

IN THE LAND OF "BOBBY" BURNS.

Mrs. Jesse Lawson's Hearty Reception at Edinburgh, Scotland—Ability and Character, Not Color, the Measure of Mankind—An Ideal Representative of Afro-America—Speaks Elquently on Temperance at a Leading Presbyterian Church.

The Convention of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union had a series of very successful meetings at Edinburgh last month. Mrs. Jesse Lawson, who attended as the representative of the W. C. T. U. of America, and who was presented by Lady Henry Somerset, had a most cordial reception from the Convention. Lady Henry Somerset, in a very neat and appreciative speech, expressed the pleasure she felt in welcoming, and presenting to the World's Women's Convention, one of her colored sisters from the U. S. A.



MRS. ROSETTA E. LAWSON.

Mrs. Lawson then delivered an admirable address, in the course of which she paid a well-deserved tribute to Edinburgh—the modern Athens—and to her hospitable people. She expressed gratitude to the World's Women's officers for having requested that as many colored delegates as possible be sent over here, as the Scotch took a warm interest in the colored races. The colored peoples of the U. S. A. had decided to send her over, flattered by the invitation, and glad to respond because they had not been ignored, as was the case in their own land. Mrs. Lawson spoke of the colored people of America as striving hard to contribute their own quota of service to the forces making for righteousness; spoke of the progress along all lines that had been made since their emancipation.

In 1865, she said, probably not one in 10,000 could read or write. To-day, they had over 23,000 acting as teachers and professors in the great centers of learning in America, besides a large number taking post-graduate courses in foreign countries. Their interest in the temperance cause, she went on to say, was manifest by the presence of 3 representatives, whose expenses had been generously defrayed by the very colored people who had sent them over.

Mrs. Jesse Lawson, while in Edinburgh, was taken by her host and hostess, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, round the places of historic interest. She was introduced to several influential citizens, among whom was Mr. David Lewis, ex-Magistrate. Mr. Lewis and his family were most gracious to her. The ex-Magistrate presented her with several most valuable books, all written by himself, and extended to her, besides, other courtesies.

Mrs. Lawson has spent a few days at Paris, at London, at Liverpool; and there can be no doubt that she has enjoyed her trip to Europe. In Mrs.

Jesse Lawson, the colored people of America have a most worthy representative; and long may she live to place her great abilities at their disposal.

Edinburgh. M. D. R.

MRS. JESSE LAWSON AT LEITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of Leith Presbyterian church, after delivering a spirited sermon on Sunday morning the 24th June, permitted Mrs. Jesse Lawson, of Washington, D. C., to address his congregation. The speaker, in the course of her remarks, said that as she reviewed the lessons learned through Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott, and other famous delineators of the physical aspects of Scotland, its high moral tone, and the sterling qualities of the people, she realized how faintly she had been able to appreciate the greatness and grandeur of the noble Scotch. Who could live in this city of lofty church spires, vying with each other for a kiss of the heavens, this city of imposing castles, renowned universities, and lofty mountains, and not be led to exclaim irresistibly, "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from God who made the heavens and the earth?" Verily, God hath placed the Scotch amid physical surroundings which made it easy for them to lead aspiring youth to look through nature, up to nature's God. The speaker paid a generous tribute to the hospitality of the Scotch, for which, like the Arabs, they are so noted. She referred to the invariable kindness she had met with at their hands.

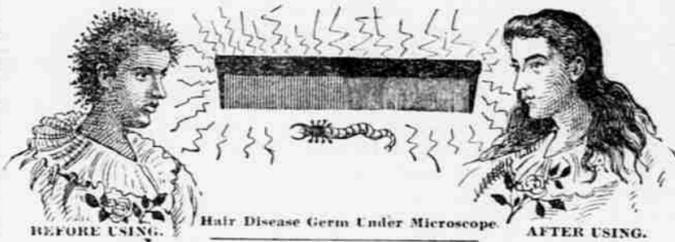
She then proceeded to trace the progress of alcoholic drinks in various countries, drinks which have caused so much physical and moral harm; and to describe the splendid work done by the W. C. T. U. of America, in rescuing the fallen, in sheltering the homeless, in taking care of the infirm. She denounced the iniquitous saloon interest, which so greatly impeded the progress of Christian missionaries in remote lands. The heathen nations, she pointed out, had pleaded to be let alone, rather preferring to cling to their heathen gods than to adopt a religion followed, as ours so often is, by this great destroyer of the bodies and souls of men. The missionary was terribly hampered in his efforts to spread the gospel, and the W. C. T. U. had for about a quarter of a century been sending its workers around the globe as teachers of the principles for which it stood. In concluding her able and eloquent address, Mrs. Lawson observed that she would leave the congregation with the impression that they, as women of the Negro race, were leaving no stone unturned to make the land of their birth better for having lived in it, and that they had always gladly contributed, and would continue to contribute their little towards the success of the cause they represented, both among the people of the world, for they realized that Life was a sheet of paper white.

M. D. R.

Edinburgh.

Frederick Wiley, white husband of Samantha Robert, colored, of Indianapolis Ind., who died in December, 1899, leaving \$6,000 worth of property, is in Indianapolis to get his share. Wiley had not lived with his alleged wife for several years. Probate-commissioner Walker notified Wiley to file a petition, then if he can prove he was her husband, he is entitled to half. Mrs. Roberts left a fine residence on Alford street.

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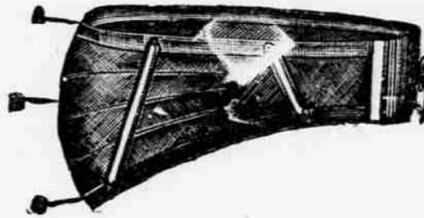
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