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**IN GAY PHILADELPHIA.**

**A New Creed in Religious Circles Creates a Sensation and Much Gossip.**

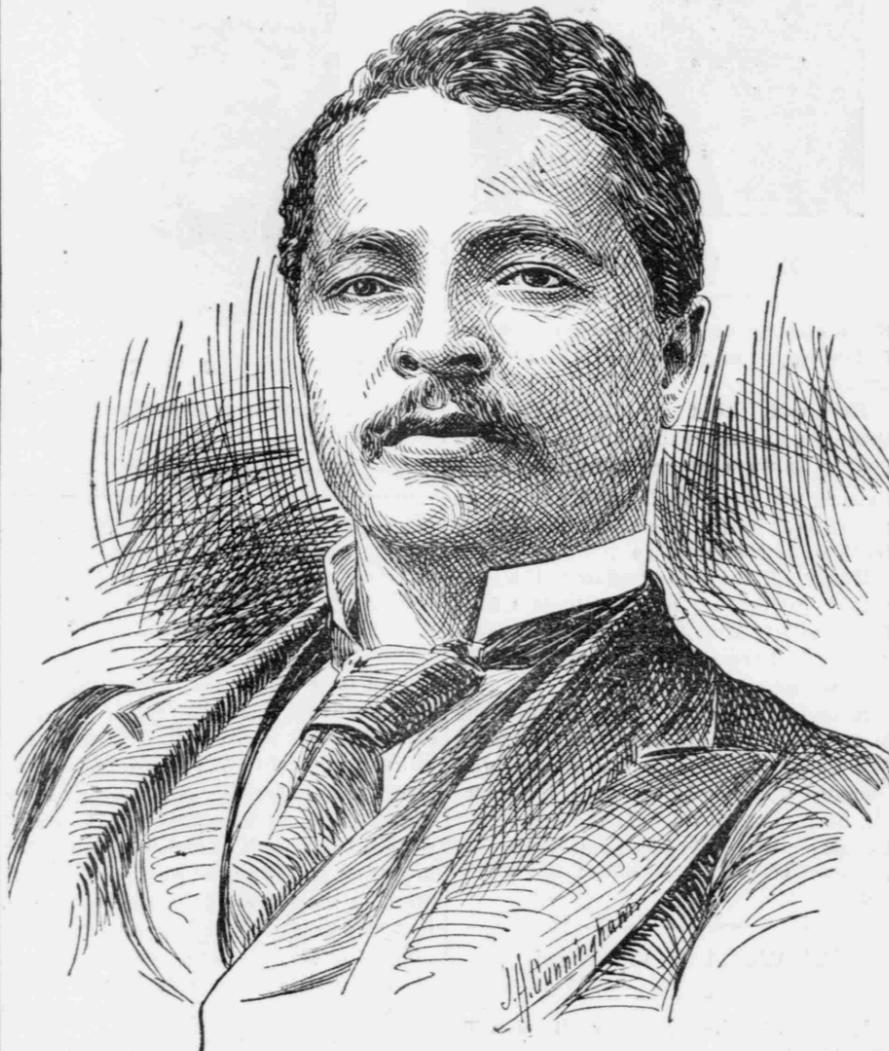
**Prof. DuBois Delivers an Interesting Lecture on the "African Slave Trade" — Among the Churches and the Social World—News Notes.**

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—The Church of the Crucifixion will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its pastor Rev. Henry L. Phillips as rector on February 4th. There will be a testimonial reception and the members and friends are desirous of making this reception one long to be remembered. The church under the Rev. Phillips' administration has made great progress and his work deserves much commendation. On Tuesday evening the St. Andrews Guild of the Church celebrated its 16th anniversary in the Parish Building. The artistic decorations together with the beautiful costumes of the ladies, made the place seem enchanting. After a short programme in which Mr. George Barret, the president of the organization and Rev. Phillips, the pastor, spoke of the work of the guild, dancing was engaged in until a late hour. A sumptuous repast was served in the dining hall after which all left to return to their homes to dream of the good times spent that evening.

The people of Philadelphia are somewhat aroused over the teachings of the new "Church of God and Lambs of Christ," better known as "wash feet baptists." This new congregation of people, lately organized by the Rev. Able Dickerson of Bishop Crowdy's church, hold their services in the Quaker City Hall, Broad and Fitzwater streets. The hall is usually crowded with both members and those seeking to know the meaning of this new doctrine. It has already bore asunder those ties which bind man and wife, mothers and children, friend and friend, as it teaches that unless they both belong to the church, the one is not good enough to associate with the other. This new religion is discussed on every hand, and last Sunday an "Indignation meeting" was held in the Holy Trinity Baptist church. It is feared that these people are doing more harm than good. The minister exclaimed in his discourse on last Sunday that D. D's on the ministers names meant absolutely nothing and that he used to think the D. D. meant "Dead Dog;" but since he has grown older, he finds that D. D. means "Dumb Dog." These people claim that theirs is the only way. We trust that our best citizens will soon put a stop to such teachings as they simply corrupt the minds of the populace.

Before a highly cultured audience, Prof. Bernhardt Dubois, delivered a very interesting lecture on Thursday evening at the Parish Building of the Church of the Crucifixion. His subject was "African Slave Trade." Prof. DuBois has been engaged by Univer-

**MEN OF THE HOUR.**



**COL. W. A. PLEDGER,**  
Chairman Republican State Central Committee, Atlanta, Ga.

sity Extension Centre to deliver the course of lectures on "slavery" before the Bainbridge Street Centre. His lecture was well illustrated by African views thrown on canvas. The Philadelphia public is greatly pleased with the manner and style of the lecturer and already feel great enlightenment upon the subject of slavery. His next subject will be the "Dark Continent."

Mr. Isaac Nutter left for the West Indies on last Monday.

Rev. Dr. Creditt, pastor of Cherry street Baptist church, spent the past week in Boston, where he preached the dedicatory sermon of the Mt. Olivet Baptist church. Rev. Duckery who is pastor of this church, was one of the sons of Cherry Street church.

Mr. Harry Schriener has been confined to his home for a few days the result of a severe cold.

Cupid is still active at the beginning of another year and spares no pains as to whom it takes. Miss Leslie Burr, a well known night school teacher was quietly married to Mr. William McCord, of Germantown by the Rev. Ma-

quire of St. Thomas P. E. church on January 1st.

Mrs. John Taylor, the mother of our popular school teacher, Miss Hattie Taylor, has been very well for the past few weeks. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Messrs. John Morgan and George Smithers have returned home after an absence of three years in the U.S. navy.

Mr. Claude Howard has announced the engagement of his daughter May to Mr. W. T. E. Jackson of Washington, D. C.

Miss Ethel Peterson and her cousin Mr. James Whitlock are visiting relatives in Lynchburg, Va.

Hon. W. F. Powell and wife spent the holidays at home and left on January 8th for his post at Port au Prince, Haiti.

Mrs. Meredith Bradford is indisposed with a severe cold.

Col. J. H. Deveaux, Collector of Customs of Savannah, Ga. and Mr. P. M. Morton, Post Master at Athens, Ga. are in the city on official business.

**A STALWART GEORGIAN.**

**The "Iron Man" of the South's Most Progressive State at the Helm**

**His Sturdy Character and Political Experiences Eminently Fit Him for the Arduous Duties of State Chairman — Received With Enthusiasm and the Outlook Points to Success.**

The selection of Col. W. A. Pledger, of Georgia, as head of the republican party in that State is a just recognition of the past service of that well known leader. Since 1880 he has been a member of every republican National Convention and once before in 1880, was elected to the position of State Chairman. Georgia is to be congratulated because Mr. Pledger is unquestionably one of the best known men in public life and with his political experience and natural ability for leadership will, no doubt, do much to build up a party in that State. Already he has received assurances from the leading Georgia politician that he will receive their unqualified support and hearty cooperation. There is at present a commendable degree of harmony in republican circles in Georgia with the exception of a few "lily whites" who are after offices and who naturally are to be expected to "say things." The new chairman seems to be entering on his duties with confidence and success.

**In Honor of Mrs. Halcy**

Major and Mrs. Chas. R. Douglass gave a musicale at their residence, 318 A St., Northeast, Monday night last in honor of their sister-in-law and guest, Mrs. Chas. A. Halcy of Bath, N. Y. A varied program of vocal and instrumental music was rendered the participants being Miss Blanche Warrick, Miss Lottie Richardson, Mrs. Mollie Keelan, Mr. Clarence White, and Mr. J. H. Douglass.

Among the large number present were Gov. Pinchback, wife and daughter, Judge and Mrs. R. H. Terrell, Dr. and Mrs. John R. Francis, Lewis H. Douglas, Hon. John P. Green and wife, Mrs. Paul L. Urance DuBar, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Lane, Dr. A. M. Curtis, Miss Hattie Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. A. Wormley, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Tyson, the Misses Jessie and Addie Wormley, Mrs. Shepherd, Miss Mamie Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Colbert, Miss Janie Freeman, Prof. Henry L. Bailey, Mr. Clarence Wormley, Miss Gene Wormley, Mrs. R. D. Sprague, Miss Rosa Sprague, Mr. Berkley Waller, Mr. White of Boston, Mass., and others. A bountiful repast was served, and the company separated at a late hour.

Mrs. Maud Eastren-Jackson, formerly of Washington, but now of New York City, visited friends in the northeast last week.