

CITY NEWS.

Rev. F. Lomack was in Chicago a few days this week.

Mrs. Annie Jordan of Sioux City is a guest of Mrs. E. Wilson on 11th Street.

Miss Iona Mason, the BYSTANDER representative at Mt. Pleasant, is the guest of Miss Ethel Bowmer.

Miss Olive Smith has returned home after a fortnight visit in Chicago.

In selecting your periodicals this fall and winter why not select the BYSTANDER as one of them?

Mrs. C. Beckley of Keokuk who spent last week with Mrs. Glass left for her home Wednesday.

Mrs. John Early is very sick at her home, 1049 B Street. Her daughter came up from Buxton last week.

A BARCAIN. \$30.00 Victor Talking Machine for \$25.00. Ten inch records \$3.00 per doz. G. W. WILSON, 411 Walnut St.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Clegggett have purchased a house and lot on Twelfth, between Center and Crocker streets. They will move next week.

Mrs. Lena Regen, an evangelist of Rev. Reeves church at Minneapolis, spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hyde.

Mrs. Anna Lewis who has been visiting for the past fortnight in Savannah, Mo., the guests of Mrs. Henry Gray's folks, returned home last week feeling much elated over her visit.

The opening campaign and speech which will be the keynote of the campaign, will be delivered tomorrow night at the Auditorium by Governor Cummins. Every lady invited.

Newman & Lewis Contractors, Builders and General Jobbers... 923 West Fourteenth Street YOUR TRADE IS SOLICITED.

Mrs. M. Flanagan wishes to announce her annual showing of fall and winter millinery Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, 515 East Locust St.

In our last issue we published an article about the Masons of Springfield, Ill., erecting a hall. The article was from the Capital of that city, we did not give Bro. Murray's paper credit for it, hence we make the above explanation.

Your Patronage is Kindly Solicited at the new Jewell Restaurant

just opened at the corner of W. Second and Walnut MEALS SERVED AT 15 CENTS.

Under management of R. N. HYDE and MISS MARY MONTAGUE

Another wedding is on the schedule for next month, but as the invitations have not been sent out yet we will not say who it is, but both parties reside in the city.

EXCURSION TO BALTIMORE, MD. Via Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Tickets on sale Sept. 17th, 18th, 19, return limit Oct. 3rd. Call at 410 Walnut St. for all information.

Mr. Theodore Williams is now head-waiver in the American plan room of the Kirkwood hotel. Mr. Wilson has been transferred to the cafe of the same house.

Mr. Eugene Cabell left for St. Joseph, Mo., last Saturday night where he expects to remain. He will be missed from among the social function this season, and especially the young ladies were sorry to see him leave.

DR. A. G. EDWARDS, Physician and Surgeon. OWA PHONE 1081. MUTUAL PHONE 480. OFFICE HOURS: 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m. Over 764 West Ninth Street.

Miss Mabel Dixon of St. Joseph who has been the guest of Mrs. F. D. Forbes for several weeks, returned to her home last Saturday night.

Mrs. Amanda Woods and children of Evanston, Ill., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Glass on Oak street.

Mrs. Thomas of Albia is visiting her daughter Mrs. T. L. Griffith, on Crocker street. She will remain here for several weeks.

J. B. Bailey, age 64 years, died very suddenly Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock. The funeral will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. from Corinthian Baptist church.

Rev. W. A. Searcy, Rev. Higgins Rev. Geo. W. Slater and Rev. A. T. Clark made the BYSTANDER office a pleasant call last Monday.

Mrs. C. H. Richardson who has been very sick, is worse this week and her friends are alarmed over the change.

Miss Gertrude Hyde entertained in honor of Mesdames Johnson and Crump of Ottumwa, on Monday evening, the Misses Mabel, Hall, Mabel Mitchell, Bertha Hunt, Ethel Howarth, Gertrude Hogsett, Rachel Elliot and Martha Jackson were present.

Don't forget to attend the republican rally Saturday night at the Auditorium. Let every voter go and hear the Hon. A. B. Cummins, our beloved governor Saturday night at the Auditorium.

Mr. John Early received a letter Tuesday from his son, Clarence, who enlisted in the Ninth cavalry and went to the Philippines islands. He is now working for the government at Nueva, Caceres, Luzon, P. I. and doing well. He sends regards to old friends.

Lee B. Blagburn went to Chicago last Saturday night for a few days visit with friends, so he said, however there is one young lady who is not yet a relative he will sail to see.

While in Oskaloosa, Ia., stop at Emanuel Lobbins' Lunch Room; also furnished rooms. Good service at reasonable rates. 311 Rock Island avenue.

Mrs. Leonard Roberts and Mrs. Stewart Matthews of Buxton have been here attending the Annual Conference of the A. M. E. church. They gave the BYSTANDER office a pleasant call and congratulated the BYSTANDER on her Buxton Souvenir number, they enjoyed their visit to the capital city.

Rev. P. P. Taylor, Bishop Grant, and Mrs. M. E. Beckley of Keokuk and Mrs. Mattie B. Myers of Chicago were entertained at dinner, and Rev. Joplin at luncheon Sunday at the home of Mrs. Stella Davis 1053 W. Fifth street.

Miss Nellie Leftidge of Des Moines has accepted a position at the Union Industrial Academy of Arkansas, Arkansas, as assistant, Prof. B. E. Wilson of Kansas City, in beginning and second year Latin, which convenes Oct. 5, 1903.

The Marion County republican Convention was held last Wednesday and there had been a hot fight between the Prouty and Hall forces to control the Convention and nominate a member of the legislature. The Prouty forces won out on first ballot by a large majority, this makes the second time that the Prouty and Hall forces centered a fight in old Marion and Prouty won each time.

NEW RESTAURANT. The Oxford Cafe has just opened its doors for service. Good meals, short orders or boarding.

Mrs. A. M. MASSRY, South part of town Buxton, Iowa.

Quarterly meeting at Burn's M. E. church, Eleventh and Crocker streets, Sunday. Rev. H. S. Graves of the A. M. E. church will preach the sacramental sermon at 3 p. m. Rev. J. Will Jackson, our Presiding Elder, will be here and will hold our quarterly conference on Friday at 8 p. m. You and your friends are invited to attend these services. O. A. JOHNSON, Pastor.

Mrs. Geo. Howarth entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Sunday Rev. and Mrs. Brook, and Rev. C. H. Thomas of Chicago, Rev. Timothy Reeves of Minneapolis, Rev. Walkup of Moline, Rev. L. J. Phillips of Clarinda, P. P. Taylor, F. J. Peterson of Muscatine and Mrs. Wilson Hughes of this city.

Mrs. M. M. Hall and Mrs. Charis Brown of 522 West Second street entertained the following delegates of the conference branch of the Women's Mite Missionary society of the A. M. E. church, which convened at St. Paul's A. M. E. church last week: Mesdames R. C. Ransom, Mattie Johnson, K. D. Tillman, Nora F. Taylor and Mattie B. Myers of Chicago, Mrs. Susie Shaw and Mrs. Shaw of La Grange, Mrs. E. J. Daniels of Evanston, and Mrs. Betty Herr of this city.

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Mrs. Anna Richardson who is a niece of Mr. Jeff Logan who has been visiting down in Savannah, Mo., will soon leave Savannah for Seattle, Washington to visit.

In our last week's issue we mentioned that Buxton had two newspapers. In this we were mistaken, while the Gazette is in contemplation of coming out and the company have their press and type, yet no paper has been issued. This leaves the Eagle the only one issued as yet.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES. Pastor's subject at 10:30, "The Lamb and the Redeemed." Evening, text by request, "The Way of the Transgressor is Hard." T. L. GRIFFITH, Pastor.

GOURTNEY JONES. One of the most elaborate weddings of this year occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Courtney, 1011 Crocker street, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Their eldest daughter, Miss Revister, was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Mr. W. W. Jones of Buxton (his picture was in the current issue of the BYSTANDER.) At two minutes of 8 o'clock the bride party had formed and was marching to the parlor, while Mendelshon's wedding march was being played by Mrs. Samuel Bryant. First came Naomi Coalsen the flower girl, a sister of the bride, than Mr. John Coalsen and the groom, also Mr. Richard and Miss Lilly Coalsen, followed by Mr. L. Courtney and the bride. They were met in the parlor by Rev. T. L. Griffith who performed the ceremony in his usual graceful manner. The bride wore a beautiful white watered silk trimmed with chiffon made on train and white bridal veil with a wreath, and carried a bouquet of carnations, which made her look very charming. The groom was attired in a full dress suit and wore white gloves. He lives at Buxton, and as previously stated by us is a worthy young man. They will make their home in that city. There were about 75 guests present and they were received at the front door by Messrs. Richard, John and Spurgeon Coalsen who wore full dress suits. The lawn was illuminated by Japanese lanterns. The out of town guests were Mrs. Thomas of Albia, Miss Iona Mason of Mt. Pleasant, the Misses Estella Jones, Amanda Harvey, the Messrs. C. T. Jones, T. W. Jones and J. W. Neely of Buxton. We ask them to accept our congratulations to those already received. They were the recipients of many useful presents. We expect to publish a list of them next week. During the reception hours refreshments were served.

No doubt a number of our readers will be surprised to learn that Mrs. Annie Hall and Rev. T. W. Lewis of Keokuk were quietly married at the A. M. E. church parsonage last Saturday at 7 o'clock, by Bishop A. Grant. The bride is no doubt one of the best known women in the state, as she conducted a boarding house at 304 Walnut street for years, and many a person who has never been to Des Moines has heard of her. So we can say without fear of contradiction that Rev. Lewis has secured a very frugal and enterprising wife, and may joy and happiness be theirs. They will reside in Keokuk, as the reverend has been re-appointed pastor of the A. M. E. church of that city. The reverend is an intelligent, good honest man.

MILLER-CHILDRESS Mrs. Amanda Miller and Mr. Jacob Childress, formerly of Evans, were married by Rev. T. L. Griffith at his parsonage last Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Only a very few friends were present, in fact the wedding had been kept so secret that hardly any one knew that they were to be married, but as they attended the Courtney-Jones wedding that same evening they informed their friends that they were husband and wife.

Three weddings in less than a week is a good record.

HOME VISITORS' EXCURSION TICKETS TO INDIANA AND OHIO. Via the North-Western line, will be sold at reduced rates on four Tuesdays, Sept. 1, 8, 15 and Oct. 6, limited to return within 30 days from date of sale. For particulars as to territory to which excursion tickets may be sold, etc., apply to agents Chicago and North-Western R'y.

Mrs. Eliza Brown attended the Baptist Association meeting in Centerville a few days last week.

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Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Ben Grayson attended the annual conference in Des Moines this week.

Mrs. F. Hoekins on 10th and West Walnut, entertained a few of her friends last Tuesday evening. Quite a number were present and a pleasant time was reported.

Mrs. Wilburn was hostess of the H. B. S. Reading Circle Thursday afternoon. The meeting was delightfully enjoyed, as a full membership was present. A part of the program was rendered by Mr. Parks, being guest of honor also Miss Dove and Miss Hamilton. Delicate refreshments were served by Miss Estella Wilburn. Paper, "Is the Negro of Today Asking Social Equality with the Anglo-Saxon?" Mrs. Hamilton followed by a general discussion. Song, Mrs. Holt; Spelling, Mrs. Carr; Oracle, Mrs. Wilburn Banks; Critic. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. Banks.

Mrs. G. H. Clegggett and Mrs. J. T. Blagburn entertained at the residence of Mrs. J. T. Blagburn Sept. 18 quite a number of the conference delegates. Those present were Presiding Elder and Mrs. J. W. Malone, Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Shaw, Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Phillips, Rev. F. J. Peterson, Mrs. M. B. Shaw, Rev. Jacob Bundy, Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Clark, Rev. Timothy Reeves, Mrs. T. A. Clark, Mrs. Georgia Anna Alexander, Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Gordon. A charming supper was served consisting of baked white fish, sweet potatoes, pickles, white bread, breaded veal, whipped potatoes, baked mangoes, biscuit, tomato salad, waffles ice cream, cake, coffee.

September 26, 27 and 29, 1903. Good to return until October 5. For the grand celebration of the Chicago Centennial For additional information call 410 Walnut street.

Honorable A. B. Cummins, the governor, who will address the citizens of Des Moines and Polk county tomorrow night at the Auditorium, upon the political issues. Everyone cordially invited to attend.

The Colored Citizen, a new newspaper venture from the New England states reached our office. It is a 6 column folio, well arranged and if it keeps up its well beginning it will be both valuable and interesting to the public. It is published in Boston, Mass.

From the far West comes a new colored journal, The Advocate, from Portland, Oregon. It claims to be an independent newspaper. It is a 7 column folio, an up-to-date issue, filled with good articles. Mr. C. B. F. Moore is its manager and the BYSTANDER welcomes the Advocate on the tempestuous journalistic sea.

LOW RATES TO OHIO AND INDIANA POINTS. Via Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Sept. 25th, 15th, and Oct. 6th. Call at 410 Walnut St. for all information.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN. Mrs. A. E. Price returned last Thursday night from an extended visit with her parents in Macomb, Ill.

We regret to report the death of the infant son of Mr. Mrs. Wm. Martin. We extend to them our deepest sympathy.

In absence of the pastor Sunday evening the choir held a song service which was well attended.

Rev. Boyd has returned from Conference.

Rev. and Mrs. Ford are visiting relatives and friends in this city.

ALBIA NOTES. Miss Eliza Brown attended the Baptist Association meeting in Centerville a few days last week.

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A. M. E. CONFERENCE

The twenty-first annual conference of the Iowa district of the A. M. E. church closed Sunday night at the M. C. A. auditorium with a sermon by Dr. E. J. Carey and the announcement of the appointments by Bishop Grant.

Dr. Carey chose as his text Psalms 102:27, 28, and from this endeavored to establish the mutability and perishableness of earthly things and the immortality and eternity of God. Incidentally he paid a glowing tribute to the church. Dr. Carey said in part: "The history of the church, it is true, has been characterized by different dispensations. This has been for the deepest and wisest reasons. Yet the same Saviour and the same hope of personal salvation which were presented to Adam, to the patriarchs, to the Jews, to the Gentiles, to us, and which eternity of God pledged for its immutability and church is more durable than the solid granite.

"See that huge, gigantic boulder, heaved by volcanic power from the mountain side, lying upon the ocean shore amid the accumulated debris of centuries, exhibiting the abrasions of the tides and drifts, worn by winds and driving storms and scoured and cracked by the heavy tramp of ages—even its indurated structure has not been able to resist the power of change. But the church, thank God, uncorroded by the teeth of flying years, unmarked by the fragments of thrones and republics continually drifting by on the roaring current of time, and unshattered by the concussion of hell's infernal thunderbolts, lifts the walls and turrets in unscathed and imperishable strength to heaven, as unchangeable and unimpregnable as the throne of God.

The Banner Still Flies. "The same banner of Ily white, which waved over Adam's family altar, and under which Abel enlisted, fought and fell; the same banner which floated in front of the three of life and in guarding word of ever burning and ever-circling flame, and in the light of God's favor, breaking through the darkness of man's dispelling night, flashed defiance in the very teeth of the serpent and was the symbol of an inaugurated, organized opposition to hell, which would result in hell's defeat and the everlasting consignment of its legions to Erebus—still floats at the head of the church's columns.

"It is a banner which has never been lowered, but high and lifted up, unfolded upon the air of every embattled field and scene of contest which has marked the progress of the church—in sunshine and darkness it has ever streamed in triumph, while the measure of human ambition have tumbled in the dust. It will never be folded; its standard till the gates of Paradise are rolled wide open and man is redeemed and saved.

"The church has withstood the revolutions of time, the mutations of fortune, the desolating trend of ages and the disintegrating fall of dynasties, the ravages of famine and the wasting scourge of pestilence. It outlived the flood, the confusion of tongues, the brickyards of Goshen, the temple, the Jews, the astrological lore of the Chaldeans, the mythology of Greece and Rome, it outlived the oppositions, the ecclesiastical convulsions of the Dark Ages. In the very hour of its extreme discouragement, when weeping pety thought all was lost and laughing inquiry thought all was gained, the sun of the Reformation shone from its sanctuary and illuminated the world.

"The church has been attacked by devils and demons, by physics and metaphysics, learning and ignorance, genius and talent, strategem and chicanery, intrigue and diplomacy, irony and ridicule, sarcasm and invective, beams and presses, manacles and restraints, sabres and cannons, prisons and institutions—in fact all that the human mind has been able to invent, human skill execute, and human wisdom employ have been arrayed against it; but irresistible and plenipotent, it has pressed its foes from field to field, and driven its conquering chariot over their fallen armies."

The Appointments. Following the reading of scriptures lesson from Matthew wherein Christ enjoined the apostles to go forth and preach the gospel, Bishop Grant announced the following appointments for the ensuing year: Iowa District—J. W. Malone, presiding elder; Des Moines, H. S. Graves; Keokuk, T. W. Lewis; Buxton, R. H. Williamson; Burlington, W. Wilburn; Albia, F. J. Peterson; Ottumwa and Keokuk, M. J. Jordan; Muscatine, T. J. Phillips; Milwaukee, Wis., F. M. Fenwick; Clinton, A. Boyd; Washington, M. Payton; Cedar Rapids, J. R. Clemens; Slou City, E. J. Jackson; Newton and Colfax, C. Wright; Boone and Saylor, J. D. Peterson; Ottumwa and Chariton, Jonathan Brewer; Dubuque to be supplied; Iowa City, Wiley Hunt; Garden Grove, F. S. Irving; Indianola, to be supplied; Yankton, S. D., L. A. Joplin; Mt. Pleasant, A. T. Clark; Oskaloosa, G. W. Slater; Ft. Madison, A. Ford; Davenport, R. E. Wilson.

Chicago District—Geo. E. Booth, presiding elder; Quinn's Chapel, Chicago. Dr. E. J. Carey; Avondale, Chicago, C. Goggins; Rock Island, D. W. Brown; Boston Avenue, Chicago, J. W. Feslitt; Rockville, Ill., Wright; Rockford, Steward Moore; Trinity Mission, Chicago, R. H. Manley; Lagrange, near Chicago, to be supplied; Princeton, E. R. Edwards; Harvey, to be supplied; St. Mary's, Chicago, Jesse Woods St. John's Chicago, G. M. Tillman; Hyde Park, Jesse Higgins; Streator, D. A. Basfield; Redeemer, Chicago, S. L. Birt; Elgin, T. J. Porter; Aurora, G. T. Shaw; Galesburg, J. A. Farrabee; Joliet, J. H. Fisher; Bethel, Chicago, A. L. Murray; Institutional, Chicago, R. C. Ransom.

St. Paul District—H. H. Thompson presiding elder; St. Paul's, St. Paul, G. W. aines; Evanston, Ill., I. N. Danfels; St. Stephens, West Chicago, W. S. Brooks; Minneapolis, Timothy Reeves; Moline, W. A. Searcy; Madison, Wis., H. W. Jamison; Racine, T. B. Stovall; Lake Forest, T. A.

Clark; Glenocoe, Ill., Jesse Bass; West Superior, G. W. Wade; Duluth, G. B. Pope; Moonmouth, G. W. Jones; St. James, Minneapolis, D. W. Butler; Wyman Chapel, Chicago, J. C. Anderson; Hastings and South St. Paul, A. N. N. Webb.

The bishop also issued papers of authorization to the following persons to act in the capacity of evangelists: Mrs. Tena Dixon, Mrs. Steward Moore, Mrs. Mattie Myers, Mrs. Hollis Higgins, Mrs. Kathryn D. Tillman, Mrs. Emma Ransom, Mrs. P. G. Lewis, Mrs. M. C. Malone, Mrs. Tena Ragau, Rev. J. W. Washington.

Services were held at the A. M. E. church yesterday morning and the ordination ceremonies were witnessed. Prominent members of the church spoke at different gatherings during the afternoon. Drs. Keeling and Carey spoke at the Central Christian church in the afternoon. Dr. Keeling also addressed a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon. During the day a number of contributions were called for, and last evening the announcement was made that an even \$100 had been secured.

Following the announcements of the appointments the conference was at an end. Bishop Grant said it was the most successful from every standpoint in the history of the Iowa conference.

Dr. Ransom's Address. An address on the subject, "Mighty Men of Valor," delivered by Rev. R. C. Ransom of Chicago, was the feature of the Sunday afternoon meeting of the conference of the African M. E. church in the auditorium of the Central Church of Christ. Dr. Ransom spoke in part as follows:

"The world, especially in this age of the world, has little space for weakness. We have had our age of iron and our age of bronze. Now the age is one of bronze and iron and steel intermingled. The man or woman who has not the strength to stand, is swept away on the crest of the wave of the busy life of today.

"The world has only one word for the timid man or woman, and that word is failure. There is scant place for weaklings; they are crowded to the wall by men of courage and vigor.

"What the world wants is men of thought and action. Most of us in the world must be followers but the world needs followers, mighty men of valor, who will take orders and obey them. Great men are not great because they have risen so high that no one can reach them. They have been raised by the people, and when they forget that fact they fall. They are great because they stand for great principles and carry them out. They are men of thought and action.

"The same is true in every walk of life, intellectual and physical. It is true in statesmanship, in business and in the pulpit; valorous preachers to head valorous church. Men and women of valor are wanted to meet the moral and spiritual problems of our times.

"May God crown us with more vigorous Christianity, that we may make the world richer with the deeds we have done."

Brilliant oratory marked last Friday's session of the A. M. E. conference at St. Paul's church. The race problem was discussed, by earnest and able speakers, in detail, and remedies were proposed for the solution of the problem. The audience included a large number of white people who listened to addresses by such leaders of the African race as Dr. Chappelle, editor of the Sunday school periodicals at Nashville, Tennessee; Editor Keeley of the A. M. E. church Review; and Dr. E. J. Carey, pastor of Quinn's chapel, Chicago, a church boasting a membership of more than 1,200, and Rev. R. C. Ransom, also a leading African pastor of Chicago.

The discussion was precipitated by the report of the committee on the state of the country. Dissatisfaction with the report was stated since it did not include recommendations looking to the solution of the race question, upon which, it was argued, the country would expect some expression of opinion from the conference.

Report of the Committee. The report of the committee on the state of the country was submitted by Dr. Gaines and is as follows: "To the Bishop and Conference: Your committee on the state of the country beg leave to submit the following report: God made one race of men to dwell upon the face of the earth. Nations began with Abraham and tribes with Jacob. Kossuth of Hungary taught the solidarity of nations; the French taught the solidarity of the family and Jesus Christ taught the solidarity of man. The nations of the earth have established a peace conference at The Hague for the purpose of establishing peace throughout the world. We are developing a species of organism that has for its objective point the best interests of man.

"The right to vote is one of the most sacred belonging to the American citizen. We do not object to an educational or property qualification for the exercise of right to vote. But we insist that these tests should operate impartially toward all classes of our people. It is a well known fact that the revised constitutions of the southern states were framed for the avowed purpose of disfranchising the negro. Judged by every test of loyalty and patriotism, the negro has earned the right to vote. We most strenuously insist that the negro will never voluntarily compromise or surrender these rights.

Unusual elementary disturbances have produced storm, rain and flood resulting in great damage and loss of life. Enormous destruction of property and a failure of crops in many sections of our country has sent food prices on the upward tendency.

"The labor strikes, because of proportions and frequency, have brought great depression in business, retarded progressive enterprises and imposed many hardships upon the people.

"War has ceased in our borders and all of our dependencies and our army and navy rests from the rigors of war.

"The spirit of mob law and mob violence has been tolerated and en-

couraged until within the present year it has attended such proportions as to excite the attention of the nation and the whole world. The signs of the times point to the end of mob rule and mob spirit, and its barbarity.

"Napoleon Bonaparte once said that he had rather have forty thousand bayonets pointed at him than one newspaper. The ten million of people of African descent in this country have suffered long from a peculiar brand of American race prejudice, created and supported by certain evil spirits in the pulpit, on the rostrum, and with the pen. But recently almost the entire press of the country have prostituted its columns to the encouragement of race hatred and mob violence.

"Nearly two thousand negro doctors, sixteen hundred lawyers, poets, painters, artists, inventors and business men in all parts of our land and in all classes of business, show that we are rapidly taking our places in every mart of the business world. More than seven hundred thousand farms are owned and operated by negro farmers; two hundred sixty-five thousand home free from debt and nearly as many more upon which partial payments have been made; twenty-nine million dollars in church property and four million members and adherents. According to the last census we are paying taxes on \$478,000,000 worth of property. With equal opportunities for all we shall be called into one mighty solid phalanx with the rest of mankind, demonstrating the fallacy of God, the brotherhood of man and the leadership of Jesus Christ."

"An Avalanche of Mob Violence." The discussion of the report was led by Rev. R. C. Ransom. He said in part:

"There was no thought until recent years that the constitutional amendments, secured through the blood of our forefathers, would be called into question; but today the south has regained, through legislative measures, everything and more that she lost through these amendments. There has been an avalanche of mob violence, but we should never surrender our rights and should set our face against any and all schemes of compromise.

Dr. Chappelle's Views. Dr. Ransom was followed by Dr. W. D. Chappelle, editor of the A. M. E. Sunday school periodicals, and a leader among his people. Mr. Chappelle said in part:

"The so-called race problem cannot be solved by rhetoric and speechmaking. The people of the north know but little of the conditions as they exist in the south. The white and colored people of this section are but ignorant, and in fact do many things to injure the southern colored population. The situation demands moral ethics for its betterment. The white people of the south have not, and probably never will, accept the conditions imposed by the civil war. They are looking today for the type of uneducated negro they used to call 'Daddy' and 'Mammy' before the war, but they will never find them.

"The negro of the south today is of two kinds. The one is indolent and useless; while the other type of which I want to speak and which is fast coming to the front in large numbers, is thrifty, intelligent and a money maker. The best class of southern negro is not known to the people of the north. You need shed no tears for us. We are not cowards, but I might as well state frankly, in reply to Brother Ransom's argument, that the southern negro cannot get his rights to which he justly entitled under the constitution.

"And why? I will tell you. We forgot to include among the war and had representatives in our state and national legislative bodies. Today the situation is changed and we have no representatives of our race whatever. The cause is not hard to find. It is due to the fact that we were not equal to the occasion because of the inherent weaknesses of our race. Then it was that we began to get at the bottom of our degradation and settled into our palce and began to acquire property and to educate ourselves and to get at the foundation of things. We have sought for learning and culture and we are coming to the front on our merits, not as individuals, but as a race, and the next time we come to the front we will come to stay and nothing under God's heaven can stop us.

"The southern negro of today has more property and more money than his brother in the north and he wants that no tears shall be shed for him and that no pity be wasted in his behalf. We have enough sense to strive to make friends of the people among whom we must live, while you of the north are permitting the sentiment of the south to work to our detriment. I'll have spoken in our congress and in your northern cities and the north of today is accepting the conditions in the south as they are told him by his brothers in the south, and soon the south will be able to wrest from us the last remaining right we acquired under the constitutional amendments.

"We are now educating our people and all we ask you is that the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments be maintained until our people have come to the front again—this time to stay forever. You hear many speeches made here which their authors would not dare to make in the south. I sat here and heard the welcome address made by your mayor the other evening, and I want to say that if he had made that speech in Nashville, where I live, or in other southern cities, there would be no rest for him that night.

Heroes of Race in South. "The heroes of our race live in the south. Down there we have 1,000 of our people to where you have 50 up here and the light rests with us, not upon you. We are building up a name and reputation for you people of our race in the north. I'm no coward; I don't want to be pitied. So if you can't make cool headed speeches which tell us how to solve this great problem of how to live among the white people

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