delightful Exercises.

The spacious Metropolitan M. E. Church on Orchard street, near Druid Hill avenue, was completely filled on Thursday evening of last week to witness exercises of a very unusual character, as well as to objectively demonstrate the very high appreciation which the colored people of this city have for the faithful and devoted services of the colored physicians connected with the above institution. The audience itself was an inspiration and the colored doctors of Baltimore must have felt particularly proud of the great ovation tendered them. There is no city in the country that can boast of a more faithful, painstaking, intelligent, cultured and better equipped corp of colored physicians than the city of Baltimore. It is especially gratifying to note the almost remarkable confidence reposed in them by the race in this city.

Amid the delightfully soothing and enjoyable strains of the Commonwealth's full orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. C. L. Harris, as they discoursed a march, "Gen. Felix Agnus" the proces-



Provident Hospital.

sion of nurses, in their attractive uniforms, followed by the physicians, in full evening dress suits moved down the aisle of the church to the stage erected for the occasion. The Rev. J. A. Holmes, pastor of the church invoked the divine blessing. Dr. Brown, the Superintendent then read the report of the work of the hospital. Miss Martha Faustina Anderson, one of the undergraduates delivered a most instructive thesis, "The Sick and the Sick Room." It was replete with good common-sense, intimating wise and practical suggestions which should be employed in the care and the attention paid to the sick. The valedictory was by Miss Lillian Janette Henry, the first and only graduate thus far and the only colored person ever graduated in the state of Maryland as a trained nurse. Miss Henry has completed the full course of the institution, and has exhibited remarkable patience and perseverance in thus sticking while the institution was passing through its day of small things. Besides receiving her diploma she was the recipient of two prizes awarded by the faculty, and these as well as the diploma were presented by Councilman Harry S. Cummings in a very beautiful and chaste speech, in which he emphasized the significance of the work represented by the institution. Mayor Malster who was to have delivered the diploma sent his regrets as he could not get there. But, ex-Mayor Latrobe, a special favorite of the colored people of Baltimore, during whose administration the Hospital began its existence, was present, as is always the case when requested by his colored citizens. The prolonged

applause which he received was evident of the great appreciation which the colored people of this city have for the democratic ex-Mayor and friend of the race. His address was good and well received. Music by the Commonwealth Band was interspersed throughout, and it was delightfully enjoyable and of a high order. Staff.

Visiting Physicians—Drs. M. D. Brown and W. T. Carr, Jr. Obstetrics and Diseases of Children—Dr. Wm. H. Thompson. Gynecologists—Drs. C. H. Fowler and J. M. Cargill.

Surgeon—Dr. Wm. E. Harris. Diseases of the Eye and Ear—Dr. W. T. Carr. Diseases of the Nose and Throat—Dr. M. D. Brown. Pharmacist and Supt. Dispensary—Dr. L. D. Dyer.

Resident Physician—Dr. Richard H. Johnson. Acting Head Nurse—Miss Lillian J. Henry.

Dean—Dr. Wm. E. Harris. Dr. Carr is the president of the Board of Trustees.

This institution was started on the 13th of June 1894, the physician themselves sustaining all the expenses of its maintenance. Since that time the present attractive and well situated building has been purchased and paid for More than \$11,000 has been raised from all sources during that time. About \$8,000 coming from city and state. More than 14,000 cases have been treated, 450 of the same in the bells of the institution. The sphere of usefulness of this most excellent and necessary institution ought to be greatly enlarged, and we earnestly believe that the colored people of Baltimore will respond most liberally in contributing the means for the enlargement of the same. The immediate needs are, first, better facilities for the Nurses Training School which is destined to grow vigorous and strong, and a Maternity department for the treatment of poor women of the race who at such a critical moment should receive the best treatment and attention possible, and also a special ward for children. Too much credit can not be given to our physicians for the wisdom and persistence which have characterized them in bringing the institution to the present success. The institution is singularly fortunate in having at its head such a worthy capable and hard-working physician as its Dean, Dr. W. E. Harris of East Baltimore.

CAMBRIDGE GLEANINGS.

The election is over and the successful candidates have received their credentials and will meet Wednesday for organization. The excitement was very great on the part of those who were interested in the election of local candidates. The men who represented the different parties and their friends were early at the polls urging and persuading men to do their duty for their favorite candidates.

Mr. Zachariah Jews the successful candidate for City Councilman of the 2nd Ward, also a member of the A. M. E. Church, polled 33 votes over Mr. St. Clair. All eyes are now upon him to see what he will do for the improvement of this section of the city. "Zack" as he is called has not a college education but is one of those level-headed men who has gained much by observation. His attention is called first to the muddy streets and the old well that has been an eyesore to the community and we ask him to endeavor to have substituted fire or water plugs.

We also suggest that he help us to get the 2nd Ward in condition for walking and driving as other parts of Cambridge. The people say Bro. Zack will do it, he is wide awake on all such matters and soon we will be able to walk the pavements of the 2nd Ward with shining boots without getting them soiled, as in other parts of the town. But we must give the new Councilman a chance to take his seat and familiarize himself with his duties etc.

WAIT!

For St. James' Church annual picnic to Loch Raven, July 25, th.

Local Items.

DOINGS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR MANY BALTIMORE CITY READERS.

Invitations have been issued announcing the marriage of Dr. William T. Carr, Jr., to Miss Julia A. Johnson of 1204 Park ave. The nuptial knot will be tied on the 28th of the present month.

Mr. William H. Waters of 919 Valley street, who has been quite sick is slowly improving.

One person received the right hand of fellowship at Ebenezer Baptist church on last Sunday.

Mr. F. D. Lee, one of Washington's prominent lawyers has been in the city during the week.

In a private letter from Mr. John B. Giles from Cape May, he states that he is having a fine time.

Mrs. Dora W. Queen, of Druid Hill avenue, who has been seriously ill is convalescing.

The Morning Star Baptist Church on Remington avenue, is still working hard on its project to build a new church edifice.

A friend out on Remington avenue, sends the following. "A white man living out here came home last Saturday night, cursing and swearing, all night, until six o'clock Sunday morning, and when he sat down in his door, he fell out in his yard dead. So you know where he is now."

ANOTHER MINISTERIAL UNION.—A number of Baptist ministers met on the 19th inst., at Shiloh Church Raborg street, near Fremont avenue and organized themselves into a union. Rev. J. W. Jones was elected president; Rev. J. W. Williams, vice-president; and Rev. Geo. Washington, secretary. They decided to hold a union meeting on the fourth Sunday every two months. The first meeting will be at Ebenezer Baptist church 2 1-2 street.

SPECIAL TO PASTORS.—Somethings our pastors forget. Religious notices, not exceeding eight lines, cost 25c. for each insertion. When carried by the month the charge is 75c. per month. We hope the pastors will not forget this. There is no reason why we should do their work for nothing. Send the money with your notices, unless you have a special understanding with us with regard to the matter.

THE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.—The State League of Republican clubs met last Wednesday in the auditorium of the Union League, Paca street. The old officers were re-elected. Among the speakers at the mass-meeting was Congressman White of North Carolina.

A FLOWER PARTY.

Quite a novel and enjoyable affair was the Flower Party on Friday of last week at the residence of the Misses Cummings West Biddle street. Quite a number of questions were asked and the answers were given in the name of the different flowers. Mr. George B. Murphy answered the highest number, and was awarded the prize which consisted of a beautiful box of assorted candies. Dancing and refreshments were upon the program and were greatly enjoyed. Among those present besides the Misses Cummings, were: Misses Lina Green, Veronica Saunders, Blanche Conklin, Florence Matthews, Celestina Jones, Veronica Noisette, Florence and Grace Hughes, Julia Chapman, Evelyn Turner, Maggie Stokes, Irene Galamison Fannie Alexander, Sarah Hitchens, Hattie Johnson, Mary E. Giles, Irene Scott, Estelle Langley, and Miss Dabney, of Richmond.

Messrs. George B. Murphy, Jacob Nicholson, Wm. H. Lee, J. Anderson, Howard Gross, H. S. Cummings, James T. Bright, Edgar Braxton, Goldboro Matthews, Hugh Burkett, Henry Anderson, Samuel Yewell, Evans Ferrandis, Douglas Goode, Walter Thornton and Dr. Wheatley.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The commencement exercises of the Baltimore High School, D. George L. Staley, principal took place Friday evening of the present week in Ford's Opera House. Miss Cecil Edna Combes was the Salutarian, having for her subject "Problems to be Solved;" Mr. Geo. Albert Owens had for his subject, "Look Up;" while Miss Estella Matilda Wilson, the Valedictorian, discoursed on "At the Door." Prof. John R. Hawkins, of Kittrell, N. C. was the orator of the evening. Misses Mariam Lewis and Laura Stansbury were the pianists. The Alumni medal was awarded to Miss Cecil Edna Combes.

The following is a list of the graduates in the order of their standing: Cecil Edna Combes, Geo. Albert Owens, Estella Matilda Wilson, Florence Kerr, Emily B. Bradford, Mary Belle Scott, Ada Thompson, John Wesley Woodhouse, Edwardie Mary Lane, Indiana De Leva, Marcelena Ash, Mary Catherine Locks, Charity Lenora Johns, Annie Augusta Hazelton, Clara Owen Morris, Edward Gregoria Fleet, Martha Enlalia Reed, and William W. Gray.

The New Baptist Convention.

The colored brethren who withdrew from the old Baptist Convention of Maryland and the District, organized a new state convention on last Wednesday in Union Baptist church, this city. The attendance upon the convention was large and enthusiastic.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. James H. Reid, of Israel Church; first vice-president, Rev. Jones of Enon Church; second vice-president, Rev. Reuben P. Zion-church, W. secretary, John H. Ballou; treasurer, Samuel P. Boggs; board of managers, Rev. Dr. Harvey Johnson, pastor of Union Church, Revs. James H. Williams, John W. Williams, John W. Jones, Henry Sayles, N. A. Mackey and E. H. Fisher. A constitution and by laws were adopted.

FREDERICK, MD.

An Interesting Letter of Notice and Doings of the People.

We feel that the readers of LEDGER would be pleased to see some thing now and then about old Frederick, hence we decided to write a few things about her.

We have a republican mayor and also some republican councilmen. The garbage on streets are under the care of a heman who takes the work by contract, and he has three or four colored men driving for him. There are also some colored men working on the streets. Canning factories, hotels, stores and farming are the chief industries in which most of the colored laborers are employed. There are however a few in the tanneries, fertilizer factories and quarries. There are three fraternities here: the Masons, Nazarites and Odd Fellows. We have three colored churches, all with good buildings and a great deal of extra ground. They are the A. M. E., First Baptist and Asbury M. E. Rev. Chas. Murray is pastor of the A. M. E. church; Rev. John E. Board, recently of Baltimore is pastor of the Baptist and Rev. Abraham Beck is pastor of the M. E. church. All are good men—and well liked by the people.

The Baptist Sunday school hold its Children's Day service Sunday. A very fine program been arranged, which will consist of Songs, Solos, Recitation, lognes, and an address by the pastor. The collection will be for missions.

On last Sunday afternoon the deacons, a licentiate, the oldest member of the church buried. His name was Sprow. The funeral was from the church; and by over 500 people. were conducted by Crockett, D., the church. (Marked by Mrs. Moser) Man

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE EMINENT DIVINE'S SUNDAY DISCOURSE.

Subject: 'A Helpful Religion'—Reforms of Worship Urged—Some Practical Suggestions for Bringing It About—Sing the Old, Old Songs.

Text: "Send Thine help from the sanctuary"—Psalm 52:1.

If you should ask fifty different men what they think of the church in this time of its great crisis, you would get fifty different answers. One man would say, "It is a convention of hypocrites." Another, "It is an assembly of people who feel themselves in a bad way, better than others." Another, "It is a place for gossip, where wretched dispositions devour each other."

Another, "It is a place for the cultivation of superstition and credulity." Another, "It is an arsenal where theologians go to get pikes and muskets and shot."

Another, "It is an art gallery, where men go to admire grand articles, and exquisite fresco and mural works, and the Dantesque in gloomy imagery."

Another man would say, "It is the best place on earth except my own home." "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

Now, whatever the church is, my text tells you what it ought to be: a great, practical, homely, omnipotent help. "Send Thine help from the sanctuary."

The color of the upholstery ought to yield pleasure to the eye. The entire service ought to yield strength for the toil and struggle of every-day life. The Sabbath ought to be harnessed to all the six days of the week, drawing them in the right direction.

The church ought to be a manly and mightily affecting all the homes of the worshippers. Every man gets roughly lectured, gets abused, gets cut, gets insulted, gets slighted, gets exasperated.

Some open. There are many people spending their first Sabbath after some great bereavement. What will your prayer do for them? How will it help the tomb in that man's heart? Here are people who have not been in church for ten years; what will your prayer do for them? Here are people in crisis of awful temptation. They are on the verge of despair, or wild blundering, or theft or suicide.

What will your prayer do for them in the way of giving them strength to resist? In most of our churches we have three prayers—the opening prayer, which is called the "long prayer," and the closing prayer. There are many people who spend their first prayer in arranging their apparel after entrance, and spend the second prayer, the "long prayer," in wishing prayer in preparing to start for home.

The most insignificant part of every religious service is the sermon. The more important parts are the Scripture lesson and the prayer. The sermon is only a man talking to man. The Scripture lesson is God talking to man. Prayer is man talking to God.

Oh, if we understood the grandeur and the pathos of this exercise of prayer, instead of being a dull exercise, we would imagine that the room was full of divine and angelic appearances. But, my friends, the old style church will not do the work.

We might as well go to Washington to New York by stage coach, or to the passengers from Albany to Buffalo by canal boat, or to do the bathing in the world with bow and arrow, as with the old style of church to meet the exigencies of this day.

Unless the church in our day will adapt itself to the time, it will become extinct. The people reading newspapers and books all the week, in alert, picturesque and resounding style, will have no patience with Sabbath humdrum.

But what half the doors of the church are to be set open toward the world, the other half of the doors of the church must be set open toward the next. You and I tarry here only a brief space. We want somebody to teach us how to get out of this life at the right time and in the right way.

Some fall out of life, some go sprawling out of life, some go curling out of life. We want singing, rising, rejoicing, triumphing. We want half the doors of the church set in that direction.

"Yours Truly."

The habits of people in signing letters are receiving some attention, and interesting conclusions are drawn from a study of the different ways writers subscribe themselves. The curt "Yours" and "Yours truly" are found not only in business letters, but in personal notes as well.

There are many people who wish to convey, by the use of the word love by such people is a distressing sign of emotional weakness, or carelessness, or of insincerity, and possibly arises from the same impulse that prompts women to kiss each other indiscriminately.

One Boston girl, who is quoted by the Journal, has taken her own stand in the matter, and at the risk of being considered "cold" and "thoroughly Boston" she sticks to it.

When compny is a-watchin' you, you've got to be polite. And eat your victuals with a fork and take a little bite.

Great Tim-Saving Scheme. "No," he said, "I don't care for poetry. Fact is, I haven't time to read much of anything."

Gents who wear pants carry canes. Gentlemen who wear trousers carry walking sticks.

The Second Table.

Some boys are mad when compny comes to stay for meals. They hate To have the other people eat while boys must wait and wait.

To eat along with compny is so trying, For it's tough To sit and watch the victuals when you daint touch the stuff.

And when he asks you what you'll have—you've heard it all before. You know you'll get just what you get and won't get nothing more.

When compny is a-watchin' you, you've got to be polite. And eat your victuals with a fork and take a little bite.

With no one round to notice what you're doing, bet your life!

Getting Rid of an Incubus. "Say, how is that for luck?" "What is it?"

Boys don't use forks to eat with when they'd rather use a knife.

When compny is a-watchin' you, you've got to be polite. And eat your victuals with a fork and take a little bite.

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