

State of Respect to the Memory of The Late Richard Mason.

By St. James Society at its monthly meeting Jan. 2, 1899. The death of the late Richard Mason, Dec. 16, 1898, St. James First A. P. Protestant Episcopal Male Social Society is called upon to part with the oldest members, and one of the most distinguished of this association. The peculiar exigencies of the occasion demand, upon our part, as a helpful stimulus to those of our own institution. Mason was born Nov. 14th., 1814 and grew up to manhood in this city. He has ever since occupied in the most prominent positions of the social and religious world, a position of conspicuous honor and usefulness. Many years he maintained a well stocked carpet and shoe establishment on the corner street, and was among the first, if not the first of the race, to exhibit samples of his mechanical work at the fairs conducted by the Maryland Institute. President of the Institute, he was highly respected and highly commended for his work. But it was his religious and moral world that he attained the greatest excellence. His vigorous intellect, his kindly and sympathetic interest and deep solicitude for the spiritual welfare of his fellow men were abundantly evinced. He was a member of the St. James Church for fifty odd years ago, and it was long a time a vestryman, who was the leading spirit in the founding of the church. His congregation of this city, was this same son, who having been the first rector of All Saints Church, St. Louis, Mo., and from this any missions in the West have been sent. Mr. Mason was married to Miss Elizabeth Ann Young, who he had ten children, all affectionately loved in the Faith to which they were so passionately and lovingly attached. After 62 years, as man and as a father, he died at the ripe old age of 84, leaving behind him a dear widow, to the love of God our Father, and the great loss which this Society and the Church in his passing from us, we, the members of the Almighty God the Father, offering up to Him our love and gratitude for the work and virtue. He was peacefully at rest, and his soul is in the presence of God, and his spirit is in the presence of God.

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WILL LIKELY SOON BE SELECTED BY MR. CROKER.

A NEW POLITICAL EFFORT.

Drawing Colored Vote Away From Republicans.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Negro policemen in Broadway are a possibility of the near future. They will be a decided innovation though one negro already wears the blue uniform and swings the locust in Brooklyn. Richard Croker has given orders that the color line shall be abolished in the police force, and Police Commissioner Sexton has promised to appoint the first colored man who passes the police examinations. Brooklyn's colored policeman was appointed before Mayor Van Wyck's election, and, therefore, cannot be credited to his influence. He is responsible however, for opening the fire department to colored voters. The first appointment was made by Commissioner Scannell a month ago, and four more men are waiting appointments which have been promised soon. Through Mr. Croker's influence Negroes are now holding offices in this city which pay \$130,000 in salaries. For years the great majority of the twenty five thousand colored votes in Greater New York were cast regularly for the Republican ticket. So sure were the Republican leaders of receiving this vote that they did not think it necessary to give the Negroes anything to speak of in the way of offices. The colored men complained of this treatment, but they did not see any remedy until Mr. Croker, noting their unrest, made up his mind in the campaign of 1897 to annex the colored vote to Tammany. He let it be known that if the negroes would vote the Tammany ticket they would get offices. As a result negroes are now filling municipal offices as follows: Deputy tax commissioner, salary \$1,700. Scales of weights and measures for Manhattan and Bronx, salary \$1,300. Highway Inspector, salary \$1,200. Diary clerk in the district attorney's office. Ten offices in the dock department. Forty laborers and inspectors in the department of street cleaning. Five places in the department of public buildings, lighting and supplies. One inspector and three laborers in the department of highways. Two places in the department of water supply. Two places in the comptroller's office. Two places in the tax department. Three physicians in the health department. One place in the fire department.

Deserting the Republicans.

With all this patronage, the fidelity of the colored man to the republican party has been shaken. In the last election Tammany got sixty per cent of the colored vote, and the colored leaders say that it will be practically solid before the next important contest takes place. A political organization modeled after that of Tammany, with district divisions and a central headquarters, has sprung up, with some of the ablest colored men in the city at its head. It is known as the United Colored Democracy. Edward E. Lee was selected by Mr. Croker to be the dictator of the colored machine. He had been an assistant sergeant-at-arms in the republican national conventions in Minneapolis and St. Louis and in 1896 Mark Hanna sent him into the South to get colored delegates for McKinley. He was born in slavery, but has enough executive ability to manage the employes of several large hotels.

He is in charge of the headquarters in west Fifty-third street, which are supported by contributions from the colored office holders, and all applications for office must pass through his hands. He is supreme over the district leaders, and to him Mr. Croker looks for results.—Baltimore Sun.

ANNAPOLIS NOTES.

(Special to The Ledger.) The young men tendered an impromptu dance to their friends Thursday evening at Armory Hall. The hall was most beautifully decorated for the occasion, cedar, pine and colored bunting draped the walls and ceiling, while Chinese lanterns illuminated the hall casting a beautiful shade over the fine physique of those present. The ladies were handsomely attired and presented a creditable appearance. Among those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Barraud, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Mrs. and Miss Henderson, of Philadelphia; Dr. and Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Araminta Johnson, Mrs. Ridgley, Mrs. Beulah (Cully) Adams, Miss Williams of Washington; Misses Lotta and Bertie Bishop, Agnes and Rosa Parker, Blanche Butler, Hattie Reed, Bertina Galver, Annie Calhoun, Emma Hall, Annie Wells, Louisa Maynard, Lillie Parker and Miss Armatine Boteler of Pa. Messrs. J. T. Spriggs, Sr., Thos. Baden, Wm. Stanley, Edward Williams, Cornelius and Aloysius Ridgley, Jas. Allen, G. B. Lowry, Jas. Carroll, S. Adams, and Mr. Wallace, of Washington. Music was furnished by the Nonpariel Orchestra, Mr. Walter Spriggs, Leader. The management was under the direction of Messrs. J. R. Adams, Wm. Howard, N. O. Cully, and Wm. Bishop, Jr.

BERLIN NOTES.

Mrs. Lucinda Morris the wife of Rev. Noah Morris of the Delaware Conference, aged 72 years, and having been married for fifty years recently departed this life. The Sunday schools of German town, Flower street, in Synepuxent gave quite interesting concerts during the holidays. Mr. W. Holland of Synepuxent, Mr. T. H. Winter, of Snow Hill, Miss Mary Tingle of Whalesville, Miss Annie M. Borican, of Cape May, were visitors of our town during the holidays. Messrs. Solomon Briddle, King Smack, and Eller Ayres visited Philadelphia last week. Mr. Wm. L. Henry and Miss Nancy Smack spent a few days in Frankford, Del. Mr. Hugh Taylor has returned home from New Brunswick, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor entertained Rev. W. E. Hilton and wife, Prof. Cooper and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Henry, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson, Mrs. Maggie Bowen, and Mrs. Wm. Smack. The following hostess entertained quite a number of guests: Mrs. Lizzie Hudson, Mrs. Isaac Henry, Jr., Mrs. Louisa Fitchet and Mrs. Minnie Fassett. Mrs. Ida Bowen entertained quite a number of white of white people last week. The Y. M. S. Club of German town celebrated its 4th anniversary on Xmas. eve. Among the many invited friends who took part in the celebration were Prof. John H. Spence, Mr. Haudy Showell and E. T. Duncan. Mrs. Hannah Spence is much improved. Mr. F. L. Nelson is now principal of the school at Stockton, Md. A young man a reader of The Ledger attempted to take its advice as he understood it, with regard to the editorials of the 24th ult., but he turned the wrong side of his heart to his would-be-bridal—she rejected.

CAMBRIDGE NEWS.

The Rev. A. L. Martin received for Christmas nearly 300 pounds 2 large turkeys, chickens and ducks were given him and his family also several other nice presents. The fair managed by the ladies at Jenifer Hall was a success. Mr. Geo. St. Clair spent a few days at home. On last Sunday he took the boat for Baltimore and Atlantic City. Miss Hattie Vaughan is quite ill. Rev. N. W. Noore, of Fairmount, Md., will preach at Waugh Chapel 2nd Sunday in January at 10.30. Rev. W. H. Thomas, the boy preacher, will preach the third Sunday in January all day. Revival effort will begin on the above Sunday evening. Mr. J. T. Copper is in Philadelphia on a visit to friends.—Mr. W. H. Smith was installed last Wednesday night Treasurer of Tribe of Judah Lodge No. 1490 G. U. O. of F., which position he has held for twenty-seven years. Cambridge Band was in town last Tuesday and drew a large crowd to the entertainment of Mr. Jas. Thompson at the Samaritan Hall. The people had a very pleasant time during the holidays, and the fairs held at the churches were very successful.

EASTON.

There is But One Way. We commend Prof. Washington when he says: "The past and present teach but one lesson to the Negro's friend and to the Negro himself—that there is but one way out, one solution, and that is for the Negro in every part of America, to resolve that his pillar of fire by night and his pillar of cloud by day shall be property, skill, economy, education and Christian character." And that: "If the colored people continue securing education, property, and character, and cultivating in every manly way the friendship of the people who are their neighbors, no matter what their color, our future is secure."

The Tuskegee Annual Conference.

The yearly Tuskegee Conference held in connection with the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, at Tuskegee, Ala., will be held on February 22. The attendance from all Southern States promises to be large.

PETERSBURG, VA. LETTER.

St. Stephens Christmas Tree Monday night after Christmas was largely attended. Mr. Robert H. Tabb the Superintendent made some pleasant remarks concerning the Christmas gifts that were sent the Sunday School by the Junior Auxiliary of St. James Church Balt. A vote of thanks from the school and Superintendent was tendered the Rector and Auxiliary for so graciously and abundantly remembering them.

The Oak St. Methodist Church gave a "Christmas Cantata" Tuesday night and after the performance a Christmas supper was given the Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cooke and family of Phila. Pa. are in the city visiting relatives.

The reception given Miss Ada Foster of Richmond, who is visiting the family of Mr. J. M. B. Holmes was quite a brilliant affair.

The little "We Tots" were entertained by a Christmas party last Tuesday afternoon at the residence of little Miss Lena Jordan.

Mrs. Kate Carter in Perry St. has the pleasure of having with her, her daughter Mrs. Maggie Robinson of Mass.

Misses Mary and Maggie and their brother Elijah Davis of Warrenton N. C. cousins of Mrs. Carrie Bragg Campbell are in the city, the guest of their aunt Mrs. Peter Johnson.

Mrs. S. J. Avant still remains on the sick list. Mr. J. Andrew Smith of New York is in the city.

The Misses Berrys and Miss Blanche Jones came home to spend the holiday.

Mr. Scott Robinson of Boston who is on a visit to his mother Mrs. Patterson, gave a most liberal Christmas donation to the Oak St. A. M. E. Zion church.

Local Items.

DOINGS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR MANY BALTIMORE CITY READERS.

Mrs. Hiram Watty, of West Lanvale street, remains quite sick. Mr. John H. Murphy editor of the Afro-American has been confined to his bed by sickness.

Our correspondence this week was simply immense. We had to omit more than that we publish.

Read our advertisements and patronize those who patronize a race enterprise. It is the increase of advertising patronage which will enable us to enlarge rather than the increase of subscribers.

Mr. Robert Turner of New York, was in the city last week. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Waller have returned to the city from Philadelphia, where they have been visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Susie Brooks, nee Carmack of Glasgow, Del., was in the city this week to attend the funeral of her grand mother.

Miss Mary E Gray, who has been spending some time in this city as well as on the Eastern Shore has returned to her home in Atlantic city.

Mrs. Smallwood and daughter and Miss Hilliard of Washington D. C. were in the city this week to attend the Harris-Kelly nuptials.

At Music Hall.—Quite a successful entertainment was given at Music Hall by the Alumni of the Baltimore High School. Rev. G. R. Waller writes very appreciatively of the effort. His letter will appear next week, its length, at the time of its reception preclude the possibility of its appearance this week.

The Misses Annie and Bessie Martin returned to their home in Washington Monday night after spending a pleasant time as the guest of the Rev. Dr. Hays, 507 W. Lanvale street.

Mr. Clarence Chambers who has been on a visit to his parents and friends returned to Lincoln University on Wednesday last.

A Quiet Wedding.

Dr. William E. Harris, the popular East Baltimore Physician and the Dean of the Provident Hospital, and the well-known elocutionist Miss Georgine B. Kelly, late principal of Female Primary School, No. 2, were married at the residence of the bride's mother, 431 Aisquith street, on last Wednesday, shortly after noon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Hurst, pastor of Bethel Church, assisted by Bishop Arnett of Wilberforce, Ohio. Only the relatives of the contracting parties and a few other friends were present. Miss Lizzz Davis and Mr. Chas. L. Harris, brother of the groom, filled the positions of special honor. Dr. Harris is an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania; and he and Mrs. Harris will spend some weeks in Philadelphia and elsewhere. The best wishes of a host of friends follow both of them.

A Pastor Remembered.

Most pleasant is it to know that we have the opportunity and ability to acquire new friends in and of the Kingdom of Christ. Since adopting the City of Baltimore as my home and place of labor in view of a call to the Madison Street Presbyterian Church the members and friends of the church have placed me under many obligations. Among the things done thus to obligate me are the kind remembrances at Christmas and New Years holidays, and days of the deepest and most serious reflections. To all that has been done to make my life pleasant and profitable, I hereby most heartily most heartily thank all, hoping that the richest blessings of God may attend them and that myself and mine may be guided by the hand of Him who loves us all in the work performed as his servants, loving to honor His holy names. R. H. A.

FREDERICK.

The Lord's Supper was administered at the First Baptist and Asbury M. E. Churches Sunday. The Quinn A. M. E. Church Xmas. fair has closed after a run of several successful nights.

Rev. J. E. Board spent his Christmas holiday with his relatives in Baltimore. Mr. James Davis, of Bentz St., gave a very pleasant candy party to few of her friends.

Mr. Charles Wilson gave a New Year's dinner Sunday in honor of some friends. Miss Hattie Geary, teacher in No. 2 school, returned Monday after spending the holidays with her mother in Washington.

Miss Ida Wise of west All Saints Street, who has been a great sufferer with the grip is now slowly recovering. The weather has been extremely cold here during the past eight days. A general freeze up and several inches of snow on the ground was the result.

Miss Mollie Wise returned to her school at Mt. Ephriam, Tuesday after spending the holidays with her home people. Mr. Elmer Brown of Hagerstown is in the city visiting his sisters.

SNOW HILL.

The pupils of the public schools gave a party and Tree Shaking. A very successful concert was given Wednesday evening by Mt. Zion Baptist Musical Society. Thursday evening of last week Mrs. Charlotte Taylor entertained quite a number of her friends with a fine dinner.—Mrs. Florence Woodford gave her daughter Eva, a juvenile party which was attended by about 35 of the future Snow Hillers. Prof. Howell and family entertained a number of young people in honor of Miss Beatrice V. West, Mrs. Howell's sister.—Quite a number of visitors have been in our midst. (This letter like nearly all the rest this week, suffers from the effect of our pruning knife. You can't get a quart into a pint measure. It was entirely out of the question to attempt to publish all the correspondence sent into this office this week.—ED. LEDGER.)

IT IS A FACT.

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HAGERSTOWN.

The pastor of Bethel was taken sick Christmas Day at the morning service. He is now much improved. Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Burne entertained Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas of Cumberland at dinner. Thursday Sunday school rendered a most excellent program Christmas night. The next evening the children had their Christmas treat. On Tuesday evening Bethel S. S. had its Christmas Festival, which was most enjoyable. Several prizes were distributed. There was a large congregation present both white and colored.

The Misses Nelson, teachers in the county, were home during the holidays. Mrs. Jason House and son have left for their native home, Key West, Fla. The police are busy making arrest of persons who don't know, or will not behave themselves.

ANEW YEAR'S DANCE.

Mrs. Rosie E. Chapman, of 527 North Elen street, gave a number of her friends a New Year's dance on last Monday morning. Among those present were: Misses Annie Hall, Nettie Wilson, Elsie Mackey, Mamie Woodford, Sophronia Harris, Nellie Dennis, and Messrs. Clarence E. Highe, Edw. Harris, James Mason, Richard Cooper, Eugene Tibbs, Geo. W. Keeley, Geo. W. Brown, Wm. Thomas, Wesley Bond, Thomas Johnson, and Geo. A. Chapman.

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Money Matters.

In beginning this New Year it would not hurt if all of us look into our money matters. Some people whose wages are moderately good declare that they find it most difficult to lay aside anything in a rainy day. This is most unfortunate. It is useless to pray to God to help us, if we refuse to become an instrument in his hands for the answering of our own prayers. He helps them who help themselves. In order to save anything a man must have sufficient self-control to live within his income, and also positively refuse to ape the extravagance of his neighbor. Wholesome but good food costs but little; rent is reasonable, and good warm clothing can be purchased at reasonable figures. Now, these things are necessary. Other things are unnecessary however luxurious and enticing they may be. If a man can persuade himself to live in such absolute simplicity of life for five or seven years, in that time his savings as deposited in a Savings Bank or Building Association will have earned for him a comfortable home of his own. The result of the journey of Mr. McKinley is comparatively easy. As a capital stock he has a home and the accumulated experience and discipline of seven years. From this point he can safely, upon an enduring basis, add on a little to the comforts and enjoyments of his family. Every poor man ought to begin the New Year by either becoming a member of a building association, or by making, regularly, each week or month a deposit in a Savings Bank.

The Municipal Election.

The city election which is to take place this Spring is of more than ordinary importance. The City Charter having been greatly changed, and provision made for a city government more in accord with the demands of the time, the responsibility of securing to the people the benefits of the many reforms anticipated under this charter will in a large measure, if not entirely, depend upon the character of the men selected for the various positions, more especially the executive head. Colored men are gradually rising above the limited considerations which hitherto have conspired to keep them in line for the candidates of a certain party, without any special regard to the fitness of such men. The conduct of the affairs of the City of Baltimore is a business matter of prime importance to all who are called upon to furnish the means for its conduct. The issue involved is not one of spoils or public plunder, but rather one of public safety and security. Men who in the ordinary walks of life have successfully demonstrated their thorough reliability, honesty and fidelity are naturally the men who may be expected to carry into a public trust the well tried methods and business principles which have accomplished private success.

Once there was a time when it could be said with almost perfect accuracy that every black man who came to the polls voted a certain way. Such has been the advance and progress of the Negro in his intellectual and material advances that this proposition can no longer be affirmed. Colored men, like other men, are thinking, feeling, and acting for themselves. They are no longer content to be ruled by the will and pleasure of others. And yet

it would be most unnatural if it were not true that the large majority of colored men look with special favor towards that political party which hitherto has recognized, to a greater degree, their manhood with regard to the holding of office. But be this as it may, every year the independent voter among Negroes is constantly fed by a large and increasing number of colored citizens, who having educated themselves out of sentimental voting, have the courage to vote for the best men regardless of party ties.

Of course this is not an evil but a good, and this good is chiefly limited by the unfortunate or rather seeming attitude of one of the great political parties, which seemingly, fails to recognize the importance of properly encouraging this growth of political freedom upon the part of the negro.

At any rate the contest promises to be a lively one this spring, and the republican managers may well hope and pray that the opposing party may not nominate General Latrobe. No white man in the City of Baltimore, Republican or Democrat, is so popular among the rank and file of the colored race as is the Hon. Ferdinand C. Latrobe. "Democrat as he is Negroes instinctively seem to feel and realize that they have in him a standing friend, who will never willingly suffer anything to be done under any administration with which he is connected which would militate against their interest. Let both parties put up the very best men, and then however it goes the interests of the city will not suffer.

Racial Narrowness.

It is not a very difficult task to stir up and arouse the masses of the race on any question or topic which appeals strongly to the emotional side of their nature. Too often is such the case to the great misfortune of the race. Many of the race are blind because they will not see. From the newspaper reports of the proceedings of the Afro-American council held last week in Washington we are informed that there was a wholesale abuse, bordering on blackguardism, of His Excellency the President of the United States. Such conduct but evinces the terrible state of racial narrowness and short-sightedness which dominates, so largely, a number of those who are looked upon as race leaders. There must certainly be an emancipation from such chaotic conditions ere the dawn of a more hopeful day for true racial advance as a part and parcel of the American people. As we see it, such gratuitous abuse of President McKinley is not only not justified, but rather betokens inappreciation for past kindness, as well as the lack of discriminating judgment and prudence.

No man has ever occupied the Presidential chair whose own heart has been in more complete sympathy with the Negro race than the present Chief Magistrate of our Country. And this has been demonstrated with a firmness, decision and sweet reasonableness most remarkable to comprehend, in the light of present social conditions. Instead of making his hands steady and strong by a becoming and grateful exhibition of qualities of moderation and self-possession, many of the race seem called upon to place on public exhibition a spirit indicative of a clamorous and insatiable desire to mount to the ideals of full and complete citizenship, without the wholesome benefit of the training which accrue to them through the Providential disciplinary measures, a part of all true advance, whether individual or racial. Mr. McKinley is a human being with all word implies. And although President he is nevertheless as human as though he were simply an ordinary citizen.

He has an oath registered in Heaven to be the President of the whole people of the United States, and not simply of Republicans, much less of Negroes. As Negroes we have no oath registered before God to put in evidence before the people of these United States the narrowest and bitterest feeling of our nature. Mr. McKinley must be judged in the light of President of a whole people, and his public acts with regard to each of the diverse people making up this grand whole will neither prove him unmanly, cowardly or a traitor. From our point of view, when we consider, by political appointment, the large and respectable number of places he has given to Afro-Americans in the face of opposition and great importunity to the contrary, his gracious and kind and inspiring words to and on behalf of

the race, on more than one occasion, we feel irresistibly inclined to overlook any supposed error of his as of very insignificant importance, while we freely, without reserve or qualification bestow upon him unmeasured praise and sincere congratulation for the sincerity of his friendship objectively and practically displayed in such a way as can not be doubted or questioned.

If we hope to exert a wholesome and healthy influence for good on behalf of the worthy men of the race, by influencing public opinion in a beneficial and helpful way, we must certainly set ourselves to the task of emancipating ourselves from race bigotry and nonsensical narrowness. In our deep concern for our interest we must not forget that of society generally. And above all we must not be so infinitesimally small of heart and head to doubt the sincere purpose of those who profess to be our friends, simply because they fail to think on all matters the way we think.

THE ROOT OF THE EVIL.

WE ARE PLAGUED BOTH IN CHURCH AND STATE BY OFFICE SEEKERS.

But so far as we are concerned ourselves the root of the evil is the insatiable desire for office regardless of fitness. We are plagued both in Church and State by office-seekers. Everybody seems to want an office, and many do not stop to think whether they have fitness for office or not. I was once offered the position of Collector of Customs at Wilmington. Of course, I did not accept it, for what do I know about a collector's business? All my training and study have been in a different direction. I am sure I am called to preach, and I think I know something about that. I am at home in the pulpit, but in the Custom House I would have been like a cat in a strange garret, as the saying is. And yet there are many seeking such offices who are no more fit for them than I am.

No one can complain because the Democratic party prefers that the members of that party should have the offices, but I am inclined to believe that the best white men of the State would not, apart from any party considerations be necessarily opposed to colored men holding office who were entirely qualified by character and intelligence to do so.

I do not know to what extent we shall enjoy the right of the elective franchise hereafter; but I have this to say, that it is indispensable on our part to have more religion in our politics; that is to say we must cease following irreligious, ignorant and immoral political leaders. In some places we have noticed that the colored men who help to control the political machinery are not men who command the highest respect, and the white men with whom they are associated are often little or no better. This class being without principle, and therefore being easily influenced by the means sometimes used by designing politicians, have played into the hands of that class of white men who have affiliated with the Republican party for the sake of gain. Bishop Hood of N. C.

The Blue and the Gray.

Those citizens who are trying to discover in the president's speeches at Atlanta an intimation that the time is coming for this government to pay pensions to Confederate veterans, forget the obvious intent of the fourth section of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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