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What has become of the Mouth Piece? The mailing clerk is very irregular and forgetful, the last issue comes tardily to hand. It is tardy perhaps because it is cross, the tones of its columns are gruff and stern, its growls are deep and portentous. Before it retires somebody is going to get hurt, such plain, uncompromising articles as fill its columns are to hit somewhere and hit hard. The gruff and surly tone of the last issue has a strangely humorous undertone, which now and then comes like rippling laughter to the surface. What does it mean? Why does the Southern Recorder, "the advanced chnrchman," and so many other local sheets sprung up in the ranks of the A. M. E. church. Standing on the outside and hearing the ringing clash of arms and loud war cries which sound from ecclesiastical circles, one does not need to be a prophet to see that African Methodism is in the throes of a great transformation. When such men as Dr. T. W. Henderson, W. B. Derrick, Gaines, of Georgia, F. F. Steward, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Lee, W. R. Carson and others of equal prominence put on the war paint, then it is safe to predict that something is going to happen. But what is it? These men are all of stern, unyielding character and a power in the church, the clarion tones of their uplifted voices have penetrated to the remotest bounds of the church and have awakened scores of minor echoes. From all of these new sheets and from all of these men, we can only hear sentiments that are lofty and loyal, they are; however, strange because of their terrible earnestness. The Recorder stands like a giant and wields a fearless voice and mighty arm, it is plain to see that it is the organ of the general church and can not be moved.

The Conservator is now a red-hot Prohibition organ so far as talk goes. Yet Chicago has not a single noteworthy temperance organization among the Colored people. Why is this? Is the Conservator only indulging in gush, is it only vaunting to the world, airy notions, does it merely seek favor at the hands of the Prohibition party, or does it honestly mean all it says? If the latter be true, then Bro. W. why not come down from your high horse and go to work? Talk don't buy farms. If the people mean temperanee, have they not enough vigorous sincerity to found at least one society espousing the cause? How do the churches stand on this question? The Conservator in extolling the triumphs attending prohibition, seems to find the climax of its dreams centering around the White House. Political preferment is not a noble end to inspire great moral movements. The Cleveland Gazette has, during its few years of existence, damaged the true interests of the race in Ohio, more than any antagonistic influence which has existed during this period. This cannot be said of the Conservator, because it has thus far, been only "a reed shaken by the wind," and, unless all of this glowing temperance talk culminates in some practical achievements, we will still hold the same opinion of this "romantic sheet."

Rev. Reynolds and his trustees have purchased a valuable lot in Minneapolis and expect to lay the foundation for their new church during the coming month, should the weather permit. With a congregation of at least two hundred persons, this should be a successful undertaking. St. Paul has now two beautiful church buildings, Minneapolis should at least have one. Five thousand dollars would build a handsome and commodious structure, and $2,500 raised between now and next May would enable the trustees to carry out this project. Rev. Reynolds is a man of sound judgment and tireless energy and will succeed if the progressive people of his city rally to his support, People of Minneapolis go to work! it may be a great while before you again have such a leader and such a chance as you now have.

Mr. George Thompson the able editor of the Dispatch has been chosen as the president of the carnival association, and he has signified his acceptance of the position. We congratulate the members of the association upon their admirable selection, and venture the assertion, that the coming carnival will far excel the previous ones, if the president brings to bear the energy and enterprise that have characterized his management of his progressive journal. The carnivals have done a great deal for this city, and with an earnest indefatigable newspaper man at the head, the greatest results are assured for the coming one.

We have received the first number of a new monthly magazine, entitled Womans Work. It is published in Athens, Ga., by T. L. Mitchell and is edited by Mrs. Ella R. Tennent. The subscription is only fifty cents per year, and taking the copy now before us as a sample, is well worth four times the money, as it contains a variety of excellent original and selected articles on a wide range of subjects. We heartily recommend the magazine to our readers.

Too much importance cannot be accredited to the coming state convention of Colored citizens. It is to be hoped that the various communities to be represented will immediately elect their delegates. No other state in the Union affords more opportunities for the progress of the Colored People than our thriving state. And no other state has so few of the worst, and so many of the best element as Minnesota.

We are glad to note the awakening interest taken in the APPEAL—Yes we are in the field as an humble champion of the race, and are recognized as such, as is shown by the number of our exchanges, which include many of the leading white papers of the country, which not only seek to exchange, but, also from our columns, frequently take their cues in discussing the race questions.

The Color prejudice question does not present itself in the Northwest as it does in other sections. True, there are frequently cases where discriminations on account of color are made in hotels and restaurants, but when it is known that a Civil Rights League holds several thousand dollars in hand for the prosecution of such cases, injustices will soon be things of the past.

Ten thousand people from the South could find good homes and valuable farms in our state during the coming year.

Excelsior Club Party.

Northwest College Hall was the scene of one of the delightful entertainments of the Excelsior Literary and Social Club on last Wednesday night, and attracted a fairly large attendance. The guests were a little late in gathering but from the time the incomparable Oscar Thomas announced the begining of the program until the wee sma hours the enjoyment did not lag, and when the strains of the last waltz died on the morning air the delighted devotees of terpsechore reluctantly departed for their homes The managers of the affair deserve much credit for the admirable manner in which it was conducted throughout. The ladies present were looking their sweetest and the gentlemen were as handsome and gallant as usual. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. W. H, Dornell, Mr. and Mrs. J, Waddels, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dornell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Chancellor, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hamilton, of St. Paul, Mesdames H. Turner, Chas. Gatewood, Oliver Morgan, Nora Moore, C. T. Lucas Nancy Pembroke, T. Mack; Misses Mamie Samuel, Ada Moore, Mattie Thompson, Carrie Young, Lizzie Trent, Dottie Moorehead, of Chicago, Florence and Fannie Johnson; Messrs. A. G. Plummer Jas. Fiske, J. F. Murdock, Spencer Smith, W. Heard, John Shelton, of Washington, D. C., Chas. Johnson, Frank Carter, Sherley Tyler, B. A. Lewis, Will Young, Chas. Brodie, Jas. Thomas, Adolph Percy, Richard Jackson, Geo. Brady, F. E. Wilson, F. Jeffrey and J. Q. Adams. The grand march was led by Miss Florence Johnson and Mr. Oscar Thomas.

SAINT LOUIS.

Our Fair Correspondent From The Future Great, Once More to the Front.

A Very Nice Letter.

As the time for the election of the school directors, under the Drabelle bill approaches, the agitation grows fiercer and more interesting. The main question at issue is "German or no German in the public schools. The issue has engaged the attention of the Colored citizens, and already they have held a large and enthusiastic meeting at which they whereased and resolved in tones of no uncertain sound. It was indeed a representative meeting in all respects. The absence of the professional politicians was conspicous. The position taken by the Colored citizens thus assembled, was that the Negro schools never having had the luxury of German instruction given them in common with the other schools of the city supported by public taxation, it was the imperative duty of the friends and patrons of the Negro schools, to face this without equivocation by advocating the discontinuance of German in the public schools and petition the new board to appropriate a share of the $65,000 thus saved for the furnishing of better facilities for our Colored schools. It is a patent fact that the accommodations provided at present for our Colored schools are poor indeed, and fall short of meeting the necessities of the immediate present. Thus you observe that the position assumed, is indeed praiseworthy and deserves the united support of all Colored citizens and their friends.

At the No. 1 school building,—the building having the largest attendance of any Colored school in the city—there are 630 pupils. It is a ten room building with a seating capacity of fifty pupils to a room. This condition of things has not sprung up within the last ninety days, but has been a standing fact for nearly three years. The attention of the proper authorities was at one time called to the over crowded condition of the school, A committee after a thorough investigation reccommended to the board that two more rooms be added at once to this building, the reccommendation was pigeon-holed, it was alleged, for want of funds. Now, what is true of the No. 1 building, is also true of several other Colored schools. Hence the action of the Colored citizens in mass meeting assembled. Speaking of this school I must not omit to mention our kindergarten attachment. Mrs. S. W. Topp is the director, and under her management, this department has grown from an A. M. kindergarten to an A. M. and a P. M. kindergarten with 150 pupils belonging. The able and efficient Mr. A. G. Parker enjoys the good fortune of having an able and efficient corps of teachers to assist him, and the result is that all things work together for good. The distinctive peculiarity of this school seems to be the community of interest in the general management and success of the building. All unite in executing the wishes and orders of the principal. Teaching under such pleasant auspices must certainly be a pleasure. At some more auspicious opportunity I shall undertake to give your readers the personel of our corps of teachers.

Y. M. S. C. Soiree.

"The days may come, and the days may go,
But I go on forever."

So sang the little brooklet as it meandered slowly along its course, making music in its tranquil flow. Had the wishes of those who attended the delightful soiree given by the Young Men's Social Club on last Tuesday evening, at G. A. R. hall, corner of Third and Exchange streets been consulted; like the little brook, they would have gone on with the entertainment forever. The entertainments of this club are always very pleasant ones, but the one of last Tuesday evening was exceptionally delightful. The hall was not to large, but just large enough, and the merry party just fited the hall. Prof. Robt. Bruce and his admirable orchestra were strung up to just the right pitch and everything "was just to lovely for anything." The ladies wore handsome street toilets as a rule, though some of them enhanced their beauty with most becoming party costumes. The gentlemen were dressed as usual for such occasions, and vied with each other in making things pleasant for their guests, and right royally they succeeded. From the opening waltz until the familiar strains of Home Sweet Home floated on the air joy was unconfined. All voted the entertainment the most enjoyable the "boys" have given this year. There were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Pettis, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Smith; Mesdames Gertie Milton, Cora Henderson, Misses Ella B. Smith, Mary E. Godett, Ednah Mason, Maggie Fogg, Bertha Heathcock, Lulu and Nellie Griswold, Dodie Roe, Lizzie Geddy, Cora and Florence French, Alice Lawrence, Rena Bradberry, Frances Lewis, Alice Johnson, Lizzie Roach, Jennie and Cora Napier, of Minneapolis; Messrs. C. H. Bush, L. F. De Lyons, Willie Francis, C. A. Lett, T. McDaniels, W. H. Brown, O. D. Howard. Richard Manning, T. H. Griswold, C. A. Mason, John Luca, James Dover. Chas. Fogg, Thos. King, Neil Boice, Jos. Neal, C. C. Wilkins, W. J. Singleton, A. T. Twyman, Oscar Thomas, of Minneapolis, and J. Q. Adams. Now to kick over the pail of milk. It will be seen from the list of names above, that the participants in the entertainment comprises the majority, of what is considered, the leading society people of St. Paul; and, as it is the duty of the press to condemn objectionable things wherever existing, as much so as to praise commendable ones, we feel it our duty, in the kindliest spirit, to call the attention of the organization to the fact, that several of its members, in the exuberance of their spirits, overstepped the bounds of genteel decorum, and become too boisterous in their manner. The object of social gatherings is to refine; and, is the duty of each one who attends, to do his part, in the refining process. We blush to say it, but on several occasions we have been the unwilling listener, to the boisterous language and laughter of some of our young gentlemen, and—but don't say I told you—young ladies too. These things should not be. They are not the effects of ignorance, but of carelessness; and need only a little thought on the part of those whom the cap fits, to have them no longer noticeable. We wish to see our young folks gay and happy, but at the same time, genteel, gentlemanly and ladylike. We hope those who made this little reproof necessary, will not feel that personal offense is intended; but, will accept it in as kindly a spirit as that in which it is given. We are earnestly, honestly desirous to have all our efforts tend toward the enlightment, the improvement, the upbuilding of society in our city. We do not wish to wound the sensibilities of any individual, and we hope we will not soon again, have occasion to express ourself in this strain. Let this hint to the wise be sufficient.

A. M. E. Church Notes.

The sudden change of weather in no sense diminished the attendance upon the services in the beautiful new church Sabbath morning. The immense furnace, a Richmond No. 30, had the auditorium warm as summer time. The chancel is one of the most elaborate and beautiful in the city, and in fact has been pronounced by many to surpass in arrangement and artistic display any chancel in our largest and most wealthy white churches. Within the altar still stand the handsome floral designs presented by Mesdames Howard and Boeler. The excellent choir, augmented by the presence of Prof. Luca and Mrs. Clay rendered excellent music. The theme of the sermon was "Gods Tender Care." The text, psalms 23 chap. and first verse: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." The most prominent thought was the love of God and His tender compassion, the sermon denounced the teaching that God is unmerciful and quick to anger. The outlines: First, discussion of the richness and fullness of Oriental figures of speech, and explanation of the figure employed in the text. Second, the nature and extent of Divine Providence (a) as it refers to physical world and irrational being, (b) as it refers to man. Third, the believer becomes an object of especial Divine care and can claim to live under a special providence. The collection was up the usual standard. The method of taking up collections is unique and unlike the usual methods employed in our churches. The pastor announces the amount needed and sits down, while the officers quickly and quietly place the table in position at the head of the aisle, the choir sings and the people come in regular order to the table, beginning in the officers pew and on down through the naive. No noise, no urging, but solemnly and with an air of devotion the people come to the altar to give unto the Lord. This speaks well for the refinement and liberality of the good people of St. James. The classes, one, three and four, which meet after the morning services were well attended and very interesting.

The Sabbath school met at the usual hour and was opened by the retiring superintendent, Richmond Taylor, who in warm terms and well chosen words introduced his successor, T. H. Lyles, who responded, paying a glowing tribute to the faithful services of Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor has been superintendent for several years and during that time has never missed a session of the school or been tardy. He also is a trustee, a steward and a class leader, besides being clerk of the trustees board. He is now assistant superintendent and still continues to bend his energies in assisting to promote the welfare of the school. Mr. F. D. Parker was by unanimous vote constituted librarian and assumed the task of procuring a library. Too much importance can not be attached to this office and his undertaking. Should Mr. Parker succeed in his effort, his will be one of the most progresive and enduring of achivements, he has already gone energetically to work and expects to have at least two hundred volumes by New Year's. The secretaries, Miss Cora French and Wm. Queen, were both present and assumed the duties of their offices. A Bible class for adults has been formed.

The evening services were largely attended. Rev. L. H. Reynolds, of Minneapolis, preached a very able sermon. Rev. Reynolds is one the scholarly young men, such as Bishop Brown has drawn to the Western churches during his tour.

The APPEAL is in good demand and eagerly sought after and read by the hundreds of friends of the St. James church.

INTERESTING

Paragraphs of News Pertaining to Colored People in All Parts of the U. S.

Carefully Compiled.

A. R. Cloudy, colored, is coronor of Parsons, Kansas.

There are 4,972 white and 4,864 Colored voters in Charleston, S. C.

Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, minister to Liberia has returned to this country on a visit.

There are thirteen Colored students at Ann Arbor, Mich., University this year,

Mr. Frank McCoy, Colored, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has invented a carriage thill fastener.

The National Republican Committee has one Colored man as a member, Hon John M. Lynch of Mississippi.

There is a broom factory in Nashville, Tenn., with a capital of $5,000 owned and operated by Colored men.

Dr. E. W. Blyden, of Africa, one of the most learned of Colored men has renounced Christianity and joined the Mohammedans.

Ida Miller, Colored, who is serving her time in the Pittsburg penitentiary for murder, had $10,000 left her by the will of Colored man who died recently in New Jersey.

Hon. John Mercer Langston will deliver an address on Bishop Richard Allen, the founder of the A. M. E. church, at Rev. E. H. Bolden's church in Richmond, Va., Monday.

Dr. N. P. Dandridge, Colored, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been appointed a member of the board of Medical examiners, and his appointment has been unanimously confirmed.

The only state in the Union where there is anything to be gained by being a colored is Deleware. White have pay a license of $2.50 to get married but Colored people get license free.

Mr. J. G. Bergen, white, the manager of the Bergen Star Concert troupe, which has traveled all over the country, is shortly to marry Miss Flora Batson, Colored, the leading singer in the troupe.

Six Colored men who were arrested on election day in Richmond, Va., charged with illegal voting have brought suit against the challengers and judges of election for $1,500 each for false imprisonment.

A short time ago a Colored man named Coleman, of Richmond, Va., was convicted of assaulting a Colored woman. The jury was composed of twelve Colored men. His attorney has appealed the case to the supreme court claiming that selecting twelve jurors on account of color is unconstitutional.

Call For a State Convention.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 15. '87.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—

Feeling a deep interest in the developement of the great state of Minnesota appreciating the blessings of her just and liberal laws and the kindly feeling of her best citizens, and believing in union there is strength, we deem it wise and prudent that we should take some action to advance our industrial and civil rights vouchsafed to us by the constitution of the United States and the statutes of this commonwealth. Recent developements have demonstrated the fact that there is a disposition on the part of some to abridge the rights guaranteed by the constitution and the laws of this state. Therefore, we the Colored citizens of St. Paul, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby issue a call for a State convention to meet in the hall of the House of Representatives in the city of St. Paul on Monday Dec. 5th., 1887 at ten o'clock A. M. for the purpose of advancing our interests in these matters, and after due deliberation to form such an organization as may be agreed upon having for its object the protection of our rights hereinbefore stated. And, for the purpose of carrying out these provisions it is hereby requested that the Colored citizens in the several counties of the state meet and from their number elect the number of delegate from each county as follows:

Hennepin	18
Ramsey	21
Washington	5
Freeborn	2
Polk	3
Rice	5
Winona	6
St. Louis	4
Steele	3
Anoka	3
Wright	2
Clay	3
Dakota	3
Goodhue	2
Blue Earth	3

All other counties not mentioned in the above list are requested to send two delegates each.

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