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LIFE HIS TEXT-BOOK.

PRESIDENT DUDLEY TEACHES SOUND PHILOSOPHY.

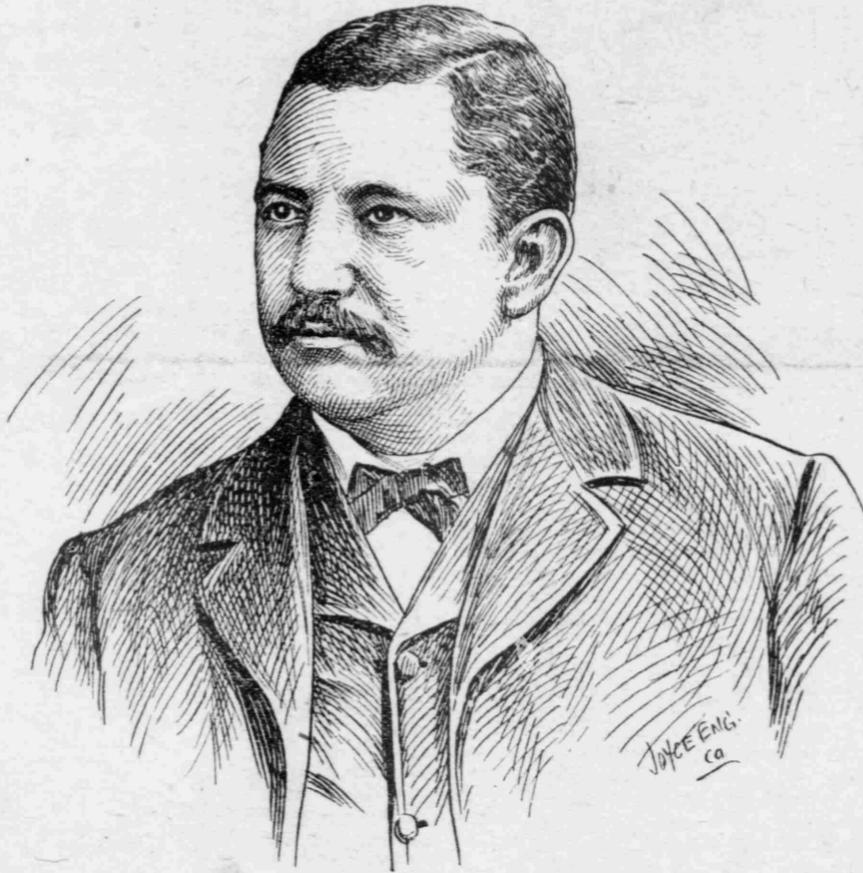
That Education is Best Which Takes Common Sense as its Basis—A Career That Combines Literary Lore with Business Acumen—Accurate in Measuring Resources.

The educators who are laying firm and deep the foundation of racial glory in the Southland are those who see clearly the conditions about them, who think quickly of remedies for existing ills, and act promptly along an intelligently-planned course. They do not fritter away valuable energy by attempting the impossible. They measure their strength and their weaknesses; they consult their environment and its opportunities and decide in accord with the principles laid down in physics—that the greatest amount of power can be adduced from a given dynamo by reducing frictional losses to a minimum, consistent with the purpose in view. Human nature is a peculiar proposition only when under analysis by an unskillful chemist. The student who is able to profit by experience gauges to a nicety the kinetic force of the sentiment with which he must deal; he learns the resisting quality or static force residing within himself and his followers. The resultant of this test, whether the problem be educational, religious or commercial, will set the value of the projector or the project to the community. The law of nature knows no color or creed, and like causes influenced by like conditions will produce identical results.

These everyday principles lay at the root of the education of the Negro in the Southland, and the successful treatment of this lever of progress depends upon the caliber of the men and women actively engaged in the work. A distinguished representative of that happily increasing class of instructors who are handling the subject of education and the material advancement of the Negro as an applied science is Prof. James Benson Dudley. The scene of his splendid efforts is the Greensboro Agricultural and Mechanical College at Greensboro, N. C., a school which stands as primarily for the highest and best in methods and results as does its honored president for the study, character and resourceful elements that go to make a well-rounded Christian gentleman.

He teaches not only from text-books and along the paths of a prepared curriculum, but places before his pupils the great Book of Life and assays from that inexhaustible treasure trove the golden truths that point men to the sacredness of the trust committed to them as "citizens of no mean city;" the duty of man to man; the uselessness of strife that does not ultimately lead to peace; the value of industry, and how to get on

MEN OF THE HOUR.



PROF. JAMES B. DUDLEY,

President A. and M. College, Greensboro, N. C. A Practical Educator Who is Developing a New Negro for a New South.

in the world; the beauty of universal brotherhood; and finally, that education is of no avail if it does not bring common sense and keen perception to bear upon the trials that must be met and conquered. The story of Professor Dudley's life furnishes a cheering example for the youth of today. His success is a text-book in itself, and ought to suggest strongly to his pupils that if he could rise to eminence over a rocky road, how much more secure is their future, with environments far more favorable.

James Benson Dudley was born a slave in Wilmington, N. C., November 3, 189. He was the son of John Bishop and Annie (Hatch) Dudley. His father, a skilled mechanic, was emancipated and given permission to go to the free states, but declined the offer, preferring to remain with his slave wife and son. The son was first sent to private tutors and then to the public schools of his native city, and later to the Institute for Colored Youth at Philadelphia, Pa., and Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

His vacations during his school life were spent in learning carpenter's trade. His first labors as an educator were in the counties of Onslow, Duplin and Sampson, where, because of his superior advantages and acknowledged ability, he held a kind of monopoly, passing at the close of one school to another and then another. He taught in the public schools of his own County, and was principal of Peabody graded school of Wilmington, N. C., from 1883 to 1896. He became president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for the colored race at Greensboro, N. C., in 1896, and has since held this post, giving utmost satisfaction to all concerned.

The degree of A. M. was conferred upon Prof. Dudley in 1898 by Livingston College. He was state organizer for the Chataqua, and editor of the Wilmington Chronicle, and because of his brilliant editorials and other productions of unquestioned merit, became easily one of the literary leaders of the

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THE TRUE REFORMERS.

LEAD THE VAN IN THE NEGRO BUSINESS WORLD.

Marvelous Rise of a Useful Order—Grand Master W. L. Taylor a Worthy Heir to Mantle of Founder Browne—A Magnificent Object Lesson in Industry, Thrift and Economy.

Once a noted financier in Wall street told a British banker that if every Negro business concern in this country were bundled together and dropped into the ocean, there would scarcely be a ripple upon the surface of the commercial sea to mark the event. This was twenty-odd years ago. He could not from his narrow point of view foresee the leavening effect that the schools, colleges and churches would have upon the race just out of bondage. He could not measure the imitative tendency of the discerning Negro, nor did he imagine how far we would realize the necessity for copying the intelligence, enterprise and thrift of our Caucasian contemporaries and how well we could resist the temptations to adopt their vices. He had never heard of William W. Browne, a colored man whose rare organizing genius found concrete expression in 1881 in the formation of a society that should not only "take care of the sick and bury the dead"—as others had been doing for years—but which would enhance the race's opportunities along material lines. This was the

GRAND UNITED ORDER OF TRUE REFORMERS.

And its birthplace was Richmond, Va., where its National headquarters are still located, and from which central trunk the branches and blossoms spread out to every section of the United States.

At the death of Rev. W. W. Browne, in 1897, the order had firmly entrenched itself in the confidence of the people, and its membership was more than 40,000—an organized army of men and women, resolute and enthusiastic in building up the race by the sensible and practical plan of saving money, investing it judiciously, buying real estate and conducting enterprises that will bring rich financial returns to both the race and to the individual.

When Providence ordains the removal of a valuable man from the scene of his activity He never fails to produce an equally strong force to take up the work where the predecessor left off. It frequently happens that a man of certain masterful characteristics is best fitted for the task of laying broad and deep foundations, which when thoroughly settled complete his earthly mission. Another follows him who has within him a peculiar magnetic force and physical energy that combines in one body the rigid pioneer organizer, and the

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