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## EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS

### Racial Progress and Educational Advancement as Noted by John L. Thompson, Editor Iowa State Bystander Des Moines, Iowa

The little town of Dalton, Mo., is a unique and picturesque little town of about 500 people, of the few towns where the colored people outnumber the white people, with also many colored farmers adjacent to this town. This town sets upon a high hill overlooking the broad rich bottom lands of the Missouri and Grand rivers. This town has a nice Baptist church, built many years ago by Rev. W. D. Sawyer, a veteran in the Baptist cause in Missouri. While he lives in Chillicothe, yet he has again been called to pastor this flock. What makes this little town stand out unique it is where is located the Bartlett Industrial school for colored boys and girls. This young but fast growing and undoubtedly one of the most lasting and permanent institutions for the Negro race in Missouri. It was founded about seven years ago by that thorough student and educator, Prof. N. C. Bruce, who went into the wilderness and established his agricultural college in this rich soil and has demonstrated the capabilities of the Negro to excel in farming scientifically, as Prof. Bruce last year won the first prize in corn raising in Missouri, and now this year he has won the highest prize, the gold medal, in the International Corn Show at the Panama exposition at San Francisco, Cal., in the quality of corn, and only one other man secured a larger yield than he. That was an Illinois man, who raised 127 bushels, while Prof. Bruce's acre of corn yielded 114 bushels, and the governor of Missouri, Hon. Majors, presented this gold medal to Prof. Bruce on governor's day at the state fair at Sedalia in September in the presence of 20,000 Missourians, and the governor introduced the man whom all of Missouri should feel proud of, who won the first prize in corn raising in an international contest.

The Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, U. S. A., October 2, 1915.

Dear Sir: I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of a letter recently sent by me to the governor of your state requesting him to deliver a medal of merit which the Panama-Pacific International Exposition has the honor to present you as the grand champion corn grower of Missouri in the year 1915.

Congratulating you upon your success and trusting that this well deserved recognition by the great international exposition over which I have the privilege of presiding will serve to stimulate and encourage you to still greater achievements in the agricultural field, I am,

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Chas. C. Moore,  
President.

They are struggling and attempting to carry the gospel of Christianity, industry, good manners, thrift, economy, ownership of land and production of good crops, as well as solid and thorough education to the "gentiles" of our neglected "Rural Life" people.

Just to say that at the inter-county Negro fair, at Huntsville, Mo., last week, Hutchings Drew of the Bartlett Agricultural and Industrial School won the first prize in gold as the champion speller of all the north central Missouri counties. So the Bartlett A. and I. school, while a champion crop producer, does not neglect the deeper literary training of her students.

Prof. Bruce's faculty entertained ye editor on Sunday at the college. I

mittee to close the deal. The board endorsed the action of the committee, approved its report and ordered that the property be purchased as per the contract.

The ladies of the board are much encouraged over the work thus far done and are determined to push the work by every honorable means until the aim in view shall be accomplished.

The majority of the board members paid their dollar for the year in accordance with the request of the State Federation four years ago that each club woman contribute a dollar toward the home for three consecutive years.

Officers of the board were re-elected for another year.

At the close of the business session an informal reception was held, which was attended by the most of the members of the local clubs, and an opportunity afforded the members of the board to meet and know. Refreshments were served by the hostess, who was ably assisted by Miss Ruth Kniver of Beacon.

Mrs. J. B. Rush, President of Board.  
Mrs. A. G. Clark, Secretary of Board.

The Bystander collector will be in your city in a few days. Please see and pay him your subscription.

## ST. PAUL, BUDGETARIAN.

The members and friends of St. James A. M. E. church seem to be favorably impressed with their new pastor, Rev. J. P. Sims. The Rev. has entered upon his new field of labor in earnest and has on foot a \$1,000 rally, to be terminated the first Sunday in November.

Mrs. Gertrude Barber is improving slowly at the city hospital.

Joseph H. Douglass, a grandson of the Hon. Frederick Douglass, will appear in a violin recital at Pilgrim Baptist church Monday evening, November 1, under the auspices of the Literary and Social society.

A mass meeting for the benefit of our young people and under the direction of the State Federation of Women's Clubs was held at Zion Presbyterian church Sunday evening. The president, Mrs. Mattie Wade Hicks, presided. Mrs. Pearl Bellesene read a paper on the "Value of Young Women to the Race." Instrumental solos were rendered by Misses Havana Taylor and Ollie Beard.

The executive board of the State Federation will hold their regular meeting Friday, November 5th, in Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Quitman Hicks have moved from 463 Thomas to 1000 Iglehart avenue.

Mrs. Florence L. Duckett has returned home from a visit to her mother in Canada.

Our people were considerably disturbed the past week by the presentation of the "Birth of a Nation" at the Auditorium. After the play had been showing a couple of days our people under the leadership of members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, gathered in large numbers before the mayor and councilmen and asked that unless certain scenes be eliminated that the council revoke the license of said company. The result was that the request was granted and the show continued, much to the shame of our city. But we got what we asked for.

Mr. W. T. Johnson of Chicago spent a few days in our city, the guest of his sister and brother, Mrs. Hicks and M. A. Johnson of Iglehart avenue.

Mrs. S. J. Bellesene was hostess for the King's Daughters Charity club in the St. James church parlors Monday afternoon.

The H. W. W. K. club met Tuesday evening at the residence of F. D. Parker, 647 St. Anthony avenue.

The Mite Missionary society of St. James church held a meeting Thursday evening last at the parsonage and elected officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. J. P. Sims, the pastor's wife, is president.

The Literary and Social club of Pilgrim Baptist church has revived and are holding regular meetings and are planning to be quite busy this winter.

Mrs. Zula Taudy was hostess for the Handicraft Art club last Thursday.

The Union hall will be formally

opened on the eve of October 8th, when a program and dance will be given. Tickets are selling for \$3.00 per couple. This hall was built and is owned by the colored people of St. Paul and is a beautiful three story brick building.

Please pay up your subscription to The Bystander. The agent has given you sufficient time and notice.

### ALBIA NEWS.

Revival at the A. M. E. church the past two weeks. The ministers that have assisted this week are Rev. Hubbard of Mt. Pleasant, Rev. J. D. Peterson of Oskaloosa and Rev. Neely on Sunday.

Mr. William Bennings has been quite sick for the past week.

Mrs. E. Jeffers went to Ottumwa to visit her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Estes, on Monday.

Mr. Charles Davis of Ottumwa is at the parental home of Mrs. Davis here on Saturday.

Three days of homecoming and fall festival in our town this week made a fine showing and brought many in from Hiteam, Buxton and Hocking.

Luther Brown from Ottumwa is at his parents' home sick. He has been ill for the past week.

Monday the Sewing Circle club met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Davis. Visitors, Mrs. Brown; out of town members present, Mrs. J. Robison of Hocking and Mrs. Bessie Grayson of Hocking.

### How To Prevent Croup.

It may be a surprise to you to learn that in many cases croup can be prevented. Mrs. H. M. Johns, Elida, Ohio, relates her experience as follows: "My little boy is subject to croup. During the past winter I kept a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and when he began having that croupy cough I would give him one or two doses of it and it would break the attack. I like it better for children than any other cough medicine because children take it willingly, and it is safe and reliable." Obtainable everywhere.

### KEOKUK NEWS.

Miss Thelma Smith left for Kansas City, Mo., to make her home with her mother, Mrs. Nettie Clark.

Mr. Abraham Yeiser is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Dixon, 1529 Blondeau street.

The People's Institute is now open for all colored people of the city. Yearly dues \$1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Kellis celebrated their first anniversary in entertaining their friends at a dinner party. Mr. and Mrs. Kellis received some beautiful presents.

A most pleasing program was rendered by the members of the Forum club at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday, October 31.

Rev. E. C. Lindell was a Keokuk visitor Monday.

Mr. George Bland visited relatives the first of the week.

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Atty. S. Joe Brown was in Ottumwa last Saturday on legal business in connection with the estate of the late Rev. M. I. Gordon.

The M. C. T. club met last Monday evening at the cozy little home of Mrs. Johnnie Johnson on Chester avenue. The lessons were dispensed with and the club spent the evening in practicing for their entertainment. A delightful luncheon was served by the hostess which was prepared entirely by her husband, who is a first class chef.

Dr. A. J. Booker addressed the Triple H club at their meeting held at the residence of Mrs. James James E. 8th street. His subject being "Infectious Disease" which was very interesting. The club will meet with Mrs. Richard Jones as hostess, at the residence of Mrs. Phil McGruder on Carpenter avenue.

In a recent meeting of the Intellectual Improvement club Mrs. John L. Thompson gave an interesting paper on the Hatien situation and Mrs. J. L. Edwards on races and religion. Next meeting held this afternoon with the president, Mrs. H. W. Hughes, when Atty. S. Joe Brown will address the ladies on "Women in the Iowa Law."

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, president of the I. F. C. W. C., spent last Friday afternoon in Oskaloosa attending the meeting of the home board. While there she was the guest of Mrs. Cora Jones. She spent Sunday and Monday in Buxton visiting her father, Jacob Wilson who has been ill several weeks, but is improving at this writing. She returned home Monday evening.

The Mary Church Terrell girls club in repertoire of old fashioned songs and poems at East High School auditorium Wednesday Nov. 3, was quite a success. Their old southern scenes were almost perfect in their portrayal. Maud Miller, The Gleaner, The Angelous, reading by Mrs. Edith Strawthers and Goddess of Liberty, all deserve creditable mention. We wish to thank them for the very pleasant evening they gave the audience.

Princess Oziel Chapter No. 9, O. E. S., will hold its next regular communication Friday Nov. 19th. On said date there will be election of officers and all members are requested to be present. Edith Essex, W. M. Mary Reynolds, Sec.

Any aged person desiring to attend St. Paul's A. M. E. church and finds it hard to do so on account of being lame or living a long distance from the church, call D. P. 4076 and an auto will be sent for you once a month free of charge. This service will begin Sunday Nov. 14th., by order of the 'Doers'

D. Y. W. Y. K. Art club met Tuesday afternoon Nov. 2 at the home of Mrs. Henry Tolliver. After the regular business the club elected the following officers; President, Mrs. S. B. Bryant; Vice President, Mrs. Harry Allen; Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Wilson; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Woods; Treasurer, Mrs. Henry Tolliver; Chaplain, Mrs. J. Alvin Jefferson; Art Instructor, Mrs. Wm. Woods. A two course luncheon was served. The club adjourned to meet Nov. 9th at the home of Mrs. Wm. Wood, when the officers will be installed. A paper will be read by Mrs. C. M. Wilson, subject "Young Women," discussion led by Mrs. Harry Allen. Each member of the club is asked to invite a young lady to be present at the meeting.

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### Noted Missionary Coming

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### A NEW PLAY

"The Fruit of His Folly," a five act drama, Nov. 22 d., at Union Congregational church. Characters: Mrs. Banks, Mr. B. N., Mrs. White, Mr. White, Mr. Berry, Mr. Berry, Mrs.

Gregory, Mr. Gregory, Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. Shackelford, Mr. Shackelford, Mrs. Wilson Mr. Wilson, Mr. Banta, Mrs. Goggins, Mr. Ern Knox.

### NOTICE

The annual election of officers of King Solomon Commandery No. 6, will be held at the regular convocation at North Star Masonic Temple, Thursday evening Nov. 11th. All members will please take notice, by order S. Joe Brown, Eminent Commander. Jas. B. Mitchell, Recorder.

### N. A. A. C. P.

The Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its second annual membership meeting and election of officers at the Union Congregational church last Monday evening, at which time Atty. S. Joe Brown, President; A. A. Alexander, Vice President; W. H. McCree, Treasurer and Jessye E. McClain, Sec., made their annual reports and were each re-elected by unanimous ballot. Of the nine directors Messrs E. K. Hall, Harvey Ingham and Casper Schenk hold over for two more years, while Mr. Jesse A. Graves, Dr. A. J. Booker and Mrs. John L. Thompson, hold over for one more year while Mrs. S. Joe Brown, was unanimously re-elected to succeed herself; Mrs. J. P. Hamilton and Mr. M. E. Cassell to succeed Rev. E. G. Jackson, these latter three to hold over for three years.

Ten new applicants were elected to membership in the Branch viz. Edward McGruder, J. L. Lucas, John Beatty, L. D. Strothers, G. A. Mason, J. S. Hagan, Wm. Warfield, O. P. Morton and Mesdames Mattie Thompson and Nellie Lee, thus raising the membership to 180.

The president announced that he had seen by the Crisis that Miss Mary Childs Nerney, the National Secretary, was to be in St. Louis and had wired in an attempt to have her visit Des Moines while out this way, but received a reply from her at Indianapolis that the invitation was too late, as she was then on her way back to New York, but would include Des Moines in her next western trip.

Mr. E. R. Hall, one of the captains in the National Association grand prize contest, announced that he secured a splendid cast of young ladies to put on the play "The Klono Club" at East High Auditorium, Wednesday Nov. 24, the proceeds of which will be invested in subscriptions to the Crisis for the year 1916 to be distributed under the direction of the executive committee.

The next membership meeting will be the annual Emancipation meeting Jan. 1st, 1916, at a place to be announced later and at which time the newly elected officers will be installed.

### A NATIVE MALAY MISSIONARY HERE.

Rev. Harrell A. Aleckamoua Marangeopa, a native of the island of Mauritina Mozambique, who was taken from this island by Hon. Joseph E. Widner of Manchester, Lancashire, England. He took a course in theology in Hulme college, graduating. He is spending a few days in our city and preaching in our city. He is a highly educated and able divine. Since January 1, 1897, he has traveled 111,513 miles on foot. Fifteen thousand, two hundred and ninety-two of these miles have been traveled in the western hemisphere. He has been in twenty-eight states and 310 cities. He will speak at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening.

### THOMPSON HOTEL GUESTS.

Mrs. A. C. Washington, Sheridan, Wyo.; E. C. Taylor, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; S. W. Wright and wife, city; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Samuels, Enterprise, Ia.; J. T. Randolph and wife, Cedar Rapids; A. D. Dyer and wife, Fort Dodge; J. Thomas, Keokuk, Ia.; Mrs. C. B. Lewis Fairbury, Nebr.; Mr. Jno. Wright of Buxton.

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Mrs. Wilson Hughes has been quite early at her home the past week.

John Wright, a successful business man of Buxton spent a day in our city this week.

L. B. Morgan returned home from Minneapolis, Minn., to remain here indefinitely.

Messrs. Ira Allen, Sam Roane and Earl Bowman were visitors in Colfax, Iowa.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard returned home from a months' visit with her parents near New Bloomfield, Mo.

Mr. E. D. Frazier of Hasting, Nebr., is in the city this week visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. B. J. Hack.

Eliza E. Peterson W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday Nov 11th at the home of Mrs. Mary Coalson, 2018 Center street.

Joseph H. Douglass, world renowned race violinist, at Corinthian Baptist church, Thursday Nov. 11th. Do not fail to hear him.

Rev. G. E. Green of 1025 Columbus avenue, pastor of Union Baptist church is on the sick list. We hope for him a speedy recovery. F. Brent, Deacon.

John Mitchell and brother H. have returned this week from Memphis, Tenn., where their season ended with the Ringling Bros. Circus. They report a good year.

Madam H. Gould one of our leading caterers, has opened a very fine Cafe at 16th and Grand avenue, in the new Jefferson Apartments. We wish for her success.

J. L. Lucas conducted services at Mt. Olive Baptist church, Scandia, Ia., last Sunday morning and evening. There was one addition to the church. He returned to Scandia last Tuesday to assist in the revival meetings there this week.

Mr. C. H. Wilson, W. M. of Wilson lodge No. 282, received word from Dr. J. H. Williams, G. M. of the U. B. E.'s that he would be in Des Moines as soon as the papers were properly made out and signed. The exact date will be announced later.

John L. Thompson returned home Tuesday evening from the old home-stead in Decatur county, Iowa, where he has just finished a beautiful new six room farm house and made other repairs on the farm.

Mrs. Mable Finney, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts, has entered the Methodist hospital to undergo an operation. Her sister Francis Finney of Kansas City, Kans., has arrived to be with her during the operation.

The entertainment given by Mothers Congress at the Union Congregational church was quite a success. The members wish to thank those who patronized them. They will hold a meeting the second Sunday in November at Corinthian Baptist church. Everybody is invited to attend, especially mothers.

The Misses Lucile Morrison, Blanch Allen and Mr. Ira Allen entertained 30 friends at a masquerade Hollown' party Saturday evening, at the home of the latter. Hollown' decorations were used throughout the house. The evening was spent in music and games. A Hollown' luncheon was served during the evening.

Mr. Jos L. Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, Supreme Worthy Counsellor, Order of Calanthe, under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythis, will be in our city next week to organize a Grand Court of Callanthe on Monday evening, Nov. 8th. Welcome exercises Tuesday evening Nov. 9. Public installation. All meetings held in Taborian hall, 8th and Mulberry.

Miss Aurora Brooks entertained about forty of her friends at a masked Hollown' party Monday evening at her home on Searle street. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all. A Hollown' luncheon was served by the hostess. Games and music were the diversions of the evening, and it was in the wee small hours of morning when the guests returned to their homes. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Emerald Mash.

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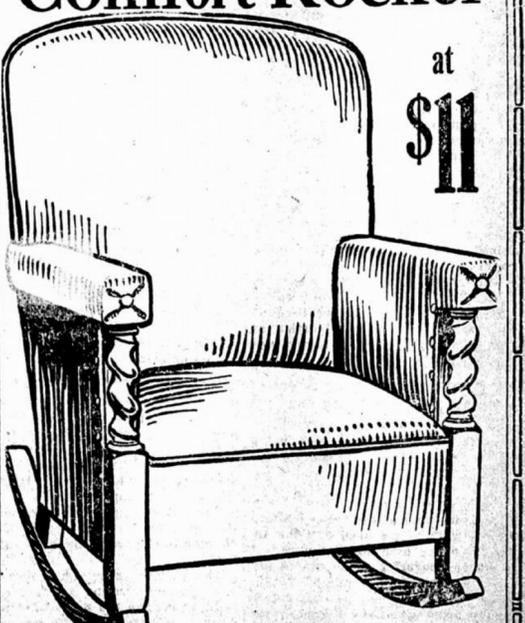
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