

A PEN AND PENCIL CLUB.

Washington's Literati Form an Organization for Mutual Improvement and Promotion of Good Fellowship.

For some weeks the brilliant coterie of journalists and writers with which Washington abounds, has had in mind the formation of an association for purposes of literary development, and the



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promotion of good fellowship among the members of civilization's most important craft. As a starter, last Wednesday evening a few congenial spirits met at the parlors of the Southern Hotel and organized the nucleus of what is to be known as "The Pen and Pencil Club." Mr. L. M. Hershaw was chosen president; Mr. R. W. Thompson, secretary, and Mr. W. T. Menard, treasurer. Other officers will be chosen at the next meeting, which will be held at the call of the chairman. Editor T. Thomas Fortune was placed on the honorary roll, which is to be reserved for prominent out-of-town



T. THOMAS FORTUNE.

scholars and penmen.

Among the active members are such well-known writers and thinkers as L. H. Douglass, J. W. Cromwell, C. R. Douglass, C. A. Fleetwood, E. L. Thornton, T. J. Calloway, E. E. Cooper, W. Calvin Chase, A. L. Manly, Paul H. Bray, S. E. Lacy, F. G. Manly, J. N. Goins, J. G. Clayton, J. H. Wills, W. L. Pollard, John T. Haskins, W. M. Wilson, W. O. Lee, A. O. Stafford, W. Bruce Evans, W. L. Houston, Lucien H. White, H. P. Slaughter, Kelly Miller, C. W. Williams, J. H. Paynter, W. C. Payne, W. S. Hagans, R. H. Terrell and others.

IN TOUCH WITH THE TIMES.

The Colored American, of Washington, D. C., has undergone a change of three from a quarto to the sixteen page form. The American is alive to the progressive spirit of the times, as is evidenced by its recent change of style.—Cincinnati Rostrum.

The A. M. E. Zion General Conference.

"A false witness shall not be unpunished: and he that speaketh lies shall perish."—Prov. 19: 9.

Mr. Editor in your issue of February 17 an article appeared stating that the General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church would convene in this city May next. It is true the Conference will meet here at that time, but we can not understand why any man would undertake to lead 70 to 80 thousand colored people of this city to believe, as the article says, "The Conference session will be held at Union Wesley A. M. E. Zion church, 23rd street." The above quotation is untrue from start to finish and the gentleman knew it. Men who preach to others ought to tell the truth. The General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church will meet in Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, D street, s. w., Wednesday, May 2nd, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.

I think it very unkind in the gentleman who wrote the article. If he wants money, let him start out with the truth. Again he said, "the different Zion preachers will have charge of the conference." If that is so, who gave him authority to appoint The Colored American to receive subscription to assist the churches in supporting the conference? I wish today to inform the public that no paper has been authorized to receive any subscription to support the General conference. Respectfully yours,

Rev. W. HENRY SNOWDEN,
Pastor Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, D street southwest.

Lincoln's birthday anniversary was observed at Howard University by a lecture upon his life and character by Mr John P Green. The speaker dwelt upon the character of the great emancipator, as portrayed in his public documents. The lecture was highly appreciated by both faculty and students.

Mr E S Webb, formerly of The Colored American, is holding down cases at the Government Printing office.

From all appearance, several interesting things are to "come off" soon.

Rev P L Cuylers recent revival netted fifty conversions.

Two children of Mr W T McKinley, of 47 Hanover street northwest, have been quite sick.

Mr. Charles A. Champ, of the city post office, one of Washington's most popular young society men, has instituted proceedings for divorce against his wife, Mrs. Ida A. Champ. Desertion and other charges are alleged.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Congressional Lyceum will give an entertainment at Sojourner Truth Home, 2007 Vermont avenue northwest, next Friday evening. Hours 8 to 12:30.

Miss Mattie Marshall has been elected secretary of the A. M. E. Zion General Conference Committee.

W. T. Ferguson has instituted civil proceedings against Burke and Chase of the Grand Opera House Management, for alleged violation of the Sumner civil rights law. Damages are asked in the sum of \$10,000. District Attorney Henry E Davis will be leading counsel for Mr. Ferguson, and it is said that E. M. Hewlett will be associated in the prosecution.

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