Where Women Do Their Best Work.

Ladies' Auxiliary of the Society of Sons of Virginia One of the Best Governed Mutual Benefit Organizations Among Their Sex in Brooklyn—Harmony and Value of Time Potent Factors in Its Progress.

By N. B. DODSON.

The organization of the Southern Beneficial league of New York over a score of years ago has had a beneficent effect upon Afro-Americans wherever its influence has been felt. It is a mutual benefit organization composed of southern men, and it has had a successful career. Following the example of the Southern league in purpose, but different in scope, a number of similar organizations have been formed, limited in membership by state lines. Among the most prominent are

MRS. JENNIE STEWART.

the Society of the Sons of North Carolina, the Society of the Sons of Virginia, the West Indian Benevolent and Protective league and the Sons and Daughters of South Carolina.

The purpose of this article, however, is not a resume of these organizations as such, but to show that by the formation of them among the men an opportunity has been given whereby the wives and daughters of the members of such organizations could form themselves into auxiliary bodies for the same purpose, having their own officers and managing their own business. This has been and is a help to them in many ways. They learn how to preside, transact business, execute parliamentary rules, methods of finance and many other helpful things which they would not have the chance to do if they were in the old time secret society with a mixed membership.

One of the strongest organizations of the kind in question is the ladies' auxiliary of the Society of the Sons of Virginia in Brooklyn. It has a large membership and is in a flourishing financial condition. During the year under the leadership of its able and energetic president, Mrs. Jennie Stewart, with the hearty co-operation of the membership, the society has nearly doubled itself and there have been several new features introduced which have greatly advanced the organization and have also been an incentive to other women of Virginia birth or who could comply with the rules of membership to join. Out of some sixty or more new members Mrs. Stewart has brought in or caused to be brought in more than half the number. The creation of a board of directors, the formation of a juvenile auxiliary and the strengthening of the financial system are some of the new features of the organization. Chief factors in the growth of the auxiliary have been the peace and harmony of the members, impartial ruling by the president and the one great essential to the prosperity of any organization—it meets on time and closes on time. Notwithstanding the large amount of work which the women have to do in keeping a forward move in their own organization they have always found time to assist the Sons of Virginia whenever called upon in the matter of helping to make the annual reception and the annual summer outing a success. A more enterprising company of women would be hard to find in any section of the country. The officers are Mrs. Jennie Stewart, president; Mrs. A. W. Wiley, vice president; Miss Cora Robinson, financial secretary; Mrs. Josephine Dabney, recording secretary, and Mrs. Annie Durrell, treasurer.

New Officers For Hiram Lodge.

At the recent communication of Hiram lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Brooklyn, a large number of members was present to hear the annual reports and to elect officers for the ensuing year. After a brief address by R. Jackson, master of the lodge, in which he thanked the members for their loyal support of his administration, the following officers were elected: J. L. Love, worshipful master; Fred Johnson, senior warden; Edward Phillips, junior warden; William Edwards, secretary; R. A. Royster, treasurer, and S. W. Timms, trustee.

Transandine Railway by January.

Subways, elevated railways and tunnels seem to be gaining worldwide favor. The attempt to bore a tunnel through the Andes mountains at an altitude of over 10,000 feet above sea level for the trains of the Transandine railway has been successful, and the road will soon be completed.

GIFTED YOUNG EDUCATOR.

Success of Miss M. D. Williams as Teacher and Musician.

By GEORGE F. KING.

Miss Maude D. Williams of Newberry, S. C., is one of the leading Afro-American women teachers of South Carolina. She is also an accomplished pianist. Her success as a teacher is attributed to her ability to study the characteristics of her students and her methods of reaching the latest powers of their minds. Specializing at Columbia university, New York, and graduating from Benedict college, which is one

MISS MAUDE D. WILLIAMS.

of the leading Baptist institutions for higher learning in South Carolina, have drawn out of this young woman a peculiar power that has brought her recognition in the educational circles of the state and made her popular with all classes of citizens. She is an ardent lover of the works of the old music masters and is the life of the musical circles of Newberry. Miss Williams has a commercial training that has been of intrinsic value to her in assisting her busy father in his many large business movements. She is particularly interested in the young women of her community and is in a concrete way trying to make them see the opportunity which they have to become intelligent and useful women. In the religious circles of her town Miss Williams is a potent factor in making the church attractive to the young people who are often a problem when it comes to making them consistent workers in religious organizations.

MOST ATROCIOUS CRIME.

Death Cries of Murdered Minister Heard From Fiery Prison.

No atrocity in modern times, says the Richmond (Va.) Planet, has exceeded the brutal fiendishness attending the lynching of Rev. John Harvard, near Cochran, Ga., in December. To a person versed in the law, trained in the church and permeated by the civilizing influences now in evidence in the leading communities of the world it seems inconceivable that people of this country could be found who would perpetrate such an outrage.

Rev. John Harvard had committed no crime, if the telegraphic reports are to be believed. He was dangerously wounded by Will D. Booth, white, who was in turn said to be fatally injured. He had done nothing further than to defend himself, and yet he was caught and burned at a stake, his death cries being stilled by the heat and smoke of his fiery prison. This brings to mind our oft expressed warning. Colored men who wound or injure white men in this section of the country should defend themselves to the death and then save the last bullet for themselves and take their chances of "going shouting home to glory."

It is far better to die like a hero than to be assassinated and burned like a felon. We will not comment further upon this outrage. It is too horrible. Hundreds of white men are condemning the murderers, but there is not one who has announced his ability to bring to dire punishment the fiends who are guilty of this latest ebullition of race prejudice. The south as a whole will be a sufferer, and we shall have for years to come bitter memories of this most diabolical crime ever perpetrated in the southland.

St. Philip's to Have New Church Edifice.

The Rev. N. Peterson Boyd, rector of St. Philip's P. E. church in Brooklyn, announced to his congregation recently that the way was being opened financially for the erection of a $40,000 church edifice with a seating capacity of 600 persons. He also said that the expense of remodeling the present frame building justified such a move; that ground for the new building would be broken on May 1, 1910, and the cornerstone laid July 25 and consecration services held Dec. 9. Archdeacon James J. Russell of Lawrenceville, Va., was present when the announcement was made and sanctioned the Rev. Mr. Boyd's plans.

Loendi Club's New Social Feature.

At the recent monthly assembly of the Loendi club of Pittsburg twenty couples were present. It was the club's initial dinner dance and reception. The managers have decided to hold what is to be known in the future as a Friday evening dinner dance in connection with the club's regular dinner. The wives of members, with their invited guests, will hereafter take an active part in these social stunts of the club.

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Lemon Sauce.

Three-quarters cup sugar, one-quarter cup water, two teaspoonfuls butter, one tablespoon lemon juice. Make a syrup by boiling sugar and water eight minutes, remove from fire; add butter and lemon juice.

TAFT FAVORS EXPOSITION.

President Asks Authority to Appoint Commission to Outline Plans.

President Taft has given his cordial indorsement to the proposed semicentennial exposition suggested for 1913 to mark the progress the Negro has made in the fifty years of his freedom and to indicate the wonderful advance the race has made since its landing in this country nearly 300 years ago. The movement was called to the attention of the president not long ago by Dr. Booker T. Washington.

In his first annual message to congress President Taft said of the proposed demonstrative exposition:

"The year 1913 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of the emancipation proclamation which gave freedom to the Negroes in the United States. It seems fitting that this event should be properly celebrated. Already a movement has been started by prominent colored people and newspapers not only in the south, but in other parts of the country. The south especially is manifesting its interest in such a celebration.

"It is suggested that a proper form of celebration would be an exposition which would show the progress which the millions of Negroes have made not only during their period of freedom, but which would also indicate their progress from the time of their coming to this country.

"I heartily indorse the proposed exposition and suggest that the executive be authorized to appoint a preliminary commission of not more than seven persons to consider carefully whether or not it is wise to hold such an exposition, and, if so, to outline a plan for the enterprise. I further recommend that such preliminary commission serve without salary except as to their actual expenses and that an appropriation be made to meet such expenses."

CAPABLE BUSINESS WOMAN.

Success of Mrs. L. R. Buchanan, Pioneer Milliner at Savannah.

Mrs. Lydia R. Buchanan of Savannah, Ga., is a fine example for the young women of the race who do not have the confidence in themselves to create lucrative vocations that will enable them to contribute to the movements that tend toward the amelioration of economic conditions that are commercially dwarfing them. In her section of the country there are hundreds of Afro-American young women who are especially qualified to bring something real tangible to pass, but they await the opportunity to become pedagogues, else they are dependent upon their parents.

Mrs. Buchanan graduated from the millinery department of Tuskegee and with marked success made a specialty of teaching millinery after graduating from this noted institution. She has had twelve years of experience as a pedagogue in the states of Indiana, Ohio and Alabama and in all instances endeavored to teach her students the gospel of "self help." Her present es-

MRS. LYDIA R. BUCHANAN.

tablishment is an inspiration to any one who admires the kind of pluck and energy that result in helping others to develop qualities that are not deterrent to a progress that is synonymous to success. There are employed six intelligent and ambitious young women in this establishment, and through the training they have received from Mrs. Buchanan they are proving themselves capable of holding positions in any first class millinery store. One upon entering this beautiful store would not readily conceive the idea that such an establishment was strictly owned by an Afro-American woman and largely patronized by women of her race, but would think it was for an exclusive element of the other race. She is a worthy example for young women to emulate. GEORGE F. KING.

Charitable Work of Mrs. C. H. Turner.

The Howard Industrial Building association of Brooklyn, which was organized about eight months ago by Mrs. C. H. Turner for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of the new home for the Howard Orphan asylum, has had phenomenal success. There are ninety-four members of the association at present, and during its short reign $256.94 has been raised by voluntary contributions. Mrs. Turner is a hard worker and has the co-operation of the members in this worthy cause.

Many Barriers to Negroes' Success.

We have great respect for the colored man that has in a measure achieved success along any line of endeavor and especially when we consider the odds against which he has to labor. Aside from the initial disadvantages arising from the accident of color, and it is senseless to argue that color is no barrier, he has tremendous odds to overcome arising from his own race. —Raleigh (N. C.) Sentinel.

BUXTON BRIEFS.

By Rambler.

Everything at this period is taking on the hue of Yule-tide.

Rev. D. E. Butler the popular pastor of the First A. M. E. church boasts of his parish as being the largest in Iowa. Aside from a stewards trustee and stewardess board aggregating 27 officers he has organized a board of Deaconess 12 in number who not only wear the regalia of the office but render effective service.

Rev. Woodard and his good people of the First Baptist church are succeeding beyond measure.

The Reverands Mays and Epperson pastors respectively of the Second A. M. E. tabernacle Baptist churches are working what under ordinary circumstances would be called miracles.

The interest and attendance in both the mens and boys departments of the Y. M. C. A. has so increased that a more commodious structure is the talk of the town.

In several sections of classic Buxton the snow birds, are sweetly singing nuptial songs.

Prof. C. B. Hosmer, representing Toskegee Industrial Institute, spoke at the Y. M. C. A. and First A. M. E. church Sunday in the interest of the said institution.

Editor R. R. Montgomery of the Wisconsin Weekly Advocate spent a few days here pussing the servant girl problem.

The local church auxiliaries are presenting their claims for tangible co-operation in a manner so intensely fascinating that good results are accuring.

George E. Taylor spent a couple of days in our city the guest of druggist B. F. Cooper. Mr. Taylor is enroute to St. Augustine Florida for his health.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings of the Buxton Sunday School Union was held at the Bethel A. M. E. church last Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. DeMond is the new organist at the First A. M. E. church.

Rev. M. I. Gordon presiding elder of the Des Moines district is in the city for the purpose of holding quarterly meeting at the First and Second A. M. E. churches Sunday December, 19.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Windfield, and Mr. Henry Lucas remain on the sick list, the latter however is much improved.

Christmas festivities will be held at all the churches Christmas eve.

Mrs. Bessie Prentiss and Miss Lelia A. Downey are among the new clerks at the company (The Monroe Merchantile) store.

Mr. Reuben Gaines who was out of the city over night on business has returned.

Mrs. D. E. Butler wife of St Johns pastor has formed a mite missionary organization of nearly 30 ladies who meet Bi-monthly to do fancy needle work. On New Year's day they will entertain in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. serving a most seasonable lunch and introducing some social features calculated to capture all.

Under the direction of Mr. Wm. Bailey a Pre-Christmas party was given at the Perkins hotel Saturday night December, 18th in honor of Miss Gertrude Lucas. An unusually large number of Miss Lucas' near and dear friends were present, dressed in their best and prettiest, who united in making the occasion artistic, classy merry and gay.

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