

and was very enthusiastic. President E. J. Waring submitted his report, which was thoroughly satisfactory. Every stockholder made complimentary and encouraging remarks. Mr. Walker W. Lewis acted as president, and Mr. George E. Hazleton as secretary. The old Board of Directors was unanimously re-elected.

REPORT OF BANK.

LEXINGTON SAVINGS BANK OF BALTIMORE,
BALTIMORE, June 1, 1896.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the directors of the Lexington Savings Bank of Baltimore City, to examine the affairs of said corporation and to make and publish a report of such examination, respectfully submit the following:

The bank opened for business May 15, 1895.
No. of accounts opened from May 15, 1895, to close of business, May 29, 1896..... 545
No. of accounts closed during that period..... 71
No. of accounts open June 1, 1896. 474
Received from depositors from May 15, 1895, to close of business, May 29, 1896.....\$57,398 90
Amount paid depositors during that period..... 49,108 33
Amount due depositors June 1, 1896..... \$8,295 66

The funds are safely and judiciously invested; the bank is operated upon an economical basis, and its affairs managed with discretion.

THOMAS H. RUSSELL,
GEORGE E. HAZLETON,
HENRY R. HOOKER.

Following is a list of the stockholders of the Lexington Savings Bank:

Walker W. Lewis, green grocer, Grand Master of Masons, No. 123 Richmond st.
Alfred H. Pitts, poultry dealer, leading member of Nazurite Order, No. 1631 East Madison.
Alexander Hemsley, a leading undertaker, Deputy Grand Master Odd Fellows, 578 W. Biddle.
George M. Lane, a leading lawyer and prominent citizen, 213 N. Calvert.
George L. Stanley, ex Inspector of Customs, bookkeeper, 1224 Jefferson st.

George B. Mills, head of Esdras Order, nominated by Mayor Hooper for District Superintendent of Streets, and prominent candidate for City Council from the 11th Ward, 826 Tessier st.

Wm. H. Daly, butcher, and president of the North Western Family Supply Company, 1724 Division st.

Julius C. Johnson, the popular caterer at Gauthorl's Hotel, No. 1234 Etting st.

Jacob A. Seaton, barber, Grand Secretary of Samaritans and a leading citizen of this city. No. 243 S. Dallas.

Isaiah L. Brown, the president of the Draymen's, Wagoners' and Carters' Association, 202 W. Hill st.

J. Edward Lausey, messenger to the Postmaster and a prominent young man of this city, No. 1104 Cathedral.

George W. Carroll, Grand Clerk of

1035 Argyle ave.

Thorney G. Marshall, an energetic business man and head waiter at Eutaw House, who resides at 433 Short street, where he conducts a grocery store.

Peter Johnson, a roachman; a progressive young man and son-in-law of W. W. Cook of 634 Haborg st.

Stephen Dent, a well known, influential young man, who lives at 451 St. Mary st.

Levin H. Robinson, an old and highly respected citizen of Baltimore, whose wide influence reaches a large number of people. He lives at 205 W. Biddle st.

W. H. Cole, a popular waiter of 1413 Fremont ave.

E. J. Waring, lawyer and real estate dealer, 507 Menner st. As Mr. Waring is president of the bank, it may be proper to say something of him.

The Christian Recorder, quoting another paper, said of Mr. Waring:

"Born during the first year of the Civil War, Mr. Waring has made a record as teacher, editor, orator, lawyer and business man, that should be an inspiration to every man of his race. As attorney in the famous 'Navassa Murder Cases,' he attracted the attention of the country by his bold and brilliant defense, finally carrying the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, being the only colored lawyer to appear before that tribunal of final resort."

In November, 1895, Mr. Waring closed the great McKinley campaign at Columbus, Ohio, in a speech before a monster audience concerning this speech the *Times* and the *Leading* papers.

"E. J. Waring, who delivered a political address at the City Hall Saturday evening was, perhaps, the first Afro-American to deliver a political speech in this city without referring to slavery and appealing to the passions of his auditors. Mr. Waring confined himself exclusively to the tariff and silver questions, contrasting the records of the two parties on these important issues, appealing to the reason only of his auditors. It was, indeed, a pleasure to hear an Afro-American discuss the prevailing issues, the same as other political speakers, and when we remember that E. J. Waring is a native of this city, a graduate of our High School, the pleasure and satisfaction is greatly enhanced. The audience was a very large one, and many whites were present to hear him, including a large number of the boys with whom he was a classmate at the High School."

The press has always spoken well of the bank. Some time ago the AFRO-AMERICAN said:

"There is a peculiar feeling of satisfaction which possesses us when we note the steady rise and success of an individual Afro-American or racial enterprise, upon meritorious grounds and in accordance with business principles, irrespective of the fact that the individual in question, or the enterprise concerned, is the product of Afro-American skill. And hence, we can but feel proud of the success and continued growth of the banking institution in this city, the Lexington Savings Bank, operated by men of the race. It is always more than satisfaction when our men of enterprise and business ideas are able to successfully demonstrate their ability to maintain and carry on an institution which by

amount of one dollar a month. This number of the AFRO-AMERICAN will be read by 15,000 colored people of Baltimore, and it is not expecting too much to think confidently that 2,000 of them will become depositors of the Lexington Bank at once.

A special feature of the Lexington Bank is, that it is open every Saturday night from 7 to 10 o'clock, and it is conceded by the depositors of the bank to be a great convenience.

Our colored churches and societies get their money from colored people, and it is their God given duty and race duty to deposit a part of their money in a bank operated by colored men. Every officer and stockholder of the Lexington Bank belongs to two or more societies. Every lodge in the city should have a small account with the Lexington Bank.

The directors of the bank are Geo. B. Mills, Geo. W. Carroll, E. J. Waring, W. H. Daly and Julius C. Johnson, pictures of whom accompany this article.

Every person who is a member of a lodge, or a beneficial society, can show appreciation for the Lexington Savings Bank by seeing to it that his or her lodge deposits \$5 a month in the Lexington Bank. This would be only a small pittance of the money belonging to our lodges and societies held by other banks of the city. Saving 25 cents a week is the same as \$1 00 a month.

\$1 a month for 5 years, \$60.
\$2 a month for 5 years, \$120.
\$3 a month for 5 years, \$180.
\$4 a month for 5 years, \$240.
\$5 a month for 5 years, \$300.

We often say colored people have no money; can't do like white people. But anyone can easily figure from the

\$1 a month in the Lexington Savings Bank, in a few years the colored people would have one of the strongest banks in this city. One dollar a month is only 3 cents a day. Doctors, lawyers, preachers, teachers, draymen, rhod carriers, washerwomen, sewing women, all can certainly save 3 cents a day. Even little newsboys can do this. Hence there is no excuse for every colored person in Baltimore City not having a book of the Lexington Savings Bank. Many people are ashamed to take 25 cents or \$1 to a bank, but quarters make dollars, and dollars make hundreds. Only by putting their pennies, dimes and dollars together, can the colored people ever expect to become financially strong. We haven't got money by the thousands, but if one thousand men have one dollar each, that is a thousand dollars. Many people are saying that the Lexington Savings Bank is a good thing, but they have no money to put in bank. But every person can raise a quarter, and there is no excuse.

There are, it is estimated, 15,000 houses in Baltimore City, occupied by colored people. Why should not there be a book of the Lexington Bank in every one of these houses, when the small sum of 25 cents will open an account?

Every person should keep this paper, read and study it. It will do good.

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