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"PLUTARCH'S TOPICS."

JUST AND CANDID CRITICISMS NOT WANTED.

Church Organs as Whitewash Brushes.—As to Presiding Elders.—Who is Billy Grey?

The peculiar sensitiveness to any discussion of his doings that is not all flattery, renders it difficult to speak of public men of our race in the same fair and candid manner in which white men discuss the conduct of their leaders.

As a rule, Afro-American men of even national prominence regard it as impudence for any one to criticize anything they say or do. This is more especially true of churchmen. Negro preachers think that it is a sin for person to find any fault with their doings.

These same fellows do not hesitate to proclaim themselves the representatives of the people, yet they are unwilling for the people to talk out. All "Plutarch" has to say about that is, "let them be unwilling," they see we are talking out anyhow, and five years later will reveal that the pre-ent "talking out" is but a whisper to what is on the road.

No man or set of men is bigger than the race. Race interests are to be preferred to the whims of individuals. Leaders should be ashamed to censure the secular press for the intelligence and courage it is showing. But, whether they are ashamed or not, the secular press is getting down to business. Some of the church organs are little more than whitewash brushes. For instance the "American Baptist" tries to rub out what "Plutarch" says concerning the tippers in the Baptist communion, by merely accusing him of ignorance concerning the polity of the Baptist church. "Plutarch" doesn't claim to be infallible, but he struck a center when he shot at the wine bibbers. You know it, "Mr. American Baptist," and you dare not deny it. Remember we are not spiteful, nor do we rejoice to find evil existing; our mission is to destroy, not increase the evil. We wonder if the American Baptist knows any one named "Billy Grey."

The tendency to flatter sticks out in almost every Afro-American. It is a relic of slavery. A characteristic of a servile mind. When colored men speak of their superiors, it is always with extravagant praise or extreme abuse; a calm, critical opinion is seldom uttered. The churches do a great deal to perpetuate this abominable evil.

In the colored Methodist churches at the North bull-headed presiding elders are as unjust to the men under them as the whites are to the Afro-American as a class.

Two-thirds of the Northern delegates to the general conference of the A. M. E. church are presiding elders. This is not due to the superior fitness of the presiding elders, but is brought about by a judicious use of thimbles and tweezers. What Herod was to the Jew, presiding elders are to the people. The power of the Southern presiding elder has become so formidable that Bishops must pay deference to the creatures they have made, to an extent most humiliating. What chance to develop pronounced individuality under such conditions? Is the end of church organizations, the raising of money and the maintenance of fat positions for a lucky few, or is it the elevation of individuals who go to make up the race? If the former be the chief aim, the prevailing methods are well adjusted to the end. But if the latter be the object sought, a great change in the conditions of church life and church work, is imperative.

The presiding elder system is not suited to a people conditioned as we are. There was a time when the majority of ministers were very illiterate and needed an overseer of more intelligence, but that is not now the case. It is now seldom true that the presiding elder is a much better educated man than the humblest preacher in his district. He is usually a big, burly, saucy and tricky tyrant, whose sole mission seems to be the collection of his assessments and the eating of big dinners. His decisions consist in cutting off the heads of those who do not play into his hands. If the laity and ministers of the A. M. E. church be fairly represented at the next general assembly, the presiding elder system will be exploded like a bubble in ten minutes. But so great is the lack of true manliness that preachers crouch and fawn before the man with a club and elect presiding elders to represent them and thus perpetuate their bondage. There are very few of these presiding elders who respect the Bishops, hence the general assembly is a regular mob when questions are pending on which Bishops and presiding elders hold different views.

The Bishops are the heads of the church, and within proper bounds, their words should be considered very weighty and their office should always be respected. If the Bishops get their eyes wide open they will not be long in seeing how the presiding elders are undermining their influence in the church and gradually constituting themselves the dictatorial power between the people and the Bishops.

From what particular quarters comes the perennial cry for "more Bishops?" From among the presiding elders and general officers. The growing number of aspirants for the Bishopric, indicates the growing thirst for power and the decline of consecration to real service. Scipio Robertson

wants to be a Bishop because he stepped aside and let Bishop Gaines in. Salfers wants to be a Bishop because that is the only way to keep a certain fragment in the connection. Dr. Embry wants to be a Bishop because he is tired of struggling, like Atlas, under the enormous load laid upon the shoulders of the "business manager."

It is a peculiar fact that candidates come up long before the necessity for more Bishops is apparent, and that the general conference must be pounded and hammered a good while before it is brought to admit that there is room for two or three more upon the highest roost. The A. M. E. church at present has a third more Bishops than it needs and pays in salaries to them, and in extras about \$6,000 each year that should be used to increase the salaries of the old men who have so faithfully served their church. However, it cannot be denied that Bishops Gaines, Arnett and Grant have much more than paid their way by the large results they have brought in money and members, and that Bishop Tanner is an acquisition because of the lustre he adds to the intellectual complexion of the church.

"Plutarch."

Was Hired to Cook,

And, Therefore, Refused to Hang Out the Clothes.—A Suit for \$2,000.

Miss Anna M. Williams, employed as cook for Dr. C. C. Henry, of Brooklyn, has brought suit against him for \$2,000 damages for assault. She was employed by Mrs. Henry as cook, for \$12 per month with the agreement that if she should be discharged before the month was out, she should be paid for a full month.

On the morning of June 23, Mrs. Henry ordered her to hang out clothes which had been washed. The clothes belonged to a Mrs. Winchell, who lived with Mrs. Henry. She refused to hang them out on the ground that she was hired to do only cooking. Mrs. Henry then told her she must hang the clothes out or go, and she decided to go and demanded her pay. Mrs. Henry gave her \$5.25, but she demanded the entire \$12. Dr. Henry was then called and in attempting to force her to take the lesser amount, she claims that he assaulted her. She sued in the City Court for her wages and won the suit, and now she has entered a suit for \$2,000 damages for assault.

Opposed to Washington.

Afro-American Veterans Don't Want the Encampment to go There.

The following letter was addressed to J. W. Douglass, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, Washington, D. C. Dear Sir:

Neither myself nor those associated with me, in opposition to bringing the encampment of the G. A. R. here in 1892, "fight under the bush." Our opposition is based on a correct principle, and on that we shall appeal to the Encampment at Detroit, next month. You are aware that there are quite a number of delegates to each encampment, that served as enlisted men in the U. S. C. troops during the war, as well as seamen in the Navy, who are marked by a complexion that makes them, in American parlance, colored men; besides these, there generally goes with the G. A. R., to each encampment quite a number of loyal friends and well-wishers. The idea of bringing the Grand Army to Washington City, where the class referred to will have to undergo insults and humiliation, from the keepers of restaurants, hotels, inns, saloons, owners of steamboats, places of amusements, etc. etc. does not occur to us as being the proper thing, and we do not mean to sit still and see it done without a protest.

If educated, refined and cultivated government clerks who have been through the civil service mill; teachers of public schools, people of eminence in literature, politics, religion, morals, art, science, authors, historians, men and women of letters and learning and travel, whose names are honored in the work of our own country and abroad,—if the highest type of refined culture, moral worth and the best civilization of this century, which is splendidly represented in this city, cannot be accommodated at public inns, restaurants, saloons, hotels, on steamboats and some places of amusement, simply on account of their color, is it possible that war-worn veterans and their friends will fare any better?

There are many cities in this country where we can encamp and will not have to encounter this pro-slavery caste distinction and race discrimination. To think of coming here, and on this basis in a public meeting at Detroit, the first day of the encampment, we propose to open this matter then and there to the encampment and the people.

We have faith in the loyalty of the people when outside of this city (north) it is not warped by a desire to forget its "faithful allies," and pander and toady to the sentiment that fattens upon its disposition to humiliate the colored race, whenever there is evidence of rise and progress shown by members of the race.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant,
George M. Arnold,
Chairman Soldiers and Sailors National League, 1622 10 st., N. W.
Washington, D. C.,
July 10 '91.

TENNESSEE IMPRESSIONS

LIBERAL SENTIMENT AND SENTIMENT NOT SO LIBERAL.

How to Travel in the South.—Prosperous Citizens.—A Visit to a Delightful Farm.—Personal Mention.

Editorial Correspondence.

Over in Eastern Tennessee, where glides in graceful curves, the Tennessee river, where hill and vale alternate to form a section rich in varied, rugged and grand scenery, lies the city of Knoxville. Not far from here to the Northwest, lie the coal mines, recently brought into prominence by the strike of the miners against the employment of the convicts in the mines. This section is by far, the most liberal part of Tennessee. It was strongly Union during the war; it rolls up now, large Republican majorities, and if anywhere, here does the Afro-American come in contact with the most liberal sentiment of the state, and should have better opportunity for becoming a freeman.

The Afro-American who desires to travel through the South and wishes to escape the inconveniences of the separate coach, must take the Pullman car. Hence, it was to avoid the law of Tennessee, and obey the instructions of my local league not to enter the separate coach "under pain of pistols," that at Cincinnati, I took a through Pullman over the Queen and Crescent, for Knoxville. Knoxville has a fair sprinkling of Northern element, and in general appearance looks almost like a Northern city of about the same size. In fact, if I had not been conscious of what I could not do, that I could do at the North, I would hardly have known the difference, so much of Northern enterprise was visible. Between this city and Chattanooga there is constant rivalry, with the odds in favor of—I will leave the space vacant for some enthusiastic advocate of either city to fill in.

Despite the more liberal sentiment of East Tennessee, there are conditions that would render existence almost intolerable to the Afro-American bred in the North. Accustomed to the full enjoyments of parks, theaters, ice-cream saloons, lectures, restaurants, hotels, etc., their denial would seem to rob them of half their existence. The knowledge that one cannot exercise certain privileges given to others, if not openly so advertised, does not seem so harsh as it does when this information is openly flaunted in connection with the brutes in ones face. Yet not only in Knoxville, but in other sections, there are parks, private perhaps, over the gateway of which, the following inscription is placed: "No Negroes or dogs allowed in this park."

Perhaps one of the things Plaindealer readers would like to hear most about is the operation of the "separate car" law, and a good illustration of it can be found in the experience of Mr. Wallace, Wisconsin delegate to the convention. Mr. Wallace took a first-class coach on the Queen and Crescent, at Cincinnati. When the train arrived at the junction of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Rys., at Oakdale, Tenn., passengers for Knoxville had to change cars. With others, he entered the first-class coach, and was made to take the separate coach, while all the whites in that coach were ordered out. In Knoxville, he entered the gent's waiting room, and sat down. He was approached by the depot police, and ordered out. He would not go unless forced. The policeman led him out and carried out his valise beside Mr. Wallace wanted only the experience to relate to his people; he got it. The evening papers came out in articles in which the action of one of the delegates in making himself generally obnoxious in the ladies' waiting room as to compel his being ejected from the room, was severely commented upon, as well as the principles of the Afro-American League, in which its members professed to be law-abiding. Thus it is that all offenses committed by Afro-Americans of this nature are exaggerated to bolster up a false sentiment.

These separate coaches are by no means equal in accommodations to the first-class coach. I took occasion on the return trip to pay a visit to Mr. Wallace in that coach, and found him enjoying himself with the other only occupant, a constable of Anderson County. The car was an old Pullman, robbed of all its sleeping paraphernalia. The front and rear vestibules had been retained and were used respectively by the Afro-American and white smokers. The passengers of all grades of respectability being sandwiched between. This road, the E. T. V. and Ga., was opposed to this legislation and sent men to fight it at the Legislature, and its conductors say that they have had more trouble in the last three months complying with the law, than they previously had in twenty-five years. The law is perhaps, more strictly followed here, than in Central and Western Tennessee, and seems to be divested of some of the peculiar features that the Chattanooga Observer so vigorously d-d some weeks ago.

Members of the Local League exerted themselves to make the time pass pleasantly for the visiting delegates. On the day following the convention,

the chief objective points being the Island home and C. F. Johnson's stock farm. The Island home is one of the most magnificent farms I ever saw. The rolling landscape, the well-kept fields, clean lawns and out-buildings, the splendid outlook, all combine to form a spot that refreshes one and makes it a most delightful spot to visit. The owner, a Mr. Dixon, an aged man and sterling Republican, welcomes all who come. At his place, at least, black and white appear to be on equal grounds. On the register, the Nashville American appears just above the Plaindealer.

But the place of greatest interest to me, was the stock farm of C. F. Johnson, better known as Cal. Johnson. He is one of those men who reflects credit on Afro-Americans, because of his business capacity and his ability to make money and accumulate it. Estimates place him as worth about \$200,000. At the farm we found him speeding on a 5-8 of a mile track, a trotter that could go in the twenties. For the pleasure of his visitors, he gave some exhibitions of speed, trotting and running. Then showed them his various pets and gave their pedigrees, and entertained his visitors with many a story of his experiences on the Southern circuit.

The encouraging things about the Afro-Americans here and elsewhere South, are the numbers of men who are accumulating rapidly; the men who are beginning to speak out in open meeting denunciation of the proscriptions heaped upon them, and who are increasing in numbers; and the hustlers, preachers and laymen, who are endeavoring, by precept and example, to lead the people into the ways of morality and thrift. Mr. E. Maples, father of Squire Maples, the ex-vice president of the League in Tennessee, Mr. Bradley, A. M. Henry, C. F. Johnson and others, are men whose wealth in realty and personal property, it takes six figures to indicate. Rev. E. A. Johnson is a hustling young Congregational minister, who speaks out plainly his feelings on the prejudices of the South, and is one of the principal officers and hustlers of the Building and Loan association here. The Pattersons, of the Negro World, are energetic business men, and appear to be coining money out of their paper. Squire Maples is one of the most popular justices of the peace in Knox county, and is the only Afro-American that holds an elective office in the county.

The Minnesota delegate was extremely unfortunate in not arriving at Knoxville until the day after the convention. Ex-President Price is on a tour in the interest of the Southern Exposition, and could give us but one day. One of his first things to do after he had seen and shaken hands with me, was to laughingly criticize the Plaindealer on its attitude toward having a separate exhibit at the World's Fair. The Southern Exposition Association, so says Mr. Price, will have one there though, if it has to pay all expenses. A remarkable thing to see down here is the confidence and admiration the people seem to have in T. Thomas Fortune. C. E. Lane, of Asheville, was full of business, and wants the League to at once adopt his industrial scheme. R. S. Lovingsood, of the Atlanta Times, the only Georgia representative, is a young man, who, I don't think, would belie his name, that expects soon to make a tour of the convict camps of Georgia, preparatory to making a fight on that most cruel, iniquitous and unjust system. Iowa was there, but not as a delegate. The way she ropes in subscriptions to her paper, is a caution. L. W. Wallace, the new Treasurer, is a jolly good fellow, thoroughly interested in the work of the League. It is to be hoped that he will have more to do than the retiring Treasurer had.

W. H. Anderson.

Whom God Joined Together.

These Have Given Up Single Blessedness—Some Recent Weddings.

On July 10th, Miss Jennie Thomas to Mr. Walter Riley, both of Jersey City, N. J.

At Lebanon, O., Miss Annie Hughes to Mr. John Lewis. Rev. J. Ferguson performed the ceremony.

At Middleport, O., Miss Lillie Gatewood and Mr. Harvey Smith. The Rev. C. W. Dorsey officiated.

Mrs. Emma Harris, of Memphis, Tenn., to Mr. R. L. Green, at Holly Grove, Ark. Mr. Green was a student of Lane University.

The nuptials of Miss Charlotte N. French, of New York City, to Mr. A. L. Askew of the same place, were solemnized July 14th. Miss Gertrude French was bridesmaid.

Miss Fannie Arundell, of Cincinnati, to Mr. Virgil Johnson, at Allen Temple, July 30th. Mr. Johnson is the popular headwaiter of the Gibson house of that city.

On July 28, at the A. M. E. church, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Miss Ettie McPeters of that city, to Mr. John H. Tyler, of Lake Home. The reception was held at the home of the bride.

At Jersey City, N. J., Miss Hattie Thompson, of that city, to Mr. William Lane, of Newark, Ohio. The bride was attired in white brocade satin. Miss L. R. Soper was bridesmaid.

Prof. J. C. Price and Mr. Manning, of South Carolina, held a conference with President Harrison at Cape May last Saturday, relative to Mr. Price's appointment as Minister Resident and Consul General to Liberia.

DIXON IS A WHIRLWIND!

HE EASILY DEFEATS THE AUSTRALIAN FIGHTER.

Only Five Rounds Fought.—But those Were Very Lively for Mr. Willis—An Triumph.

San Francisco, July 28.—The question of the bantam championship of the world was settled tonight at the California Athletic Club's rooms in this city. George Dixon, a Boston colored boy, the acknowledged champion of his class in America and Great Britain, shook hands with Abe Willis, the best fighter of his class in Australia. Dixon, by his prowess in the ring and his unexceptionable conduct out of it, won himself a place in the annals of sport beside that of the most gallant of the hard-fisted fraternity of any class or color. The purse, \$5,000, is the largest ever held up for two men below the light weight to contend for, and the California Club gave that amount in recognition of the importance of the battle. There is not a blot on the record of either man. Dixon won his bouts in engagements with bigger men than himself, but it was not until he defeated Eugene Hornbaker in two rounds in 1889 that he gained national reputation. His early battles not only proved his gameness but went a great way toward relieving his race of the stigma of faint-heartedness that has from time out of mind attached to it in the prize ring. His first meeting with Cal McCarthy, which took place Feb. 7, 1890, and ended in a draw after seventy rounds, forced a great many people who hitherto had scoffed at his pretensions, to recognize him as a likely candidate for championship honors. Admiration for Dixon was confined to a small class until he crossed the Atlantic, and June 27, 1890, trounced Nunc Wallace, the recognized champion of his class in the Queen's dominion. Then a thrill of patriotic enthusiasm was experienced in this country, but McCarthyites figured in that Dixon's victory over Wallace meant only additional glory for Cal when the pair met to renew hostilities. On his return to this country Dixon gave Johnny Murphy of Providence, his quietest in easy style. McCarthy and McCarthy was going through the country uttering loud boasts of what he would do to Dixon if given an opportunity to fight him again. After much trouble McCarthy's chance came March 31, this year, and the result was a victory for the colored boy, and oblivion for the Jerseyman.

Abe Willis comes from Australia, with an unbroken record. He is three years Dixon's senior, and stands 5 feet 8 inches tall, and is credited with a score of victories. His hardest fight was with young Kennedy, whom he defeated after seventy rounds. As to the relative merits of the men, Willis is said to have a wonderful right hand for a man of his inches, but does not compare with Dixon in cleverness and judgment of pace. Dixon is as lithe as a panther and as cunning as a fox. He is a two-handed fighter, whose execution at short range is terrific, and whose rushes are fairly smothering. Willis was little known here, and the betting before the fight was in Dixon's favor, ranging from 100 to 70 to 100 to 90. Great interest was taken in the fight here and the club room was filled. The men had trained faithfully and both were in perfect condition.

In the first round the men sparred carefully for fully a minute, Dixon showing the greater advantage in reach. Then Dixon led and caught Willis on the jaw, sending him down. When he rose there was the liveliest kind of a rally, the men slugging each other at close quarters, Dixon plainly having the best of it. Willis hugged as much as possible.

The second round was opened cautiously by both men. Dixon rushed, accomplished nothing. A moment later he planted a swinging left hand on the Australian's jaw. Several sharp rallies and much clinching followed, then they kept up a see-saw on each other's jaws at the closest possible range. The round closed with cheers for both.

During the third round both were very wary at first. Dixon then landed his left on Willis' body and right on his jaw. Neither blow did much damage.

In the fourth round, after two minutes of sparring, Dixon rushed and landed on Willis' jaw and body several times, receiving two sharp raps in return. Both were very quiet and saved themselves by dodging.

The fifth round was opened like the others. Neither seemed disposed at first to rush and force matters. Toward the close there was a sharp rally near the ropes in which it was given and taken for a moment, though Dixon was plainly landing harder and oftener. Presently Dixon caught the Australian on the jaw with his left and sent him down. Willis rose to his hands and knees, and took his ten seconds on the floor. He rose a little and when Dixon rushed him, he stood prepared to receive the attack. He was not able to do much, however, in the rally that followed, and Dixon's right soon came into contact with Willis' jaw and the latter went down flat on his back. He fell heavily and lay like a log. When ten seconds had expired, Willis' seconds had to lift him from the floor, and Dixon was declared the winner. The colored man seemed as strong as when the fight commenced.

Hereafter no Correspondence will be published that reaches us later than the first mail Wednesday morning.—Editor.

Our Chicago Letter.

The Monument Craze.—A New Pleasant and Enjoyable Social Event.

Special Correspondence. Chicago, Illinois, July 29.

The monument craze has taken hold of the good people of Chicago in all its craze force. Every prominent citizen that has been, can be found "monumentalized" in some one of the parks, public places, or cross roads. The Swedish people lately erected a monument in Lincoln Park in memory of the departed Linnaeus, their king of the flower realm. The last to take up the monument business is the Celestials of Chicago; they say they have some worthy Chinaman, whom they think should be remembered in this way, and purpose erecting two or more monuments at Rose Hill cemetery, the place at which these illustrious Chinamen repose. With all these nationalities ready to honor their dead, as examples, it is indeed strange that the Afro-Americans do not also fall in line and find some of their illustrious dead worthy of a monument or mark in memory of good deeds accomplished. There are certainly many worthy, and some philanthropic Afro-American should look to it and ask for an appropriation for a monument to some one of our departed leaders, our illustrious dead.

One of the events of the season was the Emancipation Celebration held at Benton Harbor, Mich., Thursday. Excursions were run from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, and large crowds came from each place to enjoy the day's festivities. The welcome address was made by the Mayor at the Benton Harbor fair grounds. Orators of the day: Hon. John R. Lynch, of Mississippi; W. Allison Sweaney, of Indiana. Master of Ceremonies: Rev. L. H. Reynolds; Toastmaster, Hon. E. H. Morris, Mrs. Lettie A. Trent, President of the World's Columbian Association; J. H. Porter, Esq., Illinois State Secretary of the Afro-American League; Constable J. Q. Grant, Marshal Chicago department.

Good-natured enjoyment marked the day's proceedings, which consisted of a tournament and parade at the fair grounds, a visit to the famous Berrian Springs, boating and driving, followed by a banquet in the evening, at which a delightful succession of progress, wit, oratory and feasting was the order.

The Walters' Brotherhood will give their first annual picnic at Ogden's Grove, Wednesday, August 26.

Miss Susie Fuller, of Hannibal, Mo., is the guest of Mrs. Frank Brown, 2702 Armour ave.

Miss Mickie Cook, who has been visiting in the city, left Sunday for St. Paul, Minn.

Several of the young gentlemen, with a committee composed of Messrs. Will Cowan, Harry Duncan and Lou White, entertained a number of the visiting young ladies right royally last Wednesday evening at the Lakeside Hall, corner of 31st street and Indiana ave.

One of the baseball games of the season was played at the West Side league grounds last Saturday, between the Water office employees and those of the Sheriff's office. One of the features was the mascots, employed by the two clubs. The mascot employed for the Sheriff's was a large Afro-American individual, 6 feet, 8 1/2 inches tall, and for the Water office was a little Afro-American, 3 feet, 6 1/2 inches. There was nothing very noticeable about the game but errors, the little mascot proving victorious in the sixth inning with a score of 32 to 23.

The executive committee of the Afro-American League met Monday at the Palmer house, and formed a permanent organization by the election of E. H. Wright, President, and J. H. Porter, Secretary. The committee endorsed the action of the National League in constituting a membership of local leagues in place of delegates from State lodges. An auxiliary committee of one hundred of the most prominent Afro-Americans in the State, was appointed to organize local leagues in all the cities and towns. S. B. Turner was appointed State Organizer, with instructions to commence work at once. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, after which an adjournment was taken until the first Monday in September.

Miss Mollie Franklin, of Memphis, Tenn., left Monday for her home, after a pleasant vacation spent in this city.

The many friends of Mr. John Markley, are looking with anxious and longing eyes toward his movements in a certain lady's direction. Go in and win, John! We are with you to the letter, and have a "present" that we are dying to give you. If you let that lady leave our midst again, you will lose our friendship, sure.

Bob Harper, the colored lightweight, is expected to again enter the pugilistic arena.

Barlow's Creole Combination, under the management of G. W. B. Brown, of Pittsburgh, Penn., will commence rehearsals for their season of 91-92, next week. Mr. Brown promises an aggregation this season, far surpassing anything of its kind now on the road.

Mr. Frank "Prof." Abney left the city for his home in Mt. Sterling, Ky. He has a very successful tailoring establishment in that city, and is fast building up a comfortable competence. He says he will no doubt take up residence in this city some time in the early part of the coming year, and take a partnership with his brother, Lester Abney, who has an establishment in the southern part of the city.

When you get a good thing at a reasonable price, don't be selfish with it. See that your next door neighbor subscribes to the Plaindealer. One Dollar a year.

"Gems of Department." The "Life of Zach. Chandler." "The History of the Black Phalanx." All sell in book-stores for \$2.50. Plaindealer subscribers get them less than half-price. Subscribe for the Plaindealer. \$1 per year.

MILWAUKEE NEWS,

Milwaukee, Wis., July 27.—All of those disgruntled folks, who are so busily engaged in asking one another "What did the League do, now that it has had its convention? What was the use of a convention anyhow?" etc., should read last week's Plaindealer, and see for themselves what was done. The Plaindealer contains a detailed and interesting account of the whole proceedings. One of the greatest faults of the Afro-American race is its failure to properly support its press. Until the race recognizes the power and the influence wielded by a press controlled by the race, and supports it as it deserves, just so long will we be a race lacking one of the most distinctive qualifications to equality with the Anglo-Saxon. There are seven millions Afro-Americans in this country and a comparatively few newspapers edited and conducted by them, but out of these few papers and large number of people, there is actually not one Afro-American paper receiving the hearty support and countenance of the Afro-American community where it may exist. This is not as it should be. We know there are a few papers not deserving encouragement, the editors of which appear to have not one single aim in view, promotive of the elevation and interests of the race, but these are in the minority. The greater number of our papers are edited by hard-workers, who are always upon the alert for the best interests of the race, and such papers should have a wide circulation. We should make our press the power and pride of the race, giving them the financial aid required to run first-class papers, thus enabling them to bring before the world the views and sentiments of the race in a manner befitting a people seeking to become a recognized power among races.

Is the Plaindealer worth \$1 a year to you? If so, isn't it worth the same to your neighbor? Urge him to take it. All the news every week, and a complete novel every month. Take the Plaindealer.

Mr. L. H. Palmer and Mr. O. Howell are soon to be off on their annual fishing jaunt. We shall expect the usual amount of "lying," concerning the trip, from Mr. Howell on his return. Mrs. A. V. Rainey, accompanied by her husband, has returned from a week's sojourn in Chicago.

Miss Mamie Jedricks, of Chicago, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. S. G. Goodman, of Little Rock, Ark., has purchased the Turkish bath establishment of his brother, John Goodman, and will conduct it in the same place, and patrons will receive the same attentions hitherto extended them.

Mr. John Jackson, Chicago, is in the city making a business trip.

Miss Lydia Hughes furnished the literary society with an excellent program of music, both instrumental and vocal. Mr. Steptean delivered an address on "Literature," which was both able and instructive. The officers elected for the next term, were Mrs. G. Dinkelspiel, President; Miss L. Hughes, Vice-President; Mrs. L. H. Palmer, Treasurer; Mr. W. H. Steptean, Secretary; Mr. S. B. Bell, sergeant-at-arms; S. H. Scurry, chairman Executive Committee.

The voters in the Fourth Ward want to prepare themselves to vote for an Afro-American in this coming fall election, as one will certainly be nominated for some position. Afro-Americans all but control this ward and should be represented. J. B. B.

SAGINAW VALLEY NEWS.

Saginaw, July 28.—It appears that some of our citizens have been disgusted on account of there being no correspondent from Saginaw, but there seems to be so little interest manifested in our city, both in reading and paying the small sum of five cents for a paper, that your humble correspondent has become somewhat indifferent notwithstanding our interest is the same. We certainly do like to remit when the proper time comes, therefore, kind friends, always keep the Plaindealer fees in reserve and ready when the boy calls.

Last Sunday was our last quarterly meeting for this conference year. Elder Hill was assisted by the Presiding Elder, James M. Henderson, who, as usual, delivered two beautiful sermons in the afternoon and evening. His many friends were glad to meet him.

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On last Thursday evening there was a lawn fete at Mrs. Dorsey's. Quite a number were present and all spent an enjoyable evening.

On Thursday evening, July 30, there will be another lawn social on the spacious, beautiful lawn in front of Elder Hill's residence.

The Sunday School gave a picnic to Wemona Beach last week. Quite a number of Bay City ladies and gentlemen were in attendance.

Elder Cotman, of Ann Arbor, was in the city last week, shaking hands with his many friends and advertising the celebration which is to be held in that city August 3rd. Several of our citizens are preparing to attend.

Mrs. Dorsey is preparing to go to Detroit to attend the G. A. R. Encampment. She has been chosen as delegate of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Stephen, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, died July 18, and was buried from their residence by the Rev. Bruske, of the West Side.

Mr. Hartwell, whose illness has often been mentioned in the Plaindealer, died at her residence on James st., July 19, in full triumph of living faith. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hill, assisted by Elder Henderson, and were very impressive. The choir rendered some choice selections. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss, who have the entire sympathy of their many friends.

"Grandma Johnson" as she is called by every one, is very ill and is patiently waiting for the Master to call her.

Mrs. Thos. Henson is entertaining Mrs. Jas. Harris and daughter, of Detroit.

Mr. Benj. Wright and family are preparing to remove to Flint to make their future home. Henriette.

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ANN ARBOR EVENTS.

Ann Arbor, July 28.—Sunday was quarterly meeting at the Bethel church. There were a great many up from Ypsilanti. Elder Ferris assisted Elder Cotman. Collection about \$26.

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Miss Kate Crawford has returned home from South Lyons.

Elder Scott, of Detroit, preached two good sermons at the Second Baptist church last Sunday. He was the guest of his son, Frank Scott.

Elder Scruggs is expected back this week.

Miss Eva Gaines, of Toledo, was the guest of Miss Beulah Johnson, last week.

Miss Dora Greyson, of Tecumseh, stopped over one train last Wednesday. She was on her way to Howell, to sing in a concert for the benefit of Miss Childers. She will be assisted in a concert next Tuesday night, at Jackson, by Mrs. Bertie Batties.

Mrs. L. Green, of the Fifth ward, gave a grand reception on Saturday night from eight to eleven, in honor of Rev. Churchman and wife. The latter is Mrs. Green's sister. The elite of Ann Arbor were out and report a grand time. The happy couple will remain about two weeks. Among the guests were Madames Freeman, Crawford, Carson, Graves, Washington, Henderson, Dickerson, Scott, Russell and Jones, and Messrs Graves, Henderson and Zeble.

Little Grace Battles has been very sick the past week with the measles. Mrs. Dale and daughter, Viola, of Albion, are spending the summer here. Mr. Tom Boyer has been pronounced cured, and is home with his sister, Mrs. H. Washington.

Geo. Jewett, Jr., received some bruises from stopping a runaway last week.

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Jim Taylor was sent to jail for thirty days for peering in people's windows.

Every one now is interested in the celebration. There is a big crowd coming. We hope the spirit that controls the water-works will hold them in reserve, until some other day, so that we can enjoy the day with much pleasure. Lottie.

COMING TO THE ENCAMPMENTS.

Battle Creek, July 27.—The position of the striking molders remains about the same. Their places have been nearly all filled with scab workmen, and the proprietors have erected a large tent near the works where the men sleep and take their meals. The men are guarded day and night, and are not often seen on our streets. One, however, ventured up town the other evening, and in consequence is wearing a pair of very black eyes. What the outcome will be, remains to be seen.

Elder Pope has been absent two weeks from the city, holding camp-meeting at Elkhart, Ind. Rev. W. H.

LAWN SOCIAL.

Chatham, July 27.—On last Sunday evening, Rev. J. B. Roberts preached in Campbell chapel to quite a large and appreciative audience.

Last Wednesday evening, the members of the First Baptist church gave a lawn social at the residence of Mrs. Gatewood, on King street, for the benefit of the church. Dover band was in attendance.

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On Wednesday evening, Mr. Hale, of Springfield, and Miss Mamie Johnston were married at the home of the bride, who was formerly music teacher in Wilberforce Institute. Rev. J. O'Banyon performed the ceremony.

The funeral of Mrs. Lucy Ann Moore took place on Monday at 2 o'clock, from the A. M. E. church.

Miss Mary Scott pushed away on Sunday night after a long and severe illness.

A grand time is expected in Chatham on the Third of August.

Several of our citizens will attend the G. A. R. Encampment at Detroit next week. B. S.

FLINT MENTION.

Flint, July 27.—Subscribe for the Plaindealer. It is the best. Rates are \$1 per year; six months, 75 cents; three months, 50 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Nettie were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Vick, Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Brown held his last quarterly meeting Sunday.

Mr. John Grinage is recovering from his attack of rheumatism.

Presiding Elder James M. Henderson will preach at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening.

Mr. Matthew Owens is on the sick list.

Six persons were baptized at the A. M. E. church.

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Mrs. John Munson and daughters were serenaded Saturday evening at their residence by Mr. John Bradley and company.

The collection Sunday was \$18.75. W. N. V.

GRAND HAVEN NOTES.

Grand Haven, July 27.—Mrs. Smith and son, Frank, are visiting in Detroit.

Mrs. Nellie Williams and Mrs. Graves were in Spring Lake, Sunday.

The Cutler and Savage saw-mill will close Wednesday for the season.

The new Cutler house will soon be ready for business.

The Salvation Army is doing a good work in this city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Molson, an eight-pound girl.

The M. E. Sunday School will give a picnic at Highland park, Wednesday.

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The Spring Lake house had 175 for dinner Sunday. They are having a good season. F. R. G.

LANSING LETTER.

Lansing, July 27.—The A. M. E. Sunday School picnic at Grand Ledge, was largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Wilson were called very suddenly to the city to the sick bed of Mrs. Henry Scott.

Mrs. W. H. Parker is in Eaton Rapids for a week.

Miss Hattie Givens, of Grand Rapids, is the guest of Mrs. F. A. Walker.

J. B. Salspaugh is back from camp.

Miss Mamie Dickson is the guest of friends in Canada.

The Excelsior band will picnic at Grand Ledge, August 1st.

The new choir will meet at Mrs. James Bell's, Tuesday evening.

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A number of colored people from Bellevue and Battle Creek attended the G. T. R. B. employes' picnic at the Fair Grounds, Wednesday. E.

NEWS NOTES.

Piqua, O., July 26.—Miss Clara Moss, who was a delegate to the annual Sabbath School convention, held in Urbana, O., reports a very pleasant time.

Mrs. W. Scruggs is very sick.

Mr. James Tobert, of Yellow Springs, is in the city. Also Miss Fannie Harris, of Washington, D. C., is visiting friends and relatives.

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Miss Belle Hall, of Chillicothe, O., is the guest of Mrs. Willis Smith.

Rev. Campbell, of Cincinnati, preached at the Second Baptist church.

Springfield, Troy and Piqua joined a picnic at Ludlow Falls, last Thursday. D. A. M.

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DETROIT, FRIDAY JULY 31 '91.

THRICE WELCOME, G. A. R!

Next week Detroit will be permitted to entertain and pay tribute to the most illustrious body of American citizens—the citizen soldiery of the great republic. The honor of holding the Silver Encampment of an army which stands unique and unexampled in the world's war history is Detroit's, and will give historical importance to the 190th span of its existence. Comrade will again embrace comrade with that feeling of sacred friendship known only to those who have braved death together, or experienced the terrors of war. And young Detroit, large and big-hearted, proud of her own veterans and their glorious record, decks herself in patriotic colors and with garlands emblematic of the glorious achievements of its gray-haired guests and listens with a quickened pulse to the thrilling camp-fire stories.

Proud of the Afro-American's blood-bought right to share in song and story of their victories and defeats, the Plaindealer is pleased to extend its heartiest welcome and pledge its sincerest reverence for the battle-scarred veterans of that memorable struggle. On the part of its readers, nearly all of whom are Americans, born and bred, and none more loyal, it would be its duty so to do. But in its special function as a humble exponent of that great people whose fortunes are so closely interwoven in the history of that half-decade of turmoil and bloodshed, in behalf of those for whom the great rebellion closed an epoch of servitude and abasement, and inaugurated a period of freedom and progress, its duty becomes a double pleasure.

It makes little or no difference now whether the abolishment of a hellish institution was the occasion, the sequence or an accident of the great rebellion. The history of every act, of every event, of every thought, either written or expressed, even to the minutest detail is the common property of both young and old and they are free to draw their own conclusions. What is sufficient to remember is that hundreds of thousands of America's noblest and best men, encouraged and enthused by an equal band of loyal women, faced and suffered death to maintain the integrity of a nation. And that God had so willed it that the freedom of the Afro-American and the shedding of his free blood were indispensable factors in the ultimate triumph of the Union.

It seems a queer thing to look back upon the history of the Afro-American in the rebellion. Admitted to the ranks of the army as a desperate remedy for a desperate case, jeered at, played upon and spat upon, buffeted about by prejudice everywhere, they responded with unflinching loyalty, ready to sacrifice all for liberty and country. In the Department of the Gulf, even before their emancipation, 10,000 of them took the musket under General Butler, and stopped the rebel bullets. On the frontier, hundreds of them stood like granite and fought like men in every engagement. In the Department of the South, in the army of the Cumberland and of Virginia, regiments of brave men, in camp, on the march and in battle did their duty earnestly and well. Their comrades in blue at the silver campfire know full well their devotion to the cause of liberty.

Liberty! Does the one-armed Afro-American, who left its fellow at Gettysburg, realize to-day the liberty he dreamed of then? Does the remnant of the Black Phalanx whose blood flowed without let or hindrance with that of their white comrades, who suffered the butchery at Fort Pillow and bore the privations of the Libby prison, does the living remnant of that valiant band who fought for what they knew not, know to-day? We fear not. The Southern foes whose musketry they faced with such intrepid valor, again inhabit and possess the land and go whither they will, propagating the same insidious, poisonous sentiment. The war is over for them and for their white comrades in blue. But the Black Phalanx, and the millions for whom they fought, must still fight on for the full liberty they thought they won. Not with musket and rifle, bullet and bayonet. Those they laid down when their country was served. But the battle must be waged along civil lines until the flag whose colors mean so much and promise so much, shall not be an emblem of hypocrisy, but give to every one who loves and serves it, its equal,

unprejudiced and unwavering protection.

We thrice welcome our honored comrades, who first taught the world that a race that had toiled and served, could also fight and die. They will find here in Michigan many who fought beside them and have never failed to

"Hail them as comrades tried, Fight with them side by side," and who "never in field or tent" scorned the Black Regiment.

The reunions of the Grand Army veterans, the sentiments they infuse, the incidents they recall, are good and wholesome. They carry the people away from the selfish personal aims and ambitions, from the love of gain and the pride of birth and the inevitable sensual pleasuring of peace and plenty, to the time when personal sacrifice abounded, and devotion to country engulfed all else. 'Tis then that humanity to man is observed most fully, and the noble qualities of the people of a Godly country, are seen most clearly. Recollections of such examples, nobility of character, irrespective of birth and position, will be prevalent next week, and the Plaindealer rejoices that ever amid such remembrances

"The crown is as bright on the sable brows,
As over the golden hair."

The State Journal, of Philadelphia, Pa., prints a very caustic editorial in its last week's issue in reference to the recognition of Northern Afro-Americans in Federal appointments. We do not think it has properly interpreted the remarks of President Harrison in reference to the appointment of a Circuit Judge. But we must acknowledge that many of their observations represent popular feeling. President Harrison has been eminently fair so far, and we do not believe he would give so early, an intimation of what he is going to do.

The Journal's comment is as follows: "The chestnuts that were so conspicuously pulled out of the fire by the National Press convention at its last meeting, seem to have been successfully appropriated by a delegation of colored men from the 'Virginia Republican Association,' of Washington, D. C., who urged the appointment of John M. Langston as United States Circuit Judge for Virginia, and received the assurance from President Harrison 'that in case Langston should be appointed, his selection would rest on his fitness, and not on color.' This looks as if the President is settled as to the appointment, and that Mr. Langston is the coming man. It is curious that in view of 'fitness,' the claim of D. A. Straker of Detroit, Michigan, the most prominent and numerously endorsed candidate for the Circuit Judgeship, has been completely ignored. Virginia sends delegates to the National Republican convention, but the colored voters of Michigan do the voting on election day, and Mr. Harrison is looking for a re-nomination, and John M. Langston, with the aid of his recent political ally, General Mahone, can send a solid Harrison delegation from Virginia to the convention. It is very evident that President Harrison is not reading the signs of the times correctly. His re-nomination may be quite probable, but his election depends on those Northern states where the colored vote is strong and becoming doubtful because of just such treatment that is expected to be given to D. A. Straker. The northern colored vote is commencing to want something for its services."

The intolerant spirit of the South has become so insolent because of its success, that the Afro-American is not the only victim of bullying members of that section of our country. We have often asserted that a Southerner is the only true freeman in the land. No Northerner would dare go South and advocate the principle of civil equality, as he views it, with the same vehemence that Southerners proclaim caste, North. Such a man would be ostracized if not mobbed. As it is, every staunch advocate of civil and political justice, is set down as a crank and an enemy of the South.

Mr. Edward Atkinson, the famous statistician, has no doubt been studying the figures he has before him of the Afro-American's relative position 25 years ago, and now. Comparison has been a revelation to him although a Democrat. His conclusions of the matter are contained in a letter to the Atlanta Constitution, in which he asks a few pointed questions and lays down a few unanswerable propositions. The principal answer the Constitution makes to this letter, is to step aside from calling Republican philanthropists, demagogues, to call Mr. Atkinson an ignoramus. Mr. Atkinson has gained a close and respectful hearing from the American people on all he has essayed to do; he will no doubt take care of himself in this controversy. His present earnest stand is another of the sure evidences that proscription and prejudice are doomed.

Had Shakespeare lived to-day, instead of saying some men are born great, he would have said some men are born to kick. A few of these fellows, who have developed large mullish proclivities, are trying to worry President Harrison's administration all because they or some friend has not been appointed to office. Benjamin Harrison has been the best President this country has had since Grant, and we speak from the record. We don't ex-

pect that he is going to do just as we wish, and we are not disappointed when he don't. This much is true and has never been gainsaid by these blatant critics, inspired by blasted ambitions, he has shown a steadfastness to principle no other President since Grant has shown. And this counts more than men whether they be appointed to office from the North or South. Our most ardent wish is that our subsequent Republican President may be like him. Outside his sturdy devotion to principle, there are more Afro-Americans holding responsible government positions to-day, than ever before, with more to follow. His course needs no defense. It speaks for itself save to selfish, biased eyes.

The Christian Endeavor Society has grown so rapidly that it is now an established institution, which is capable of, and is, doing great good for the cause of christianity. It is destined to be circumscribed in its work however, for it can never be popular in the South. Any doctrine or system of religious work that does not declare the Afro-American inferior, will never touch the bourbon heart or even tickle his fancy. At the last great convention of the Society of Christian Endeavor, white delegates were entertained in the homes of colored men, and vice versa. It has not yet transpired that any of the whites have lost by contact.

It would pay us as a race to raise a fund to send a few of these "Negro killing" bourbons North for an object lesson. Those fresh Louisianians who thought they could kick and humiliate an Afro-American in Indianapolis, because he had the audacity to have his boots blacked on the street, have learned a lesson they will never forget. Send them on; good training schools here; sure cure for big heads of the superior kind.

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Current Comment.

Evansville Graphic: Colored Republicans are not surprised at any legislation against the race in the South. In fact, they rather expect it. But it's funny to see how the so-called colored Democrats kick against the separate car laws in the distant Southern states, passed by their own party. Gentlemen, you must take your medicine. Inferiority of your race is a tenet of the party to which you profess to belong, so stand by it.

Southwestern Argus: A correspondent of the Detroit Plaindealer, who signs his name "Plutarch," is waging war against the bishops of the lineage of Ham. "Plutarch" is certainly on the trail of Bishop Grant. The correspondent has this to say in regard to that distinguished preacher:

Bishop Grant is a great worker for his church and an earnest man, but he has not yet seen much of the world, nor learned much about the present status of systemized thought, he would act wiser if he sat down and by argument tried to rebut or expose the error of articles that don't suit him. He can sing and preach loud sermons that make old people with red handkerchiefs on their heads jump like popping corn, but he has never yet shown a special fitness to act as "Boss" over the "Negro" journals or such progressive minds as those like the one which throbs in Billy Smith's head. Plutarch's pen glides along smoothly, impartially and logically; hence we see no reason why the clergy or the laity of the church should take exception to the correspondent's views. Greenville (Mich.) Independent:

Washington, D. C., wants the next encampment of the Grand Army. But Washington hotel keepers, resort proprietors and managers of public amusements draw the color line and would exclude the colored veteran from privileges extended to veterans of a lighter hue. If the colored man was respectable enough to become a target for rebel bullets and to share equally with his white comrade in arms, all the privations and hardships of soldier life during the war, now in peace most certainly the colored veteran is entitled to all the honors and privileges of Grand Army veterans. If Washington persists in drawing the color line, we trust the Grand Army will politely but firmly decline an invitation to accept such stunted hospitality and subject any wearers of the Grand Army buttons to insult and humiliation. Pro-slavery caste distinction and race discrimination should receive no encouragement from any comrade of the Grand Army or any loyal citizen.

Miss Ella Bundy, of Washington, has been appointed to a position in the Folding Room of the Government Printing Office.

Prof. J. M. Gregory, of Washington, has been unqualifiedly exonerated of the charges made against him and has resigned his position as school commissioner.

The Afro-American Real Estate Association, of New Orleans, which began business on \$25,000 capital, has recently increased their capital stock to \$75,000.

Mrs. Emma Robinson Sayles, of Washington, has successfully passed the Civil Service examination, and received an appointment as Printer's Assistant in the Printing and Engraving bureau.

Prominent Afro-Americans of New Orleans, at the suggestion of the Crusader of that city, will form an association to test the constitutionality of the separate car law, and consider means to better the condition of the people.

The Republic of Hayti.

An Attempt to be Made to Overthrow the Existing Government.

From the New York Tribune:

Hayti has had so many revolutions that another one would not create much interest if it were not for the fact that Hippolyte has attracted the attention of the world by his blood-thirsty acts. The Haytians who are now in the city say that this revolution may break out within a week, or perhaps not for a month or two, but that is bound to come. In fact, they have left their country so that they may not be present at the outbreak. They are all prominent men, profess to be true patriots, and are possessed of wealth and influence. It would not be too much to say that they are the real leaders of the proposed revolution. However, they know too well the temper of Hippolyte to be within his reach when the first blow is made, therefore they are traveling for their health. They are going to France, and will sail tomorrow on La Bourgogne. A Tribune reporter learned in talking to several of them yesterday, that the feeling in Hayti, is that of sullen subjugation. The massacre on May 28 and the subsequent banishment of those opposed to Hippolyte, have created a deep feeling of resentment. There are now about 500 Haytians in exile. Most of them are in Kingston, Jamaica, and others at Colon and St. Thomas.

Hippolyte did not extirpate all of the seeds of revolution by sending these offenders out of the country. Many relatives remain, and they have taken up the work of revolution which was dropped by their banished kinsmen. It is said that the whole movement has about reached a climax. That point will be attained when a ship armed and equipped with 400 men sails into the harbor of Port-au-Prince. Hippolyte now has an army of 2,000 soldiers, who will remain in his service while they are paid. There is, however, dissension in the ranks. Many of the soldiers will be ready to go over to the other side as soon as the ship makes its appearance. There is expected to be a general uprising of the populace; Hippolyte will be killed, and the revolutionists will take possession of the Government. This is the plan of action of the revolutionary party as learned in conversation with the Haytians now in the city.

It is understood that in the pursuit of health, they will try to secure in France some vessel with the proper equipment of guns and small arms, which will sail directly to Kingston, Jamaica. It will take on board at that port, General A. Prophete, who published a proclamation on June 30 to the people and army of Hayti. The address says that the delirium of shedding blood has seized the maddened brain of Hippolyte, and that it would be unparadigmatic not to interfere and save those who are in danger because they cannot be bought. Prophete proclaims that the time for action has come. He says that he has been elected by a large majority, General-in-chief of the revolution by those who have escaped the executioner, those patriots who have been torn from their households by Governmental fury. He also says that, although there is nothing but peril for him in the situation, he believed it his duty to accept the command. He is not moved by any ambition to gain power, he says, but desires simply to remain the zealous servant of the protectors of the institutions of Hayti. He will draw his sword as a patriot and not as the leader of any party, and he asserts that he is a soldier and not a political dreamer. He closes his passionate address in the following language:

Citizens: Have confidence in my uprightness. Believe in my indomitable energy. I will not fail to undertake the task. God and the right are on our side. From one end to the other of the country; from the Cape to Jaemel; from the Mole to Tiburon; from Hinche to Gonaves, fly to your holy arms and raise the cry of the fight from which will spring your deliverance, from which the bleeding country must rise up, rehabilitated, in the eyes of outraged civilization. From the two shores of the ocean, strangers are looking at us and await the end of this conflict in order to give their decision on the fate of the black republic.

Let us show ourselves great and dignified with an independence acquired at the price of so great a sacrifice! Live Hayti, free and independent! Live the liberal institutions!

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

Messrs. Wyatt Archer, of Washington, and James T. Bradford, of Baltimore, accompanied Dr. E. C. Howard on his trip to Europe.

Mr. Henry Clay Gray has sold "The Weekly Test" of Texas, to Mr. D. Webster Wilson Assistant Superintendent of Mails in the Galveston post-office.

Thomas Naudain, of Wilmington, N. J., has been appointed special officer at the Eighth street park of that city. He is the first Afro-American policeman ever appointed there.

The Knights of Pythias constituting the Supreme Court of the United States and the Supreme Court of Calanthe, will hold their sixth biennial meeting in New York, August 7.

Mrs. Jane Rose Roberts, widow of President Roberts of the Liberatorian Republic, has sailed for England with several thousand dollars which she has raised toward building a hospital at Monrovia. From England she will go to Liberia.

The Rev. G. A. L. Dykes, of the Methodist Indian Mission Conference, says that as a rule, where Indians and Negroes had intermarried, the children were brighter and smarter than those of parents who are both of the same race.

The President has just appointed Rev. Dr. P. G. Stewart of Pennsylvania, Chaplain of the 25th Regiment U. S. Troops. Dr. Stewart is considered one of the most scholarly and eloquent ministers of the A. M. E. church, and his appointment, which was brought about through the efforts of ex-Senator Bruce and Hon. John R. Lynch, is very gratifying to Afro-Americans generally.

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A VARIETY OF THINGS.

To the Editor of the Plaindealer.

Sir: For two years I have been one of the principal teachers in the Rankin-Richards Institute. Tuesday and Wednesday nights last, were the grandest that we have ever had. The crowd was simply immense. I was educated at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, one of the most flourishing schools of the South, and have been teaching for several years, but have never seen a more appreciative and enthusiastic people than those who attended this entertainment. It presented the appearance of a large religious conference. The interest manifested in the Institute is great. Mr. Rhoden Mitchell, principal and superintendent, is deservedly popular for his untiring efforts and laudable service in its support. One of the principal needs of the Institute is more accommodations, and the constant application of pupils for admission is indeed interesting. I trust that the philanthropic public will be liberal in their support of Mr. Mitchell in this great

Very respectfully,
Fannie L. Bridges.

Windsor, Bertie Co., N. C.

An Open Letter.

A Plain Statement of the Bethel Church Debt.

The long-pending litigation between Edward Garrett and the firm of Myers and Hyland, has resulted in a verdict of \$4,315.15 against said Myers and Hyland. The church will have this amount to pay which, together with the mortgage of \$10,000, makes an indebtedness of \$14,315.15, besides some floating debts.

In order to make it plain to all, the following resume is given:

Myers and Hyland contracted to erect and complete the new church for \$18,000. \$10,000 of this sum was paid by giving a mortgage. Here began the trouble. The contractors were not responsible financially, and yet no bonds were exacted. This neglect to observe ordinary business caution let down the gap. Myers and Hyland sublet their contract to Edward Garrett for \$13,000. Garrett faithfully carried on the work until perhaps about \$10,000 worth of work had been done, then he quit work because he had received less than \$5,000 from Myers and Hyland, and could get no more. The said Myers and Hyland had deposited the mortgage and drawn its face value and had used all not paid to Garrett, in carrying on certain speculations. They became insolvent and abandoned the church. The trustees completed the building at a cost of about \$3,500. This made \$13,500 paid out on the new building and left a balance of \$4,500 due on contract, which sum we have never denied owing, but we did claim a right to deduct a sum equivalent to damages sustained, etc. The court has not allowed all of the damages claimed by us, yet the amount of the verdict added to what we have already paid, is nearly \$200 less than the contract price. The impression has somehow gone out that at the corner-stone laying and at the dedication, about \$10,000 were raised. This is a great mistake. About that amount was promised in subscriptions, but not a cent has been paid on the new building, excepting as follows: \$10,000 by mortgage; \$3,500 of money received from sale of old property; and probably \$1,200 raised this convenience year and paid out for following purposes: \$950, back interest and semi-annual payment for this year, and the balance on floating debts. I do not mean to find fault with what is past, but am desirous that the facts be clearly apprehended. WHAT MUST BETHEL DO?

By September 20th, (unless we appeal the case,) we must pay the \$4,315.15. If we do not raise the money, we must borrow it, and thereby increase our mortgage to \$14,315.15, making our annual interest more than \$1,000. We cannot think of borrowing the money except as a last resort; we must raise it. The task is a huge one, especially under present conditions; but we can accomplish it if we try earnestly.

I cannot think that this generation of Afro-Americans in our city would take the property of the fathers and invest it in so great a church and then let all be lost. As pastor, I shall endeavor to see that no sharpers take advantage of the church, and that they be not plunged headlong into rash and unbusiness-like projects, and I shall endeavor to inspire and lead the people to a grand and mighty effort that will place us safely on high ground. Let us all awaken to an appreciation of the situation, and rally like men and women who mean to do the right. We have no time to fool with small things now; we must work, and work hard.

John M. Henderson.
Detroit, July 27, 1891.

When you get a good thing at a reasonable price, don't be selfish with it. See that your next door neighbor subscribes to the Plaindealer. One Dollar a year.

Robert L. Taylor, of Chicago, was awarded \$25 damages against Oliver Perry Bake, a restaurant keeper of that city, by Justice Prindville.

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MERE MENTION.

To City Subscribers.

On and after June 1, 1891, all unpaid subscriptions will be charged for at the rate of 50 cents for each three months. The present low price of the Plainealer, —One Dollar per year, —cannot be allowed to those who do not pay in advance, when bills are presented.

The Plainealer office is now permanently located on the second floor of the building formerly occupied by the Tribune Printing Company, 13—17 Rowland street.

The Plainealer will be "at home" at their rooms on the second floor of 17 Rowland street, old Tribune building, to visitors to the encampment next week.

Mr. William Ambers, of Toledo, spent Sunday in Detroit.

Mrs. Jones, of Pittsburgh, Penn., is visiting Detroit friends.

Mr. James Brown is recovering from a short but severe illness.

Miss Ette Rice has returned from a short visit to Dresden, Ont.

Mrs. A. J. Moore, of Waco, Tex., is expected in the city next week.

Mrs. Postal Smith has returned home from a visit to London, Ont.

Mr. Sylvester Smith is home from Grand Rapids, for the summer.

Mr. Herbert Mayo, of Buffalo, spent a few days in the city last week.

Miss Laura Montgomery, of Petite Cote, visited friends in Detroit, last week.

rs. Gertrude Blackman, of Cleveland, will be the guest of Miss Amanda Luckett, next week.

Titus N. Alexander will recreate in Detroit the remainder of the summer season.

Mr. G. Jones, of Little Rock, Ark., is visiting Mr. J. L. Martin, of Monroe ave.

Mr. James Armes has been seriously ill at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Slaughter.

Miss R. Finley, of Dayton, Ohio, is being entertained by friends in Detroit and vicinity.

The health of Mrs. Robert Boland, of Romoake, Va., which occasioned her friends much anxiety earlier in the season is much improved.

Mrs. Kate Gilbert, of Jackson, Mich., is the guest of Miss Gertie Eddy, of Hastings street.

The Misses Washington, of Boston, will be the guests of Mrs. Douglass Carter next week.

Mrs. John Anderson and Miss Fannie Anderson have returned from Mansfield, Ohio.

Miss Laura Jones, of Toledo, Ohio, is stopping at Mrs. John Beeler's, Division street.

Mrs. Thos. Mulberry will visit Eaton Rapids for a month's stay after the G. A. R. encampment.

Miss Victoria Topp, of Chatham, and Mr. William Topp, of Chicago, Ills., are visiting Detroit friends.

Mrs. Sadie Cannon, nee Ackley, of Toledo, Ohio, is the guest of Miss Annie Beeler, of Division street.

Mr. Henry Wise entertained a few gentlemen friends at his home on Alfred street, last Monday evening.

Mrs. H. Anderson and daughter, of Pittsburgh, are the guests of Mrs. H. G. Webb, of Mullett street.

Miss Laura Jones, of Pittsburg, will visit Miss Florrie Lewis, of Du Bois street for the next few weeks.

Mrs. W. Loomis, of 162 Wilkins st., will entertain Mrs. Carrie Stewart, nee Jones, of Grand Rapids, next week.

Mrs. Nathaniel Davis, of Eaton Rapids, will spend G. A. R. week as the guest of Mrs. Thos. Mulberry, of Brady street.

Mr. Wm. Anderson will entertain Messrs. Ford Smith and Andrew De Hart, of Cincinnati, during encampment week.

Attention Veterans! When in the city, don't fail to visit Jones and Brewer's Lunch Room and Ice Cream parlors, 382 Antoine street.

Mr. Allen Alenworth, Chaplain of the Twenty-fourth regiment, New Mexico, is the guest of J. L. Martin, of Monroe ave.

Mr. George Palmer, a former Detroit boy, passed through the city the past week, on his way to Chicago. While in the city he stopped at his mother's, Mrs. Wm. Palmer, of Wilkins street.

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Glances Here and There.

The superior advantages of our friends in white, are not always noticeable in their department to their equals, and is woefully lacking towards those whom they regard as their inferiors. The Glander sat on one of the river steamers the other day, near a lady presumably of the haut ton, though she lacked the "repose which stamps the caste of Vere de Vere," as well as the low, soft voice which is supposed to accompany it. She came on the boat with a flurry and flutter, and after disposing of her belongings, began to tell her neighbor all about the hitches in her domestic machinery in so loud a voice that every one near heard her. Finally looking around her, she espied a well-dressed young colored girl, who was sitting near the rail of the boat, reading, and without apology or courtesy of any kind, she addressed her as follows: "Aw—say, can you tell me where I can get a girl?" "A girl," repeated the young lady. "Yes, I want a good colored girl to work for me. Do you know where I can get one?" "At the intelligence office, I suppose," was the reply, and the young lady resumed her reading, the spectators smiled out loud and "my lady," muttering something about insufferable impertinence, sailed away to a more congenial locality.

The man who feels himself called to be a reformer, will not be deterred by want of appreciation, and it is well, for surely there is no more thankless task than that of warring against inevitable evil. Prophecy pleasant things, draw flattering pictures, appeal to the self-complacency of your fellows, and you will always command a following; but tell the truth which unfortunately has a way of being bitter, and like Jeremiah of old, you have only the birds in the air to listen to you. What lover of strong drink ever profited by the object lessons pointed out to him by the zealous rector, or who ever succeeded in dissuading a gambler from risking his money, by picturing to him the fate of his kind? Human nature is perverse, and with the bit in its mouth must run its disastrous course before it will submit to be curbed. If it were not so, the world would have long since reached a state of unnatural perfection. There would be no need of minister, physician or lawyer if all the advice so freely given for the preservation of our health and the reformation of our morals were taken. As it is, every one claims the right to think for himself, and learn from his own bitter experience. The reformer's cry in the wilderness falls on listless ears and old age in this generation as in those which preceded, looks back on a life marred by "might have beens."

In spite of all that has been written and said of the American Hog, he still exists to the discomfort and vexation of the human family. One of the most disagreeable of the species, rides on the open car and monopolizes the end seats. Coming down town one day this week, the Glander noticed, with feelings of commiseration, the efforts of a young lady encumbered with several parcels to climb over one of his porcine highnesses. She finally accomplished the feat, and, conscious of her awkward entrance to the car, was embarrassed and annoyed during the entire trip, but she had her revenge. The knobs and protuberances on the feet of the "hog" betrayed the painful presence of corns and bunions, and when on reaching her destination, the young lady prepared to climb over him to the street, she set her little foot firmly down on his, and though his start of pain almost threw her headlong in the street, she tripped away without a glance backward, serene in the consciousness, that hereafter, when a lady, encumbered with a parasol, lunch box and the long skirts which fashion imposes on the women of today, attempts to board an open car, one man at least will give up the cherished end seat and "move along."

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The Relief Corps of John Brown Post, No. 198, will give an entertainment in their hall, Room 15, Hillsendegen Block on Monroe ave., Wednesday, August 5, where they will be pleased to welcome all visiting members of the G. A. R., and ladies of the Relief Corps.

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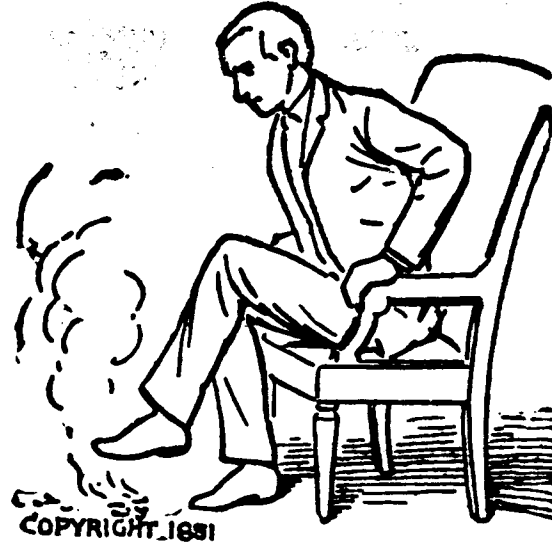
The Michigan Conference.

The Coming Meeting.—The Work Accomplished by Its Members.
To the Editor of the Plaindealer:
At the approach of the next session of the Michigan A. M. E. Conference, which will convene in Bethel church, Detroit, on Thursday, August 13, it will be interesting to many to read this brief notice.

The Michigan Conference is one of the youngest, yet one of the most hopeful in the connection. At its head stands Bishop John M. Brown, whose name has been associated with the most progressive movements of his race for the last quarter of a century. The Episcopal father of the Conference is Bishop J. P. Campbell, who created it in 1886 out of a part of the territory of the Indiana Conference. He still looks upon its progress with deep interest. Bishop Brown observed when this Conference was placed under his supervision that he had a valuable treasure in embryo. He saw that the prescribed field of its operation was one of the most progressive and lucrative in the connection. There are to be found in Michigan and Indiana, some of the best cultured and most substantial people of the race, whose social advantages have given them a high ideal, which it is the delight of a progressive spirit, such as we have in our Episcopal head and in the rank of our ministry, to gratify. The complexion of the Conference has improved steadily since its organization. The character of the ministry has advanced, and the charges are yielding better results than ever before in their history. The largest per cent of the Afro-American churchmen of Michigan and northern Indiana, which constitute the bounds of this Conference, are communicants and attendants at the A. M. E. church.

The Conference has had a regular presiding elder system for the past three years. The first two years, the Rev. R. Jeffries held the office. We were appointed to succeed him at the last annual conference, held at Saginaw, September 15, 1890. It is patent to any student of Methodism that its rapid growth and strength are due largely to careful Episcopal and presiding elder supervision. No other protestant polity provides for such systematic oversight. By it, every interest of the church is carefully guarded. Bethel church, Detroit, is in charge of Rev. John M. Henderson, who has proved himself a good financier and has gotten the church debt fairly under control. Rev. Henderson is succeeding nicely and the people are pleased with his service. Ebenezer church, Detroit, which is our second charge, is served by Rev. J. H. Alexander. He has made extensive improvements on the church property at a cost of \$3,700. It is now one of the handsomest churches in the Conference. It was rededicated July 19. Rev. J. L. H. Watkins is stationed at Grand Rapids. He is a transfer from the New Jersey Conference, and is a valuable addition to our Conference. Rev. R. H. Felton, who died May 13, in the midst of the Conference year, was the regular appointee to Ypsilanti. After his death, Rev. Isaac Burdine was placed temporarily in charge. Rev. M. Becket, a transfer from the New York Conference, was appointed to succeed him. Rev. W. H. Saunders is in charge at Jackson, and has nearly completed a handsome brick church with stone trimmings, 40x60, at a cost of \$3,500. At Flint, Rev. G. W. Brown has enjoyed a most profitable spiritual harvest, which has brought into the church a large number of useful young people. The Ebenezer society at Detroit is largely indebted to him for their handsomely remodelled church. The plans were matured during his pastorate. Rev. S. P. Peaker has built a beautiful brick parsonage at Lansing. This and the parsonage at St. Joseph, are the best preacher's homes in the Conference. Owing to the intellectual environment. Ann Arbor demands one of our best men. Rev. Abram Cotman is succeeding nicely in this station and is now engaged in building a handsome brick church, 35x60, with chapel, to cost \$3,000. He is supplying a long-felt want in this community and the people highly appreciate his efforts. Rev. Benjamin Roberts will bring a good report from Kalamazoo. Rev. Roberts has been visited with sickness and death within the year, yet he has labored heroically. Rev. Wm. Collins has charge of St. Joseph circuit. During his pastorate he has greatly improved the church property and built a parsonage which is a model of beauty and convenience. Muskegon has no supply at present, but there are good possibilities in this circuit with Allegan. Cherise and Grand report for South Bend. This is a large manufacturing center, and our church in this place can be made a strong station. Rev. W. H. Brown has charge of Cassopolis circuit, which includes Cassopolis, Niles, Volina and Three Rivers. He has improved the church property at Cassopolis. Rev. R. Jeffries has had a pleasant year at Ft. Wayne, and will report the church out of debt and the parsonage repaired. Rev. J. K. Hart will report the churches at Wabash and Warsaw out of debt and remodelled. Rev. H. B. Gordon will report for Pontiac. Adrian is a happy instance of what a small station may do when the pastor and his people are in hearty sympathy with each other in the work. The pastor, Rev. G. R. Collins, will have cause to feel proud of his report. Revs. G. B. Pope and E. E. Gregory alike are closing their second year at their respective charges, Battle Creek and Day. Rev. C. F. Hill will report the plans for a church building at Saginaw, which we hope to see successfully carried out in that city. Rev. J. P. Coates will submit the report from very complimentary letters from the Indian camps of the good work which has been done by Rev. John Hall, our missionary among the Chippewas. Rev. N. N. Pharis will report for the Wesson Avenue church in this city. There will be some candidates for admission who are preparing to make the required 75 per cent, which is the rule in this Conference. Altogether, the fifth session of the Michigan A. M. E. Conference will be a pleasant gathering of men who will have cause to be proud of their past year's record and buoyant with hope for the future.

James M. Henderson,
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The interior is richly finished in marble appropriately carved and paintings of the rarest and costliest character decorate the walls.

The great features of the church are the altar and tabernacle in the center. It represents the human heart in the human body and is one of the grandest works of church art ever imported from France. The custom duties alone amounted to over \$2,000. During the Philadelphia centennial it was on exhibition there and attracted considerable attention. It is made of gold and gilded bronze, beautifully chased and richly enamelled. It is fashioned like a shrine, the sides of which are composed of two arcades of gilded bronzes. The enamelled figures of angels in relief adorn the arcades. Six pilasters support the table of sacrifice and form six niches for statues representing the virtues. In this table is a piece of the wooden altar preserved in the church of St. Praxedes in Rome, which St. Peter used as a portable altar. The altar is supported by a group of gilded bronze columns. Beneath it, visible between the interlacing arches of the antependium, are the bodies of two martyrs taken from a catacomb of the second century. They were gifts from Pius IX.

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While plowing at May's Landing, N. J., a farmer unearthed a large snapping turtle which weighed twenty pounds.

The fancy ball given last month in Paris by the Princess de Leon caused an expenditure in that community of three million francs.

A Chicago boy who could not get off the railroad track in time, threw himself flat upon it. The train passed over him without harming him.

Harvard's overseers, following the example of the Episcopal convention and many another dignified body, have adopted the Australian ballot system.

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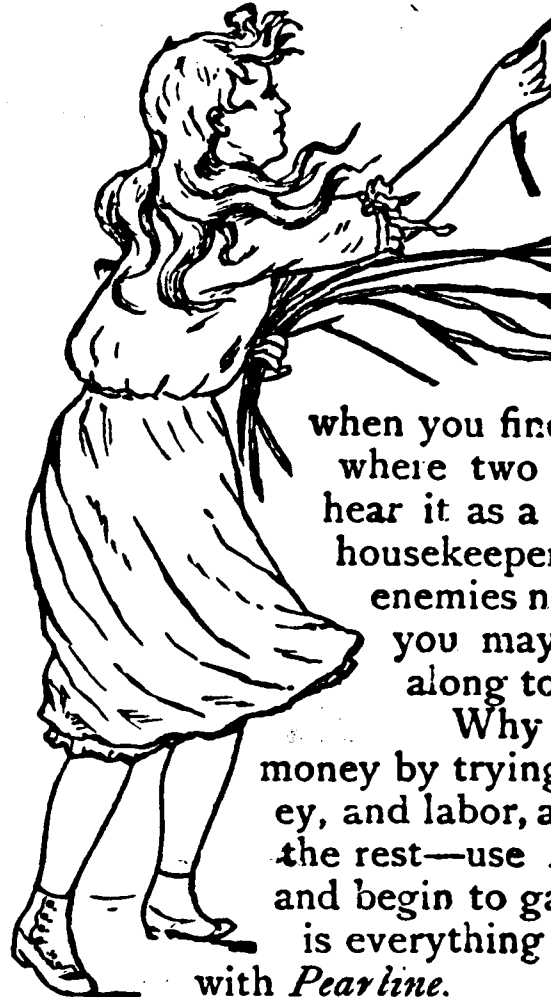
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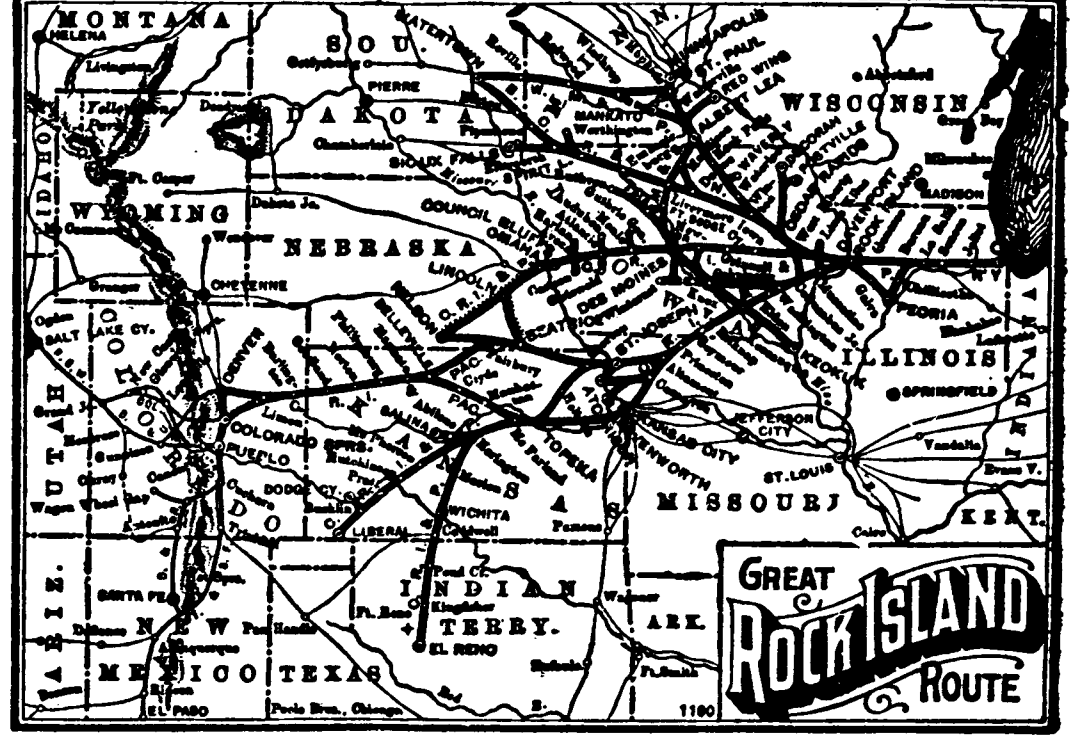
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Second Baptist.—Croghan street, near Beaubien. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.—Rev. E. H. McDonald, pastor.

St. Matthew's Episcopal.—Corner Antoine and Elizabeth streets. Sunday services: Holy Communion, 7:00 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon, 4 p. m. C. H. Thompson, D. D., rector.

St. John's Baptist.—Columbia street, near Rivard. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School immediately after morning service.—Rev. W. A. Meredith, pastor.

(Brief items of news will be welcome from other pastors or laymen.)

The A. M. E. Zion church, of North Carolina, last year raised \$84,000 to support its religious institutions.

The Rev. M. C. B. Mason, of the M. E. church has been appointed Field Agent of the Freedman's Aid and Educational Society.

The Rev. A. Prosser, of Grand Bassa County, West coast of Africa, is en route for America to visit relatives in Philadelphia.

There are six Baptist churches in Africa, one of which is self-supporting; the others are sustained by the American Baptist Missionary Union.

Bishop Tanner spoke at the Ocean Grove Assembly last week on "Home Life in the South," and the great need of education and culture among the women of the race in the Southland.

Communion services in the Baptist church at Denver, Sunday before last, were turned into a free for all fight by obstreperous members, which terminated in the arrest of some of the participants.

The life of the Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, of Port Royal, Va., was threatened by W. H. Edwards, whose wife was formerly a postmistress, because he recommended the appointment of an Afro-American for post-master.

The Rev. John J. Smallwood, who is traveling through the Northern states, lecturing to raise funds in aid of an institution to be established at Franklin, Va., says that a wealthy lady of New York, has given him \$12,000 for his institute.

The Rev. J. D. Coffee, of the A. M. E. church of Texas, has been sent to the Detroit House of Correction for one year, for sending obscene matter through the mail. He is the same individual, who sometime since, won unenviable notoriety by an article in which he stated that "freedom was a curse to the Negro."

At the opening of the Sunday School Assembly and Ministers' Institute at Round Lake this week, Bishop Newman, speaking of the proposed department of sacred oratory and ecclesiastical law, said that it had been decided to render much more rigid the examination for ministers and that the course will be enlarged so that it will hereafter equal a college course.

The Rev. William Tunnell, rector of St. Augustine's P. E. church in Brooklyn, will soon surrender his charge and go to Washington, D. C., where he has been called by Howard University to fill the chair of Belles Lettres and English Literature. Mr. Tunnell is much gratified that he has been chosen for the place, both because it assures him an increase of income and because it widens his sphere of usefulness among his people.

Going to Mexico.

A Colonization Company formed to purchase 100,000 Acres.

Washington, July 27.—The bureau of American republics is informed that an association called "The Colored Men's Mexican Colonization Company" is planning to establish a colony of Negro farmers, coming chiefly from the States of Mississippi and Tennessee, in the State of Sonora, in Mexico, and is formed for the purchase of a tract of 100,000 acres, about twenty miles south of Yuma, Arizona, on the Southern Pacific Railway at a place where the remains of the Lerdo colony founded by Mr. G. Adrede, of San Francisco, still remains.

Charleston, S. C., July 28.—The White Republican League movement which was inaugurated in this State last spring, has come to the front again. I. Hendrix McLane, who is said to have financial backing from H. Cabot Lodge and other prominent Eastern Republicans, is at its head. A council was held to-day and an address issued to the voters of the State. The leaders say they are going to push the movement all over the State, and expect to receive large accessions to their ranks from Democrats who, they say, will be elbowed out of their party by the Farmers' Alliance movement. It is understood that the movement will be entirely distinct from the regular Republican organization here, and that it is expected to absorb the old party organization. The Negroes will be invited to go into the movement, but only as rank and file.

The indications are that Gov. Tillman, who led the Farmers' Alliance movement to victory last year, will be shelved by the Alliance unless he gives up his opposition to the Sub-treasury plan. A man named W. Jasper Talbert, who is Superintendent of the State penitentiary, and is a State Alliance lecturer, is spoken of as the new farmer's Moses.

An Afro-American named Dixon has been appointed chief weigher of the weighers' department of the Baltimore, Md., custom house.

The Republican editors of Massachusetts have organized what is to be called the "Republican Press Club of Massachusetts." Butler R. Wilson, of the Boston Courant, was chosen one of the executive committee.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VI--AUG. 9--CHRIST'S AUTHORITY.

Golden Text: "All Power Is Given Unto Me in Heaven and in Earth." Matt. XXVIII: 18.

HOME READINGS.

Mo. The Infirm Man Healed....John v. 1-9.
Tu. The Jews Object.....v. 10-16.
W. Christ's Authority.....v. 17-30.
Th. The Three Witnesses.....v. 31-47.
Fr. Jesus and the Sabbath...Matt. xii. 1-9.
Sa. A Second Sabbath Cure....xii. 10-21.
Su. A Third Sabbath Cure.Luke xiii. 11-17.

INTRODUCTORY.—It is practically impossible, with the limited material at our disposal, to make a perfect harmony of the four Gospels. So many links of the history are omitted by the sacred writers, that we are frequently reduced to the necessity of conjecture. As far as we can make out, an interval of several months must be placed between the close of the fifth and the beginning of the sixth chapter of our Gospel. During this interval Jesus was probably engaged in prosecuting what is known as the Galilean ministry. On his return to Jerusalem, he healed the infirm man at the pool of Bethesda. As this work was wrought on the Sabbath day, it was promptly challenged by the Pharisees. The response which Jesus made to that challenge will occupy our attention to-day.

1. Equality of the Father and the Son (Verses 17-23).—17. "My Father worketh hitherto." Revised Version: "My Father worketh even until now." The sustaining and upholding of creation implies a continuous activity upon the part of the Father. "And I work." The example of the Father was a sufficient warrant for the Son's healing of an infirm man, even on the Sabbath day.

18. "Sought the more to kill him." His answer inflamed their hatred to the highest point. "Because he... said also that God was his Father." He turned his defense into what was in their eyes a still greater crime than the one of which they had at first charged him. "They rightly interpreted the phrase 'My Father' as meaning peculiar and personal fatherhood." "Making himself equal with God." This was what his claim amounted to.

19. "The Son can do nothing of himself." By an inner necessity, it would be impossible for the Son to "act with an individual self-assertion," and independently of the Father. There is a backward reference here to the act of healing the infirm man. "But what he seeth the Father do." "A familiar description, borrowed from the attention which children give to the conduct of their father."

20. "For the Father loveth the Son." This fact explains both the preceding statement and the one that follows. "Sheweth him all things." Love conceals nothing. "Will shew him greater works than these." Namely those which are enumerated in the succeeding verses. "That ye may marvel." Jesus does not say, "That ye may believe," for he well knows that in the case of these bigoted Pharisees no such result is possible.

21. "As the Father raiseth up... so the Son quickeneth." It is the Father's special work to vivify the dead. (See Rom. viii. 11.) So also the Son as being on the one hand equal with the Father, and on the other identified with humanity, shall likewise exercise a resurrection power over human beings, and this both in a spiritual and physical sense. "Whom he will." "This phrase implies no mere arbitrary exercise of will; for the will of Christ ever acts by most just reason and rule."—Whedon.

22. "For the Father judgeth no man." "Although by universal acknowledgment judgment belongs to him." "Hath Committed all judgment unto the Son." As a token of honor.

23. "Should honor the Son, even as... the Father." "Alike should they be adored, both as one Deity, inasmuch as the Son is the representative of the Father."—Whedon.

II. Eternal Life Though the Son Vs. 24-30.—24. "He that heareth and believeth." Hearing by itself is not enough to be productive of good, it must be followed by faith. "Hath everlasting life." Hath already passed from spiritual death into the eternal life. The eternal life is begun in this world, but reaches its glorious consummation in the world to come. "Shall not come into condemnation." "Provided of course, he continue steadfast in the faith."

25. "The hour... now is." It began with the advent of Christ, and continues till his second advent. "The dead." The spiritual dead. "Shall hear the voice of the Son of God." Proclaiming the possibility of forgiveness and full salvation. "They that hear shall live." The word "hear" in this clause means more than in the clause immediately preceding. It must be taken to signify "hear attentively," "give ear to." Those who thus hear shall pass from death unto life.

26. "As the Father hath life, so hath he given to the Son to have life." "As the Father is a fountain of life, so hath he given to the Son to be a fountain of life."

27. "Because he is the Son of man." Literally, because he is "a son of man"—that is, a human being.

28. "Marvel not at this." Do not wonder that the Father hath invested the Son with the power to speak dead souls to life. For there are still stranger things to be disclosed. "All that are in the graves shall hear his voice." He shall accomplish the resurrection of men's bodies also.

29. "And shall come forth." All shall come forth. "The resurrection of life." A resurrection the result of which shall be eternal life. "The resurrection of damnation." A resurrection to which condemnation pertains.

30. "I can of my own self do nothing." "Because he is the Son, he cannot act independently." Plummer. "My judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." "Unselfish seeking of the Father's will is the great clarifier of the moral judgment." Abbott.

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