NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Anna J Cooper Chosen to Succeed Mr. R. H. Terrell.

At a special meeting of the board of education, held at the Franklin Building last Saturday, Mrs. Anna J Cooper, vice principal of the M street high school, was promoted to be principal, to succeed R. H. Terrell, resigned. Mr. Terrell was recently appointed one of the justices of the peace for the District, and his resignation was accepted at the meeting held last Tuesday evening.

It was necessary to elect a successor

MRS. ANNA J COOPER.

before the reopening of the schools on Thursday last, and it was thereupon decided to call a special meeting of the board. Mrs. Cooper is one of the best known colored womeu in America She is a scholar, literatevr and practical educator. She was graduated from Oberlin in 1884, and was a classmate of Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, another bright star in the world of women.

She was always studious and her first attempt in literature was gratifying both to her and to her friends. She is best known as the author of that remarkable book, "A Voice from the South." The book is now out of print, a number of editions having been exhausted, but it was reviewed and commended upon in the highest terms by the white press of the country. Mrs Cooper has been connected with the Public Schools in Washington for quite a number of years and is thoroughly familiar with the work. She will bring to her new positian a scholarship and ripe experience, and a familiarity with the work which admirably equip her for the duties which she is to perform. Her appointment is a most popular one.

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MR E B. HALE,
Clayton, Mo.
(See page 1.)

REV. D. E WISEMAN,

Rev. Father Dorothy of St. Augustine's Catholic church. Mr. J. H. Douglass rendered sweet music upon his violin. The closing remarks were made by Mr: John W. Douglass of the board of children's guardians.

MRS. COOPER, PRINCIPAL.

Action of the Board of Education Taken Saturday.

(EVENING STAR.)

At a special meeting of the board of education, held at the Franklin building Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Anna J. Cooper was appointed principal of the Colored High School to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. R H. Terrell, who has been appointed a justice of the peace. The selection of Mrs Cooper was made in strict accord with the merit system. She has been an assistant principal for some time, and is said to be thoroughly qualified for the place to which she has been promoted.

Mrs Cooper was born in North Carolina about forty years ago She received her preparatory education at the St. Augustine Normal and Collegiate Institute at Raleigh, N. C where she was married to Rev George Cooper, a talented clergyman of the Episcopal Church. The young young wife was left a widow after a brief season of married life. Under the shadow of this great bereavement she entered Oberlin College, and was graduated with high honors in 1884. She was the leader of her class in mathematical studies, and while yet a pupil was assigned as teacher of mathematics in the lower classes. There had been only one other instance of a colored teacher in the history of Oberlin College.

After graduation Mrs. Cooper taught at Wilberforce University in Ohio, and at St. Augustine Collegiate Institute; and in 1887 was called to the Washington Colored High School, where she has taught up to the present time. In 1889 she succeeded Mr. Terrell, whom she now succeeds to the principalship as head teacher of Latin. Her teaching experience covers almost the entire high school curriculum, and includes the ancient and modern languages, mathematics, the elementary sciences, history, literature and political science. Her thoroughly digested and assimilated knowledge, mental balance and poise, refined manners and gentle disposition inspire confidence in her pupils, to whom she stands as both an example and inspiration.

About a year ago Mrs. Cooper was made assistant principal of the High School, and has filled that station with signal success. She has instituted a course of weekly lecturer to the girls on the topics relating to personal and social improvements, whose good effect is already discernible in improved deportment and decorum. As a disciplinarian she is kind, yet firm and effective. She is not only an advocate of military discipline for the boys as a means of developing systematic and orderly obedience and respect for constituted authority, but also seeks all suitable means for promoting the physical improvement of the girls.

Mrs. Cooper is a musician of considerable skill, and for ten years has been a close student of the history and development of ancient and modern art She has great fondness for literature, and is easily familiar with the masterpieces of thought and style, whether in classical or English dress. Mrs. Cooper is also an author of repute. She has written and spoken widely upon literary and social topics. She is deeply interested in all movements for the social betterment of the colored people, and is a member of the local Colored Woman's League. She has traveled extensively in the West Indies and in Europe; her address delivered before the Pan-African Congress held in London, August, 1900, was widely noted and commented upon.

Prof. Gilbert Here,

Prof. R. A. Gilbert of Cambridge, Mass., is visiting his wife and children who are spending the winter with Miss M, V. Morton, at 1839 Florida avenue northwest. Prof Gilbert is a gentleman of exceptional culture and talent and occupies a position in one of the museums of natural history of Boston as demonstrator. The honor is much of a distinction and only proves how little the general public knowns of the men of real merit who are making the most substantial history for the race.

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