

**The Masculine Smart Set.**

The palatial residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Avon Dorsey was the scene last Wednesday night of a very enjoyable "Smoker" given by Mr. Dorsey to the masculines of Alexandria's "smart set." The spacious double parlors were very tastefully decorated with palms and cut flowers, smylax entwining. The velvet portieres, festooned back, presented in all an elaborate spectacle. The following menu was served in the "Delmonico" style:

- Sweet pickles, lettuce, olives, celery, Flor de gras sandwiches, anchov paste.
- Tongue sandwiches,
- Ham sandwiches,
- Chicken crocottes, en casserole,
- Cold roast turkey,
- Cold beef tongue,
- Barbe capucine salad,
- Lettuce salad,
- Chicory salad,
- Potatoe salad,
- Baked sweet potatoes,
- Mashed potatoes,
- New tomatoes.
- Pumpkin pie,
- Fruit cake, Pound cake.
- Lady fingers, Bon bons,
- Chocolate almonds, Filberts,
- Malaga grapes, Raisins,
- American, English & Roquefort cheese
- Claret punch, Manbattan cocktails
- Old Reserve (18 years old,)
- Hunter Rye,
- Mumm's Extra Dry
- White Seal, Pommery Sec.
- Henry Clay cigars
- Geo. W. Childs cigars,
- Cuban cigars,
- Egyptian cigarettes, Sweet Caporal
- Virginia Brights.

The bill was heartily enjoyed by all present.

The following toasts were responded to: "Our Host," Mr. Albert B. Hopkins, Sr.; "The Alexandria Girls," Samuel W. Madden, jr. All present then drank to the health of "The Hostess." "Our Home Physician," Dr. Albert Johnson; "The Masonic Fraternity," Messrs. Frank Watson, Robert A. Johnson, A. B. Hopkins, Sr. Mr. W. Horatius Jones sang a bass solo. Mr. William F. Evans in a fitting way commented on what has been said about "Our Home Physician" stating that Doctor Johnson was the first physician of Alexandria to report to the city Health Officer a case of small pox, during the recent epidemic. Dr. Johnson then recited Bryant's "Thanatopsis;" Robert A. Johnson, Poe's "Raven;" Wm. F. Evans, Gray's "Elegy."

Prof. A. B. Hopkins, Jr. then gave a short history of the British in the Transvaal, followed by Mr. J. W. Lumpkins. Music and current joke were then indulged in to the "weesma' hours" of the morning. The guests then quietly took their departure feeling indebted to the host. There were present Doctors, Albert Johnson, J. Milton Hopkins; Messrs. A. B. Hopkins, Sr., A. B. Hopkins, Jr., S. W. Madden, Jr., R. A. Johnson, Wm. F. Evans, J. W. Lumpkins, W. H. Jones, F. Watson, H. Harris and H. Fancil.

**Pythagoras Lodge's Election.**

Pythagoras Lodge, F. A. A. M., the banner Masonic lodge of the District of Columbia, held an important election a few nights ago at their hall. The attendance was large, and the membership present included some of the order's most representative men of the country. Because of his zeal in the cause of Masonry and unusual aptitude for the work, Reorder H. P. Cheatham was placed in nomination by Mr. Thornton Jackson for the Master's chair—a jump of two points from the

"South" station, but owing to the many political obligations which would occupy his time during this exciting campaign year Mr. Cheatham put aside personal inclinations and declined the honor; whereupon Dr. William Tignor was chosen Master by acclamation. Mr. Cheatham was prevailed upon to accept the less exacting post of Senior Warden and Mr. Henry Y. Arnett was promoted to Junior Warden. The retiring Master, Mr. W. H. Beason, has had a successful administration and rejoices in the proud record of having not missed a meeting during his incumbency.

**The Sojourner Truth Home.**

A course of lectures on domestic science was begun in the parlors of the Sojourner Truth Home for working girls, on Friday evening last. Although it was very cold, quite a number assembled in the cheery rooms and were well paid for braving the winds. Dr. Ramsay class of 1900 Howard Medical School, contributed to the evening's entertainment by his very fine executions of some delightful music. Paul Dunbar's quaint sketch in prose of "Mount Pisgah's Christmas Possum" was read by Miss Wilkes, after which Miss Ella Boston read a most interesting and highly instructive paper on cooking. The paper treated of the subject from a scientific standpoint and dwelt upon the importance of preparing food in the proper way for invalids, children and adults. Beginning with Friday evening January 12, regularly each week at 7:30 these lectures will be given. The next lesson will include illustrated instructions in fire building and rice boiling.

**An Evening Gathering.**

A very pleasant reception was given Thursday evening of last week at the residence of Miss Erma Richardson in honor of Miss Margaret Gregory of Bordentown, N. J. Some of those present were: Miss Margaret Gregory of Bordentown, N. J., Misses Lewis and Smith of Boston, Miss Pelam of New York, Misses Brooks, Smallwood, Johnson, Taylor, Smith, Richardson, George, Hattie and Fannie Cornish and Mrs. Henry Freeman; Messrs. Adams, Payne, Jackson, Eugene Gregory, Houston, Fletcher, Drs. Dowling and Tignor. The American was represented by Mr. H. Eugene Wilson.

**Capital City Orchestra Again.**

The Capital City Orchestra will give their second grand musicale of the season, under the auspices of the Educational Club, of John Wesley A. M. E. Z. church, at the church, Connecticut avenue, between L and M streets northwest, Monday January 15th. The Capital City Concert Orchestra with Mr. Benjamin T. Holmes as its director has won a wide reputation among their many friends. The orchestra will be assisted by some of the best vocal talent in the city: namely, Miss Georgia Makal, Miss Beatrice Jones, Miss Lillian V. Green, Miss Eva Bell and others.

**Montclair Citizens Celebrate.**

Montclair, N. J., special—The Thirty seventh anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation was duly celebrated January 1 at the Union Baptist church. The church was crowded with the best citizens of the vicinity. The afternoon program beginning at 2 o'clock included singing by the children, addresses by all who desired to speak and paper by Miss Mattie Gibbs, subject, "Emancipation Day." The evening program began at 7:45 p. m., address of welcome by Rev. J. W. Towns, reading

of the Emancipation Proclamation by Miss Lulu B. Elliott; reading of the 13th, 14th 15th amendments of the United States Constitution by Mr. Theron Oliver, introductory address by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Love. The speaker of the evening was Mr. P. S. Blake of Washington, D. C. Appropriate resolutions were read by Rev. T. G. Tibbs of Montclair, N. J. The admirable committee on arrangements included Rev. J. H. Blake, president, Rev. J. C. Love, vice president, Freeman L. Eppe, secretary, C. H. Baker, assistant secretary, George F. Henderson.

**At the Festal Board.**

A very pretty dinner was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Butler, 605 L street northeast, in honor of Miss Sadie McEntree and Miss Mamie Burnett. Among those present were: Mr. Walter Bell, master of all fun, and Miss Farrell, Mrs. Hording, Miss DeNeill, Mr. Welford Poindexter, Mr. Walter Wheeler, Miss Maud Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steward, Mr. Earl Harris, Mr. Hugh McEntree, Miss Poindexter, Mr. Jordan and Miss Baltimore. After the dinner was served the young people enjoyed themselves.

**District Delegates.**

The election of delegates from the District of Columbia will be held under the direction and supervision of an election board, composed of Hon. John B. Cotton, W. C. Chase and L. M. Saunders. This board has authority to fix the date for such election and to arrange all details and regulations incident thereto, and shall provide for a registration to include the name and residence of each voter.

**Bethel Literary's Program.**

Following is the order of exercises to be offered for the next weeks by Bethel Literary and Historical Association arranged with great care by President W. H. Richards. The organization meets every Tuesday evening in the lecture room of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, and the people are invited to attend, without regard to class or creed.

**PROGRAM.**

January 16, Topic—Great Men of African Descent. 1. Frederick Douglass, Mr. John W. Cromwell; 2. Alexander Dumas, Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook; 3. Alexander S. Poushkin, Mr. L. M. Hershaw.

January 23, Topic—Wendell Phillips. Rev. J. E. Rankin, President Howard University. This meeting will be held at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel.

January 30, Topic—Architecture. (a) Classic, Miss Kate C. Lewis; (b) Medieval, Miss Rosetta A. Boston; (c) Modern, Mrs. Bettie G. Francis; (d) Landscape Gardening, Miss Florence J. Smith.

February 6, Topic—Public Opinion. Reuben S. Smith, Esq.

February, 13, Topic—Marriage. 1. Home; Its Organization, Mrs. Margaret B. Albert; 2. Its Foes, Mrs. Julia Mason Layton; 3. Its Friends, Mrs. Sarah I. Fleetwood.

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