

THE LATE O. M. M'ADOO.

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members, Colored Band and Orchestra. A few of the artists on his pay roll were Miss Flora Batson, queen of song; Gerard Miller, prealer bass; Gauze, female impersonator; the Walkers, the Bertons, the Heardes, the Brewers, Ferry the frog, the Famous McAdoo Quartette, Messrs. Miltar, Poole, Jones, and Rooks; the McClains, Prof. Oscar Lindsay, Prof. Henderson Smith and a score of others whom space will not permit me to name. His company could open in the corrfild and close the show in Grand Opera.

His Negro Dramatic Company was a complete and veritable triumph, and pronounced to be the dramatic event of the season. This of itself was a venture no other manager of either race has ever before taken, the idea of putting the drama of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' on an American stage to be played "pre-



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ferentially" by a solid company of "Negro artists" would cause a howl to go up that would compel Shakespeare of old to turn over in his long, long slumber, but this great man did this, and more. He put it on the stage. His company played it well and a dramatic corner stone was laid by O. M. McAdoo, upon which all others are compelled to build who would aspire to anything higher than "rag time."

The following named ladies and gentlemen constituted the "Dramatis Personae." Uncle Tom, Billy McClain; Topsy, K. Milon; Ophelia, Ida Walker; Mrs. St. Clair, Miss Flora Batson; Caesy, Mrs. McClain; slaves, snouters, etc, compor y; Simon Legree, Gerard Millar the first and only colored man known to have played this part on any stage. All of which is due to the pluck and enterprise of this prince of managers, Mr. McAdoo.

He was a graduate of Hampton, he kept at least two students in the institution each term. He did more for the promotion of the colored artist than any other manager living. He spent twenty thousand dollars organizing and transporting his Minstrel and Dramatic Company. He commanded more respect in foreign countries than any other entrepreneur, his name could fill the largest house, his manners polished, his hand open to those who needed help friend or foe alike, his generous nature could not bid him withhold his help. To know him was to love the man. I knew him not only in the capacity of his stage manager and general manager, but in that of a friend whom he confided in, and let me say here, I prize the confidence of this man "though he be dead." more than the good will of all who speak evil of him or I, and if honesty, manhood, truthfulness and race pride are things to be proud of, the widow and orphan of this grand, good man should keep these four jewels won for them by the husband and father, that the cruel hand

of death has taken from labor to reward.

But quoting Virgil I would say: "Why, this immoderate grief?" he cried— "Think'st thou that love with tears is satisfied? 'Tis past; and pity gives me no relief, But justice, to the man shall sing my grief." GERARD MILLAR.

A BEVY OF BROTHERS.

The Genus brothers, Messrs. R. H. Genus, of Indianapolis and M. W. and S. F. Genus of Atlantic City, N. J., passed through the city last week and paid the Colored American Office a very pleasant visit. They have just returned from Ashburn, Va., their old home where a family reunion took place August 25th. The family consists of seven boys, one girl and their mother, but at the reunion more than seventy-five persons were there, representing the immediate relatives and descendants of the family. Mr. R. A. Genus is a successful man in Indianapolis and owns valuable property in the best part of the city.

TO ALABAMA, ET AL.

(For The Colored American.)

Disfranchise, if you will,
The tiller of your soil;
Deprive him of his blood-bought rights,
And fatten on his toil,
Forget what God demands;
Lift stones and at him cast;—
His foe at first, of foes the worst.
Still foe unto the last,

Lies cannot live always.
In pomp may be their birth;
In grandeur they may live and reign,
And lord the hosts of Earth;
Yet life they must resign,
And Fate shall fix their place
In what they've wrought in which there's
nought
Immortal, save disgrace,

Truth is immortal ever,
'Twill live till God shall die;—
And Alabama, don't forget,
It will outlive your lie!
Those centuries of wrong,
Those deeds of cruel shame,
Sown long ago, which still you sow,
Know this, you'll reap the same,

Columbia harlot plays,
The principles of truth
That made her grandest, greatest, best,
Of nations in her youth,
She has today forsaken,
With gold and guvs she stands,
Besmirched with mud, made of the blood
Of men who loved their lands,

Our grand, old Declaration,
For which our heroes died,
Which brought to her her soul and life,
Lo, she has crucified!
Its death to sinning Dixie,
Bequeaths the chance she craves,
To rob a race of power and place
Bought by a million graves.

But Retribution waiteth,
As in the days of old,
Till Mercy's arm be paralyzed
By lust and greed and gold
Ay, South, the hour cometh!
You make of God a foe;
You nerve the arm that tills your farm
To deal the fatal blow.

FRANKLIN HENRY BRYANT
Battle Creek, Mich.

RECORDER CHEATHAM TO SPEAK.

Recorder of Deeds, Henry P. Cheatham has been asked to take part in the Ohio campaign, which opens early in September. Mr. Cheatham is known in party circles as a good campaigner, and his effective work in the State of Ohio, Maryland and West Virginia, justifies the State Committee of Ohio, in asking him to speak in the doubtful countries in that state, in the fall campaign. Mr. Cheatham does not know just the exact time he will leave Washington but he will leave in September or October.

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