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WOMAN'S COLUMN

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Editor

"Glory to God in the Highest peace on earth, good will to men," so sang the angels at the advent of the Christ and so sing we as we realize the magical change that christianity has wrought in the condition of women. As our space is limited we shall speak briefly of the progress of the Afro-American women.

The annual report of the women's Parent Mite Missionary Society of the A. M. E. church for the year ending Nov. 1898 showed the receipts for the year to be \$1019.19.

Dr. Eliza Anna Green a graduate of a Philadelphia Medical College has been admitted to practice in Atlanta Ga. Lady Marie Ducatellier an accomplished writer of Panama has been contributing some interesting articles to the "Voice of Missions."

Miss Otella Cronwell of Washington D. C. is a freshman at Smith's college, one of the famous white institutions of learning, founded for the higher education of women.

Mrs. Fannie Coppin of Philadelphia ranks as the foremost woman education of the race.

Mrs. Frances Harper, the poetess although well advanced in years still takes an active part in literary affairs.

Miss Alberta Scotts is the first girl of the race to graduate from the Harvard Annex.

Miss Edmonia Lewis the world renowned sculptor has come from her adopted home at Rome, Italy to America to visit with friends.

Quite a number of Afro-American women went to Cuba as nurses during the Spanish-American war.

Miss Ida Mae Godfrey Mt. Pleasant Iowa who graduated with honors from the Iowa Wesleyan University last June is the first member of the race to complete a course there.

Alice Ruth More the charming poetess and story writer is wedded to Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Ruth Brunson edits the woman's column in the Christian Recorder.

Miss Daisy Fearing a graduate of the New Jersey training school has received an appointment as teacher in the white schools of that city.

Black Patti and her merry Troubadours have been playing to packed houses every since their appearance.

Mrs. Rebecca Hatton of Chicago is the originator of a hair straightening system.

Mrs. Bishop Handy it is said makes an excellent presiding officer being well versed in parliamentary science.

The Afro-American women of Des Moines deserve credit for the continuance of their literary club known as the "Harriet Beecher Stowe Circle."

Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett the lecturer is a woman of charming personality, she is still actively engaged in efforts for the elevation of her race.

Mrs. Anna Gardner-Goodwin of Atlanta, Ga. has composed a march entitled "Cuba Libre."

One of the pleasant social organizations of Iowa's Afro-American women is the "Light House Club" of Cedar Rapids founded by Mrs. M. Wade.

Among the Afro-American girl graduates of Iowa who are doing creditable work are the following: Misses Eldora and Genevieve Green, Mrs. Butler Miss Josie Whitsett of Newton, Zella Davis, Sarah Porter, Selma Stanton, and Nettie Tolliver of Des Moines, Sadie Benthan, Ella and Margaret Drainie, Mayme Jackson, Mrs. Ophelia Wilson and Mrs. Sallie Brooks of Keokuk Ia. Miss Carrie Smith of Columbus Mo. (formerly of Keokuk), Miss May Davis of Albia Ia. and Miss Signora Irving of Chariton Ia.

One of the most agreeable sights to be seen is a group of nurses at Provident Hospital in their picturesque costumes.

One of the real needs of the race is a paper devoted exclusively to the interest of women.

The Christmas Bells were ringing with a loud romantic chime. And people gladly viewing and inspecting what they find. To cheer their little ones who eagerly wait to cheer, is his birthday which happens in Dec. each following year.

How the little ones will watch to see Santa Clause with his bells, And think of many a dreaded hour before he will appear. Besure and hang your stockings. Where he can see each one. For Santa a good old fellow and is always full of fun. And I know he will remember each and every one.

Miss STELLA PIERSON

THE NORTHERN NEGRO.

Dr. Lee, of the John Hopkins University, had the following statement of the Negro's development in the North in a recent issue of the Baltimore Sun:

"In the Study of the Negro we have, as a rule, sought knowledge of the Southern type; the Negro in the North has received little critical attention. To obtain the best results from such a consideration it is necessary to select a point of research offering both urban and rural condition, where the prejudice against Negro was slight, if existent, at the time of his settlement, and where the Negro population is composed almost entirely of ex-slaves or their children. It is believed that Carlisle, Pa., presents such a base of investigation. The people of Carlisle are rich and prosperous; they have large hearts and generous hands. Standings aside from prejudice and filled with the most elevated sentiments, they have striven to do their utmost for the stranger within their gates.

Prior to 1860 175 to 200 slaves passed through Carlisle each year in their Northward flight. The early colored population was recruited from the free Negroes of Pennsylvania. In 1861, however, the town added 500 fugitive slaves to its permanent inhabitants, and this settlement of Virginia and North Carolina refugees furnished the base of the present colored population. Since 1864 the colored people have added steadily to their numbers.

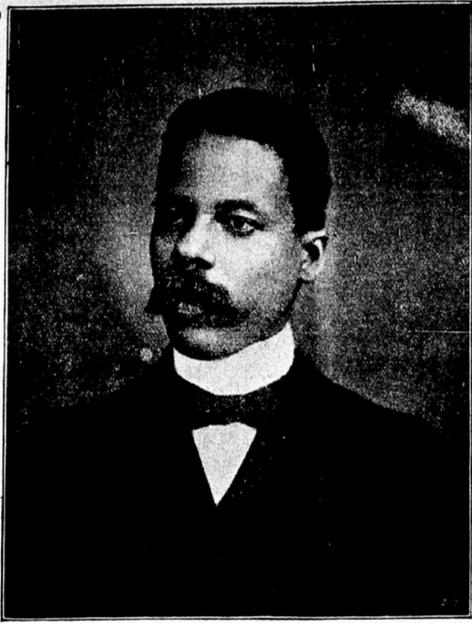
The negro of 1866-1876 had an ambition to own a home; he bought generally in the alleys. As the alley locations filled up he was attracted by the cheapness of land in a certain section of the skirts of the town, and there bought lots. To-day these purchases have, through the growth of the city, trebled in value. The home of the renter, as well as that of the owner, varies from the three room cottage to the ten room house. The cost of these dwellings varies from \$300 to \$2,500. The Negro renter pays from \$3 to \$5 per month for his house. The furniture of the Negro is neat and often of good style. The house is neatly kept and in order. In 100 homes visited 87 per cent, showed no untidiness outside of the bed rooms, though in seventy-two cases the women of the house was in constant service away from home from 7:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. In thirty-seven houses were musical instruments; in forty-one pictures tastefully displayed; ninety-two homes has curtains ninety were carpeted in the living room; in fourteen books were to be seen in quantity, and in twenty-three the Bible had visible place.

"Seventy per cent of the colored females, exclusive of school children and children under age, are in service 20 per cent do washings at their homes 7.5 per cent have no other employment than their own housework; 2.50 per cent do not work. The women earn from \$1.50 to \$2.50, with an average of \$2 per week; some cooks earn from \$3 to \$4.50. Of the 113 colored freeholders, 65 are worth less than \$300; 27 are rated between \$500 and \$700; seven between \$750 and \$1000; five between \$1,000 and \$1,500; six between \$2,000 and \$2,500; one at \$5,000; one at \$10,000; and one between \$30,000 and \$40,000."



Alonzo W. Draine, who is one of the most highly respected young men at his home and one of those who have made a great success of life; is a resident of Keokuk. He was born in Montgomery Co. Mo., May 5th 1874. When very young, his parents moved to Keokuk and he entered the public schools from which he graduated in the class of '94 so well did he stand with his class that he was selected to deliver one of the principal orations at the commencement. Later he was elected principal of the public school of Wentzville Mo., where he taught for three years with good satisfaction. For years he was secretary of the Eastern Missouri Teachers Association. In 1897 he accepted a position with McGrath Bro., one of the leading drug houses in Keokuk. In manners he is gentle, courteous, dignified and an honor to our race.

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Professor L. A. Wiles of Muchakinoek, Ia., is well known to the colored people of Iowa, especially the 6th Congressional district. He was born in Florida 37 years ago, attended the Hampton Normal school four years; came Iowa immediately after leaving school, where he taught school in Muchakinoek for several years, also several in Virginia. An active worker in church and Sunday School; was appointed clerk in the Census Bureau at Washington, D.C. in '91 and served until '95; returning home and in '98 accepted a place in the Folding room of the House. He is a bright and intelligent man.



J. L. Woods of Marshalltown, Iowa, who is chief electrician of the Soldiers' Home in Marshalltown, is one of the reliable and trusted young men of color in Iowa. He came to Marshall county 9 years ago from East Oakland, Cal., where he was born. After attending the Agricultural College of Ames he entered the electrical department at the Soldier's Home where he has been every since. He is a 33 degree Mason and of high standing in other secret societies.

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