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### Ten Years of Successful Labor for the "Rising Son" Among the 35,000 Negroes of the City.

Here in Kansas City the Rising Son the oldest Negro journal began its career. It has gone through many crises. It has almost been to the wall, but by some prepossessed power it has maintained its grip in the city. The Rising Son too has had many owners and managers during its ten years career. Many Negroes occupying eminent positions as school teachers, mail carrier and lawyers have been connected with this paper. Some of the people who have been connected with this paper at various times are Harry Graham, now teacher at Western University; Prof. J. S. Harris principal at Summer School, the late Prof. S. R. Bailey, Mrs. Francis Jackson, now a teacher at Lincoln Institute, T. R. J. Robinson, Willis Mosley, J. E. Cole and the veteran newspaper man Lewis Wood. Many more which could be recorded. Mr. Wood turning the paper over to the new manager.

The people who have worked on the paper could not doubt tell the public some interesting experiences. One strong reason why the Son did not go down was because the people have long desired a good negro journal. During these long years of continuous success the Son seemed not to have the proper master. If the right person had of been in the right place they never would have deserted the paper. The controllers of the paper at that time only needed to arouse an interested public. Some of the essential things for the maintaining of a good Negro newspaper. First the paper must have something therein to read. Second the paper must be live and interesting. Third, there must be a unity between the subscribers and the officials of the paper. Fourth, you must have a community from which you can draw fresh batches of news each week. Fifth there must be a general support throughout the entire community in which you have a circulation. Sixth the subscribers must pay their subscriptions promptly. Seventh there must be a sympathy on the part of the general public. Eighth the editors and reporters must bow to the will of the public. Ninth, the people on the paper must have enough ability to deliver the goods. Tenth, the paper must be prompt, regular and on time.

These are some of the most essen-

tial things it takes to run a first class Negro journal. Hence those are thoughts for serious consideration. The reason that the Negroes should have a good paper is four-fold in its answer. There are many reasons. Through a Negro paper the colored people can learn of their own accomplishments from an unbiased standpoint.

They need a good paper to show them the light, to guide them through political campaigns. To tell them what men to support. To tell them when a Negro political leader is leading them wrong. To fight for their rights upon all occasions. To help the underdog in his fight for existence. To shield the innocent. To protect our women. To instruct the growing young men. To encourage the young graduates. To sound the alarm when danger is near. To be ready upon all occasions to declare for justice and equal rights. To show to the white men that are friends of the Negro that their labor has not been in vain. To sing of the deeds of their fathers and mothers during the time of slavery. All of these things are conducive to one object, the maintaining of a first class Negro journal with a city circulation of 10 or 15 thousand.

The Negro has gone a long way toward solving the race problem. The new men on the Rising Son are making a stride for about 15,000 subscribers among the 35,000 negroes. Every subscriber should assist us in our efforts to reach 15,000 colored people. Let every one who takes this paper speak a good word for the paper. In securing 15,000 subscribers in Kansas City and a few thousand out of Kansas City, the Negroes could justly boast of having a splendid opportunity of being assisted in improving their conditions. Every country hamlet should have this paper in their home. Every Negro voter should see to it to have a copy of this paper in their home to be instructed along political lines. They should be enlightened in regard to their lodges, and when they have meetings, church news should be read in their rooms. All of this in its entirety should be had. Right will always triumph over might, and if this be the case the Son will soon reach the 10,000 mark and then on and on. At last the Rising Son has secured the right people for the

right place in reference to his control. With sincere confidence and sympathy on the public's part the paper will take a boom and then go on. Let the day hasten when the Rising Son will enter to brighten every household and hamlet. A continued effort will bring success.

#### THE RISING SON QUERY BOX.

This query box is for the benefit of the public. Everybody is at liberty to ask questions, except those questions of the strictest private nature, etc., and to answer any question desired. You will please write your question or answer and bring or mail it to the office of the Son, 914 E. 12th Street.

Why is it that the Negroes do not support their Newspapers, which are so valuable in giving to the world the progress of the race?

Which is the proper day for the Negroes to celebrate as emancipation day?

The Son hopes that the patrons of this paper will feel that its columns are open, but it also wishes to state that people not subscribing for this paper should at least order the paper when they send in their news.

The Rising Son is making a canvass for 15,000 subscribers within the next 8 or 10 months. Can they get them?

Have you been to the new Arlington Theatre? If not, why not, and when are you going?

Do the Colored people of this city desire to see a newsy news paper? Will they show that they want one?

MRS. N. J. REYNOLDS.  
The Only Living Chartered Member  
of Allen Chapel, A. M. E.

Mr. N. J. Reynolds, a historical church woman of our race, and evangelist of the Colorado conference, is a pioneer citizen of Kansas City. She is visiting her son, Mr. Wm. Bowles,

of 719 E. Sixth St., and a host of old friends.

She was married in this city about 29 years ago to Mr. Byrson Bowles, and later moved to Colorado; since which time she lost her husband in that state, and later in 1895 was the second time married to Mr. John Reynolds.

The great religious worker was inspired and moved by the spirit of Almighty God to go into all the world and preach the everlasting gospel. She started as an evangelist from the Colorado Conference appointed by Bishop Tanner in 1899. Having been successful in her work in Colorado, she came eastward and has been very active this year in the evangelical work in her home state. She visited a large number of churches in Missouri, and says she finds a great need of enthusiastic church women who will go into the mission work with all their mind and strength to do something for God and humanity.

The most interesting feature about the sketch of this character is that she is one of the founders of Allen Chapel in 1867 the first A. M. E. church, it was at that time located on Locust, between Third and Fourth streets. The first pastor of that church was Rev. William Owsley, who formerly resided in Carrollton, Mo.

There were only eight members who constituted the organization which was perfected by the Presiding of Leavenworth, Kansas, Rev. J. C. Emery, who later became to be a Bishop. The following are the eight charter members of the church of which all are dead except Mrs. Reynolds, whose former name was Annie Brown; William Lewis, Robert Campbell, Smith Douglass, Peter Wills, Delpha Lewis, Nancy Rounds, Nannie Brown and Phenix Brown.

Mrs. Reynolds will be glad to have her friends call while in the city which will only be about two weeks more, and then will return to Colorado Springs.

She will preach next Wednesday night at the A. M. E. church in Westport.

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