

**REFORMERS AT WORK.**

Messrs. Taylor and Robertson Stir All Washington and Plan for a District Branch Dry Goods Store.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings held in this city in the past years was the meeting of the True Reformers at the meeting of the True Reformers at the Lovely Zion Baptist church Wednesday evening, January 16th. It had been heralded abroad that President Taylor and Mr. J. C. Robertson, attorney for the Grand United Order of True Reformers, were to speak at this meeting. The crowd was large and representative. Mr. C. L. Marshall, our progressive young business and a True Reformer, presided at the meeting with becoming dignity, while



REV. WILLIAM L. TAYLOR.

Mr. T. W. Dixon and Chief W. S. Woodson acted at masters of ceremonies. The speech of President Taylor was grand, eloquent and magnificent. He was followed by Mr. J. C. Robertson, known as the silver-tongued orator, and who has the happy faculty of waking up the sleepers in his audience as well as those who are awake. Much enthusiasm and many new ideas were put into the work of the True Reformers of the District. At an early date it was proposed to build a dry goods and department store here to be operated entirely by the True Reformers. The success of this grand Order at Richmond is sufficient to justify the belief that when a store is once established here it will be a success.

**HERE AND THERE.**

Miss Alice Mills, of Baltimore, Md. has recently left \$500 by Mrs. M. Champe Robinson by whom she had been employed as maid.

"What is Woman's Mission Through Life?" is the caption of an excellent article in the last issue of The Ship of Bristol, Va. from the pen of Sadie W. Grant of this city.

The oldest Afro-American is said to be Caesar Booker 126 years old who lives near Washington, Ga. He has a daughter 93 years old. Seven children are living and a small army of grand children.

Pine Bluffs, Ark. boasts of a church that maintains its own hospital, elects a doctor and druggist and compels every member to pay his or her debts. All of the members (150) either own or are buying homes.

Mr. E. A. Johnson, the colored lawyer, one of the assistants in the office of the United States District Attorney of Raleigh, N. C., has been made a member of the National Academy of Science and History. He has written several histories of the achievements of the negro race.

On January 14th at Wilson, N. C. the five year old daughter of Rev. O. L. W. Smith, United States Minister to Liberia was burned to death. She had frequently begged permission to make the fire and being refused, took advantage of her mother's absence to make it and caught fire. The child suffered in dreadful agony for over twenty four hours. Rev. Smith is now at his post of duty in Liberia and about a month will have passed before the news of the horrible death of his only child can reach him.

An old colored man in Habersham County, Ga. has leased his son, who is eighteen years old, as a convict to a man who uses Georgia convicts in his lumber business. The boy will be treated just as a criminal and the contract bears the seal of the clerk of the court and holds good for three years. His father receives \$10 a month from his boy's employer and says chaingang training might be good for him and possibly it will keep him from getting his neck stretched later on.

**THE RIGHT VIEW.**

I believe that if all law-abiding citizens would act together and all classes would assist in running down and catching the criminals of their race, bringing them to court, and see that they have a fair trial, it would soon break up the mob and white caps. The sooner the better class of whites realize that the Negro will not hide nor approve the acts of desperate characters, there will be a state of feeling in the South. I am in favor of catching the right man, let him be white or black, and giving him the limit of the law. Let every man live right, support and protect his family even if he has to fight and die—but never run.—Traveler in Athens (Ga.) Clipper.

**OFF TO THE DARK CONTINENT.**

Bishop Hartzell's re-enforcements for Africa who have just left for that distant field are: Rev. David A. Carson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who goes to Garraway Station, Liberia; Miss Dunham, of Little Rock, Ark., who goes to become the wife of Prof. Davis, of the College of West Africa; Revs. E. R. Gravelly and wife, J. A. Foust, graduate of our southern schools, who go to Liberia; Revs. E. A. Ball and wife, of Minnesota, and Robert Wodehouse and wife, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who go to Malange, West Africa, and Umtali, East Africa, respectively. Prof. George H. Reibolt, of Indiana, goes to be principal of the New Umtali Seminary, an European school; Mr. George A. Oolum takes charge of the industrial department at Old Umtali Mission, a school for natives. He is graduate of the Michigan Agricultural College. May the Lord Lord bless and keep them all and our heroic Bishop as well.—Southwestern Christian Recorder.

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