

THE INAUGURAL WELCOME CLUB.

Entertains Six Hundred of the Nation's Representative Citizens Magnificent Ball Room—Brilliant Decoration, Superior Music, Bountiful Repast, Noted Men, Beautiful Women and rich Gowns.

Never before in the history of the American Negro was his social life displayed to such an advantage as was done by the Inaugural Welcome Club of 1901 when on March 5th it entertained about six hundred of the representative colored citizens of America at the Washington Light Infantry Armory amidst palms, flowers, myriad electric jets, graceful decorations, plentiful refreshments and angelic music.

The Inaugural Welcome Club is on all sides being congratulated upon securing such a spacious and well appointed hall. Being 150 by 220 feet in



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dimension it was sufficiently large to comfortably accommodate all guests, whether promenading or tripping the light fantastic toe. Its dressing rooms were equally spacious; while the quarters where supper was served was all which the most critical could desire. The floor of the dance hall was a veritable sea of glass and a perfect haven for even the chronic dancers.

The decorations were simply a demonstration of the high degree attained by the beautifying artist—appropriate, showy, graceful and profuse. The music lifted ones soul from things which are earthly to realms divine; its reverberations suggested heavenly rhapsodies on golden harps in the hands of



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the angelic hosts! Weber's orchestra of sixteen pieces broke forth in joyous strains the young, the middle-aged and the old joined merrily along with the sea of beauty perfectly oblivious to past and future life. The waltz and the two-step were enjoyed by many, while the promenade was the delight of all. It would make the reader hungry should the menu be given. Mention only is made of a few delicacies seen upon the tables and heard about: salads, oyster patties, black cream, frozen punch and champagne by the quart for all. What else? "I can't tell you nothin' 'bout it, y'ought to see it in yo'self"

The women present were a perfect representation of God's noblest work—culver, refinement, simplicity, beauty and grace. No occasion has ever seen women more elegantly gowned than

were these. Collectively they presented a scene which was beautiful to behold and which commanded the admiration of all whose good fortune it was to see them. They were arrayed in garments of noble simplicity in tulle, maid and in de-collette. Here could be seen hand some embroidered velvets silks covered with crepe de chine and organdies with their beautiful trimmings; while yonder one beheld a satin covered with black spanned net, a silk undermoss in delicate and silver covered with fish scale just net; and to complete the scene ones eyes were dazzled by glistening diamonds, brilliant stones and chains of pearls.

The men, all of whom wore the conventional full dress suit, were the noblest product of the entire United States from all the noble walks of life, men of business, of skill, of professions and of distinguished honor.

The entertainment was more than a success, it was an honor to the 109 who gave it and to the 600 who were privileged to attend.

The officers of the club are: Daniel Murray, president; John P. Green, J. Archer Lewis and Dr. Hamilton S. Smith, vice president; Henry Y. Arnett, secretary; Henry P. Slaughter, financial secretary; Henry E. Baker, treasurer.

Reception committee—Judson W. Lyons, chairman; George H. White, Henry P. Cheatham, vice chairman; Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Prof. J. B. Bernard Clark, Andrew F. Hilyer Eugene Brooks, Dr. E. A. Burdill, J. C. Bush, J. W. Piles.

Space will not permit the publication of the names of the six hundred who attended.

Miss J. Imogen Howard Honored.

The new library for colored teachers of St. Mary's Co., Md. will be known as "The Howard Library," in honor of Miss J. Imogen Howard of New York City. Miss Howard has for years been



MISS J. IMOGENE HOWARD

untiring in her efforts to help elevate her race; and her people in all sections of this country, delight in showing their appreciation of her work for the race, and in bestowing honor where it is due.

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SCOTT'S HAIR STRAIGHTENER AND GROWER—Makes curly hair grow straight and long. Free to patrons. Enclose a 2c stamp for particulars. Address SCOTT REMEDY CO., Louisville, Ky. When you write mention this paper.

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Royally Entertained.

Mrs. M. Gransberry, Mrs. Zedwick and Mrs. Gordon, all of Chicago are visiting in this city and are the guests of Mrs. Peters on 11th street, n. w. The ladies have been the recipients of much social attention. They were entertained at dinner last Sunday by Mrs. Gaines and took a delightful trip to Alexandria, Va. Monday as the guest of Mr. A. J. Gaskins. Wednesday evening they were entertained at dinner in the beautiful dining parlors of Messrs. Gaskins and Gaines on 8th street. It was a ten course affair and was served as only this enterprising firm can serve. Among those were Mesdames Gransberry, Zedwick, Gordon, Gaines, Mrs. Josephine Wormley and Mr. A. J. Gaskins. Mrs. Gransberry is a cousin of Mr. Gaskins who made the trip of herself and friends a most enjoyable one.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

United Order of True Reformers.

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881.

Office 604, 606 and 608 N. 2nd St., - - Richmond, Va.

An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for gilt edged business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 16 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per month.

As Sick Benefit you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 3 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00 either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$7.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.



In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$90 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to 11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues, \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1,000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Classe B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29 1900, a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.



THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts .....	\$8,272 80	Capital stock paid in .....	88,125 00
Other stock, bonds and mortgages .....	164,423 83	Surplus fund .....	80,967 81
Due from National Banks ...	48,383 22	Undivided profits .....	6,826 80
Banking House .....	14,000 00	Demand certificate of deposits .....	96,786 29
Other real estates .....	99,588 00	Time certificates of deposit .....	118,424 74
Furniture and Fixtures .....	6,850 00		
Current expenses and taxes paid .....	1,388 99	Total .....	391,120 64
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12,399 80		
Paper currency .....	35,820 00		
Total .....	391,120 84		

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing cooperation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home". With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, not even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$123,500. In addition to these the Order leases 13 buildings.

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