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FLOWERS OF MEMORY.

GARLANDS OF PRAISE FOR WORK OF DOUGLASS

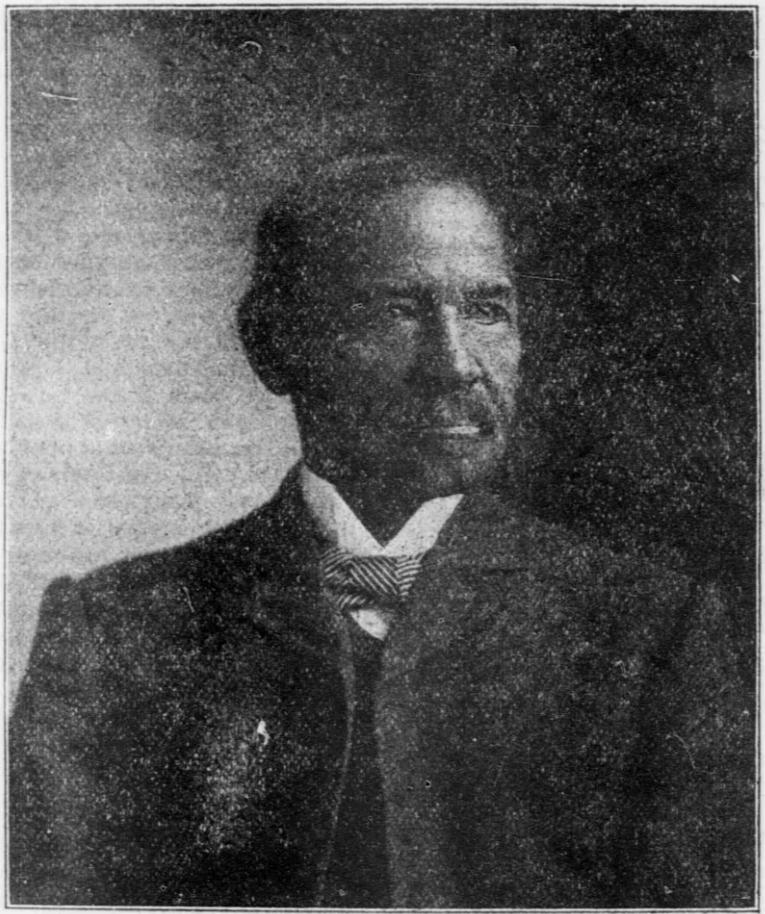
The Pen and Pencil Club Brings Together the Giants of Modern history to Honor the Departed Chieftain--Lessons Taught by His Life.

Last Friday was a gala occasion for the Pen and Pencil Club. It was "Douglass Night," and could the physical eye of the departed "Sage of Anacostia" have gazed upon the assemblage or could his deafened ear have listened to the fervid eloquence of the race's modern leaders, he would indeed have rejoiced. The spirit of Frederick Douglass was there, however, and the magnificent results of his statesmanship and sterling character were concretely evidenced by a gathering, that for culture, intelligence and worth has rarely been duplicated on this continent. Washington is prolific in distinguished men, and among the one hundred and fifty who sat for three hours in Gray's spacious banquet hall, there were high Federal officials, accomplished educators, learned jurists, keen lawyers, skillful doctors, able journalists, witty correspondents, noted authors, popular musicians, careful statisticians, analytical sociologists, and faithful mechanics. Every useful activity was represented and the occasion was inspiring and profitable to the last degree.

PERSONAL OF THE CLUB.

The Pen and Pencil Club is about two years old and is made up of nearly two-score of young correspondents and men of affairs, hailing from every section of the land, and embracing many callings. They have a positive literary reputation and an unexcelled social standing. Their receptions are invariably successful and this meeting in commemoration of the 85th anniversary of the race's greatest figure, stands out as its most significant function thus far in its history. The officers of the club are: L. M. Hershaw, president; R. W. Thompson, first vice-president; J. H. Paynter, second vice-president; James A. Cobb, recording secretary; Robert Pelham, Jr.; corresponding secretary, and Henry P. Slaughter, treasurer. The assembly room was handsomely decorated for the occasion with greens American flags, and a fine portrait of Mr. Douglass. L. M. Hershaw, president of the club, presided, and introduced the speakers. Dr. C. B. Purvis, of this city, was the first. He spoke of Douglass as a man and citizen, as he had known him through the long years of his residence here. He said that Douglass was one of the best friends a man could wish for, and that his character stood high among the great men of all races in the history of the country. John C. Dancy, the recently appointed recorder of deeds of the District,

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HON. MIFFLIN WISTAR GIBBS.
Author, Jurist, and Traveler, Late United States Consul at Tamatave, Madagascar, See Second Page.

was next introduced, and delivered an eloquent oration. He asserted that he considered Douglass the greatest orator the race had produced. He had more of the elements of the real orator than any Negro speaker who has lived since the day the Negroes were allowed to enter the various fields of endeavor. He was powerful in physique, he always spoke with force, his attitude when speaking was that of the natural-born orator, and his voice was so great that it could be heard with distinctness anywhere and under any conditions; and yet his speeches never jarred the nerves of the most sensitive. In conclusion, Recorder Dancy said that Douglass had a more commanding presence than any other Negro speaker yet produced, and always confined himself to truths that were told in the most forceful manner, and were always understood by even the most ignorant person in his audience. Cyrus Field Adams, president of the Afro-American Press Association, read an excellent paper on "Douglass as a Journalist," describing him as most potential as an editor, as his writings reached millions, while his voice could

only be enjoyed by thousands. Judson W. Lyons, the register of the Treasury, was introduced to present a word picture of "Douglass as a Statesman." He attributed to Douglass the remarkable progress of the colored race in this country and said that had it not been for this great leader the colored man would not have been held as high in the estimation of the people at large. Douglass was above the political methods too frequently practiced to-day. **GOV. PINCHBACK SCORES HEAVILY.** P. B. S. Pinchback, ex-governor of Louisiana, spoke of "Douglass as a Diplomat." He said it is useless to indulge in fulsome description of the man or extravagant praise of his life. There was but one Frederick Douglass, and the whole world knew him, honored him, and loved him. When he joined the silent majority the people of two continents sincerely mourned his death and mingled their tears of sorrow with those of his grief-stricken family. No man either of

A TRIBUTE TO VALOR.

PATRIOTISM BRINGS MEDALS TO BOYS IN BLUE

Substantial Aid to Educational Interests--Signs of Progress in Dixie--Bishop Turner's Tabernacle Leaders at Morris Brown College.

Atlanta Ga., Special:

Our hats off to the black soldier boys in blue, especially to the 10th Calvary, and the 40 the Volunteer regiment. Every reading colored person and all true Americans possessing a heart that responds to patriotism, valor and heroism, by any and all of its citizens were made to rejoice in the name of this great government of ours on reading the distribution of the gold medals awarded by the Army board to the soldier boys for gallantry, valor and heroism displayed on the battlefields of Cuba and the Philippine Islands.

The only medal given for Cuba heroism was to the Sergeant Major of the 10th Calvary. In the Philippine war the old 48th got three.

The colored soldiers at that time comprised about 8 per cent. of the entire land forces, while the prizes awarded they received over 7 per cent. Good! This reminds me of a story that I read some time ago to the effect that a white and a black boy were in the water drowning. A white man seeing the boys about to drown called out to the white boy "to turn the Negro a loose and he, the white man, would save him, the white boy," but the white boy held on to the colored boy, and said: "I will save him if I can or we will both drown together." So the would-be savior folded his arms and walked away. And thus it is with some of the Ben Tillman type. But thanks be to the Great Giver of all good that there are types and shadows of men of McKinley, Lodge, Roosevelt, Hanna, Chas. Emory Smith, Hoke Smith, Cable, Cage, Judge Jones, of Alabama, Ex-Gov. Oates, Cong. Fleming, of Georgia, and others who are willing to save both the white and black boys of our country.

The educational mass-meeting held at Big Bethel church last Sunday afternoon in the interest of Morris Brown College, was a complete success in every particular. The speeches of Hon. Hoke Smith, Dr. Byrd, pastor of the First Church, M. E. South, and Dr. H. H. Proctor, pastor of the First Congregational Church, were masterly efforts. Dr. Proctor's speech was especially so. He is a very ripe scholar and a fine pulpit orator. Hon. Hoke Smith headed the subscription with \$50. Bishop Turner followed with \$25, and Dr. Byrd with \$10. There were other donations of \$10, \$5, and smaller amounts. Rev. Dr. R. D. Stinson, the financial agent was therefore correspondingly happy.