

# Negroes Waking Up to Business.

Metropolitan Women's Business Club of Brooklyn Gives Big Recital—Public Interest Shows in Effort to Break Away From Landlord Bondage.

By M. B. DOBSON.

The recital and reception given by Miss M. P. Felton for the benefit of the Metropolitan Women's Business Club, Brooklyn, N. Y., recently was a success in more than a financial way. It emphasized, in the first place, the business capacity and leadership of the women at the head of the club, and, secondly, it showed by the quality and standing of its patrons to what extent the race in Brooklyn is interested in purely business movements. The literary program was made up of persons who have gained distinction along special lines in the professions and in business and whose sympathies are in accord with the objects and aims of the club—viz, to lead the Negro out of rental slavery and landlord bondage into a house of his own in the way of some public accommodations. Among them were Madam Bertie Toney Craig, who recited with brilliancy the "Legend of the Organ Builder," accompanied by Mr. Melville Charlton on the organ; Mr. M. A. Medley, who is a baritone soloist of note; Miss Lena B. Simms, who is a gifted linguist and soprano singer; and Miss L. L. Mooreman, president of the club and who knows more about real estate and finance than any other woman of the race of whom we know. The closing part of the program was taken by Shungopari and his Indian maiden, Juanita, who were very amusing.

The presence of the Rev. Dr. William A. Credit, who is the successful pastor of the First African Baptist church of Philadelphia, who made the principal address and who was followed by Mr. George E. Wibecan of Brooklyn, was another evidence of the solidarity and influence of the club. Dr. Credit dwelt at length upon the leadership of women, which had been



MADAM BERTIE TONEY CRAIG.

made manifest in the nation, the state and the church and all good movements. He also made a plea for the sacredness of the home and said that the American home today is not what it was fifty years ago; that home life in the large apartments and hotels in cities was being minimized. He also urged upon fathers and mothers to provide suitable comforts and pleasant pastimes for their sons and daughters at home if they wished to save them from evil companionship.

In closing his address Dr. Credit expressed high approval of the undertaking of the club to build a hall and called upon the men of Brooklyn and New York to either acknowledge their incapacity for leadership or fall in line with the women of the Metropolitan Business Club and assist them in raising sufficient means to accomplish the object which they have in view. Mr. Wibecan, who is a well known politician and progressive citizen, stated that he had the utmost confidence in the women back of the movement and that every dollar invested with them by the public was protected by first mortgages and that he was willing to trust them with his money for such a worthy and timely object. The fact that over \$3,000 has already been subscribed toward the fund is sufficient evidence to show that real progress is being made. The race must wake up to a realization of its financial strength and make use of what it has for its own benefit. It is not a question of money alone which prevents the Negro from owning and controlling business enterprises; it is his inactivity and lack of business push and foresight which keep him dependent upon other races for that which he could easily provide for himself. With thousands of dollars on deposit in the banks and trust companies of the city, there is not a half or convenient assembly room owned by Negroes in Brooklyn, and the same is true in nearly every large city in the United States. The Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers as an organization owns more real estate in comparison than all of the other Negro secret and benevolent organizations in the United States. Let the race get busy everywhere and look well to its future welfare. The Metropolitan Women's Business Club is on the right track and is going to succeed in a way which should give hope, inspiration and courage to the race for generations to come.

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Peculiar Spook That Has Struck Terror to Farmer Folk.

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The hunter's ghost, they call him, and the big man on the big white horse who comes galloping down the Lisbon road on the full of the moon right up to the side door of Sunny Crest farm strikes terror to the heart of the farmer folk as he raps smartly with his riding whip on the panels of the door. Whenever one appears in answer to the knock the ghost, so they tell the story, wheels round and disappears at a gallop, turning into the old woods road much used in revolutionary times by the soldiers of that stormy period.

Ghost of the old Cap'n, they call him, connecting this horseback riding spook with a certain officer of un-savory fame who once haunted the district of Maine. It is on the hunter's moon when the ghost rides abroad, and nervous people on the Lisbon road are much disturbed by this galloping horseman.—Lewiston Journal.

## A FEW OF LIFE'S PARADOXES.

All True, Though at First They Seem to Read Rather Odd.

Peace we secure by armaments, liberty by laws and constitutions, simplicity and naturalness are the consummate result of artificial breeding and training; health, strength and wealth are increased only by lavish use, expense and wear. Our mistrust of mistrust engenders our commercial system of credit; our tolerance of revolutionary utterances is the only way of lessening their danger; our charity has to say no to beggars in order not to defeat its own desires; the true epicurean has to observe great sobriety; the way to certainty lies through radical doubt; virtue signifies not innocence but the knowledge of sin and its overcoming. The ethical and religious life are full of contradictions held in solution. You hate your enemy;—well, forgive him, and thereby heap coals of fire on his head; to realize yourself, renounce yourself; to save your soul, first lose it; in short, die to live.—Prof. William James, in Hibbert Journal.

## Ancient Uses of Bloodhounds.

Although the use of bloodhounds for tracking criminals still survives, another ancient use of these dogs seems to have died out. Bloodhounds were at one time often called upon to assist an army in the field, the forces with which the earl of Essex suppressed the Irish rebellion in the time of Elizabeth, for instance, being accompanied by 800 dogs. In the Scottish clan feuds and the wars between England and Scotland bloodhounds were regularly employed in tracking fugitive warriors, and both Wallace and Bruce were hunted in this manner. Wallace is said to have baffled his pursuers by killing a follower and leaving the corpse for the hound to find, while Bruce adopted the less cruel plan of wading some distance down a stream and ascending a tree which overhung the water.

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**Blindness.**

"There are various degrees and kinds of blindness, widow. There is the congenital blindness, ma'am, which perhaps you may have observed in the course of your own experience, and which is a kind of willful and self-damaging blindness. There is the blindness of party, ma'am, and public men, which is the blindness of a mad bull in the midst of a regiment of soldiers clothed in red. There is the blind confidence of youth, which is the blindness of young kittens, whose eyes have not yet opened on the world."—Charles Dickens.

**Curious Mexican Indians.**

Buried in the heart of a civilized, powerful and progressive foreign people, a little handful of Indians have lived for 300 years and have contrived to keep during all that time their national characteristics, their traditions and their individuality. If you seek them you will find them in Amatlan de los Reyes, a village in the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico. They are the Amatecos. The Amatecos are perhaps the only people in the republic who have succeeded in retaining for themselves what is practically self-government.

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## BUXTON, IOWA.

(Special to the Bystander.)

Resolution of Condolence of Brother Anderson Perkins.

At a regular communication of Cedar Grove Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M., held May 11, 1909, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove from our midst our late brother Anderson Perkins, and

Whereas, It is but just that a fitting recognition of his many virtues should be had; therefore be it

Resolved, By Cedar Grove Lodge, No. 18, on the register of the M. W. U. Grand Lodge of Iowa of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, that, while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not less mourn for our brother who has been taken from us.

Resolved, That in the death of Anderson Perkins, this lodge laments the loss of a brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to the needy and distressed of the fraternity; an active member of this society, whose utmost endeavors were exerted for its welfare and prosperity; a friend and companion who was dear to us all; a citizen whose upright and noble life was a standard of emulation to his fellows.

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of this lodge be extended by

his family in their affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Lodge and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and to the Gazette of Buxton and the Bystander of Des Moines, the official paper of the M. W. U. Grand Lodge of Iowa and Masonic Jurisdiction.

W. J. Shepard, W. M., W. H. Bailey, Sec., W. H. London, Committee.

## Large Catch of Herring.

The east coast herring fishing has been brought to a close and the boats are being rapidly made up and the crews paid off. At Tainmouth and Lowcroft the total catch has been, in round figures, 77,350 lasts, or 1,011,152,900 fish. What the retail value would be is difficult to estimate, but at three a penny—and seldom are they even hawked about the streets at a cheaper rate—the sum works out at £1,404,462.—London News.

## A Chance for a Bargain.

An Irishman who had begun to practice photography went into a shop to purchase a small bottle in which to mix some of his solutions. Seeing one he wanted, he asked the chemist how much it would be. "Well," said the chemist, "it will be twopence as it is, but if you want anything in it, I won't charge you for the bottle." "Then," said Pat, "put a cork in it."

## THE CHURCHES.

**Christian Baptist Church**—Corner of Fifth and Linden streets. Preaching from 10:30 to 12:30 Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Preaching 7:30 to 9 p. m.

**St. Paul A. M. E. Church**—Corner of Second and Center streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 9 o'clock. S. J. Brown, Superintendent; J. L. Thompson, W. M.; Herbert E. Jacobs, Secretary.

**St. Paul M. E. Church**—Corner of First and Crocker Sts.—Church services, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Class meeting 12:30 p. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Epworth League 7 p. m. Sunday; Prayer meeting every Wednesday 8 p. m.

**Maple Street Baptist Church**—Situated on E. Maple between Ninth and Tenth streets. Preaching 11 a. m.; Sunday School 9:30 a. m.; Henry Davis, Superintendent, Miss Myrtle Hubbard, secretary.

**Union Congregational Church**—Corner Tenth and Park streets. Preaching 10:45 a. m.; Sunday School 10 a. m.; evening service 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings 8 p. m. H. W. Porter, pastor.

## SECRET ORDERS.

**North Star Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M.**—Meets First Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—North-west corner of Tenth and Center streets; J. L. Thompson, W. M.; Herbert E. Jacobs, Secretary.

**Hiram Chapter—Meets Second Thursday** in each month, Harrison Grand High Priests; Rev. J. L. Thompson, W. M.; Herbert E. Jacobs, Secretary.

**King Solomon Commandery No. 4**—Meets Fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall. E. C. Chas. R. Bradford, Recorder; Harrison Gend.

**Charity Lodge No. 2199 G. U. O. of O. F.**—Meets first, second and third Tuesday each month at 604 P. O. building on Ninth and Park streets; Frank P. Johnson, N. G.; L. M. Brown, P. T. No. 251, meets Fourth Tuesday night in each month. Dennis Harris, W. M.; J. W. Heath, G. S.

**B. H. of R. No. 339 of G. U. O. of O. F.**—Convenes first, second and third Wednesday at 2:30 and fourth Thursday at 8 o'clock each month. Mrs. Della Bryant, N. G. Mrs. Susie Matthews, W. R.

**Artie Tabernacle No. 473**—Meets first Thursday afternoon at 2:30 and fourth Thursday evening at 8 o'clock each month at Harrison hall, East Sixth and Locust. Mrs. Maud Brewster, H. P.; Miss Ruth Miles, O. R.

**North Star Lodge No. 3 Knights of Pythias**—Meets every Monday night, hall located at 764 W. Ninth street. Regular work nights, second and fourth Monday. W. M. Wardell, C. C.; J. L. W. Green, K. of R. and S.

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