

RANDALL SCHOOL DRAMA.

Some Innovations in The Work of Progressive Teachers A Brilliant Display for Parents Day Mr Lucas Delivers an Able Address

On last Friday afternoon, from 1 to 4 o'clock, Mrs. M. E. Tucker, principal of the Randall School, furnished a magnificent entertainment to the patrons of that building, the exercises consisting chiefly of the efforts of the Eighth Grade pupils whom she, assisted by Miss Guy, had thoroughly trained for their respective parts. The leading attraction was a drama entitled "A Preplexing Situation." The pupils wore costumes and performed their parts in a manner that would do credit to many a veteran on the stage. The front part of the room was petitioned off with bunting and curtains, and presented the appearance of an improvised miniature stage. The other part of the program was:

Song, "Hark! the Herald Angels," School; recitation, "Old English Carol," Geneva Cropp; recitation, "How We Spent Our Christmas," Beatrice Childs; solo, "Holly, Holly, Holly," School; recitation, "Two Little Stockings," Mary Baker; "The Christmas Appeal," Blanche Cropp; song, "Christmas Carol," School; recitation, "The Christmas Tree," Carrie Nickens; recitation, "Boy Wanted," Arthur Cole; song, "Holy Ghost With Light Divine," School; recitation, "Jingle Bells," Mamie Carroll; solo, "A Dream of Paradise," Adelaide Dodson; recitation, "The Earth Has Grown Old," Blanche Slaughter; recitation, "The Country Spelling Bee," Homezuela Crockson; song, "Still With Thee," recitation, "That Christmas on the Old Plantation," Lillie Robinson; recitation, "Over the Hills o the Poor House," Adelaide Dodson; duet, "The Swing," Mamie Carroll and Sarah Simpson; recitation, "Annie's and Willie's Prayer," Walter Jackson; song, "Peaceful Slumbering," School; recitation, "Come Here Lias," Douglas Carter.

Dr. Childs, Revs. Howard and Nixon, and Professors Richards and Lucas gave short addresses.

M. GRANT LUCAS ADDRESS.

I want to congratulate you parents upon being here to show your interest in the education of your children. I want, also, to compliment Mrs. Tucker upon her magnificent entertainment and drama entitled "Perplexing Situation." I, here in your presence, pledge myself to do all that I can for the success of this building, as I have always done in the past, and I invoke you ladies and gentlemen as well as the teachers to do likewise. But above all, I want to speak an encouraging word for the children who attend this building. Of all the different buildings in which I have been, I have never seen a more persevering set of children. They do splendid work in the industrial classes. They are capable and apt in their lessons, and as to their behavior and moral natures, they come up to the children of any other section of this city. These three essentials stand for the future progress and success of our people. And I here submit that we must have the threefold education, intellectual, industrial, and moral. No matter how hard we may sing the thrilling cry of freedom the chains will still be clanking about us until we have disciplined our minds to think, our hands to work, and our hearts to feel.

About two years ago our teachers, assisted by the entire community, conferred upon a white teacher in our corps a fitting, substantial, and graceful testimonial of their esteem for her long years of service among us. About two weeks ago the leading men of our country did a similar thing for one of the greatest and grandest men that ever lived—Justice Harlan—for his twenty-five years of service on the Supreme Bench. Ladies and gentlemen, while lavishing your praises upon the teachers of this building, you should not forget Miss Saunders, whose long years of faithful service in the schools down here, covering more than a quarter of a century, are richly deserving of our esteem. If you should ask me for one who has

been thoroughly tried in the fire of self-sacrifice and devotion, for one whose example has for many years been an object lesson of inspiration to our boys and girls—an example which is still teaching them how to conquer ignorance by study, and to disarm prejudices by calm reason. I should answer by pointing to Miss Hattie Ann Saunders, who has been laboring for the good of our people down here in South Washington for over thirty-six years. She has been toiling in the cause down here ever since before I was born. Do not keep the alabaster box of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are gone. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them. Give credit where credit is due, and don't forget Miss Saunders.

The National Negro Academy

The National Negro Academy opens its sixth annual session Monday at 10 a. m. in Lincoln Memorial Temple,



PROF. W. E. B. DUBOIS.

lith and R streets, continuing until Tuesday evening. Prof. W. E. B. Dubois will preside. An attractive program is offered embracing papers by Revs. T. G. Harper Cry, Oristratukeh Fadinna, Matthew Anderson, Bishop A. Walters, Chaplain T. G. Steward Prof. W. H. Ferris, and Bishop B. T.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

The fortieth anniversary of the issuance of the proclamation of President Lincoln's emancipating 4,000,000 slaves in the United States will be celebrated in fitting style next Thursday evening in the main auditorium of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, commencing at 8 o'clock sharp. The several phases of race progress since the birth of freedom will be discussed by speakers especially selected by reason of their familiarity with the history of the epoch with which their activities are or have been chiefly identified. The list comprises ex-Governor P. B. S. Pinchback, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Hon. G. H. White, Rev. L. C. Sheafe, Major C. R. Douglass, Mr. Armond W. Scott, and Prof. Kelly Miller. Education, religion, politics, military achievements, woman's influence, and the outlook for the future will all have a hearing through the medium of the best authorities available. The people of Washington should turn out en masse next Thursday evening and celebrate our natal day as becomes dignified and intelligent citizens of a great republic. No admission fee will be charged.

WILL RECEIVE NEW YEARS.

Mrs. Rosa Mahoney, president of the Mysterious Pleasure Club, will receive Jan. 1st at her residence, 1839 K street, from 9 to 12 p. m., assisted by Mrs. Ida Coles, Mrs. M. Whitley, Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. M. Rawlings, Misses Susie Pondexter A. Douglas, H. Carter, A. Nelson, M. Thompson, Mildred Anderson and Jamie Smith.

THE NIGHT SCHOOLS OPEN.

M street High School was crowded on Friday evening of last week with citizens interested in the exercises attending the opening of the colored night schools of the District. Addresses were made by Judge R. H. Terrell, Mr. J. F. Bundy, and Prof. Royenond Riordan, and musical numbers were rendered by Prof. John T. Layton, Mrs. Maggie Wilson Smoot, Miss Helen Bell and Miss Hattie Ross.

One of the features of the event was a spelling match, in which five students from each of three schools participated. The schools represented were Cook, Randall and Stevens. The winner of the spelling batch was Mr. Cook, from the Cook school, and he was presented with a beautiful banner by Dr. Montgomery. The banner will remain at the Cook school until another spelling contest decides otherwise.

Prof. F. L. Cardozo, Jr., is the very capable and painstaking director of the night schools, and he has an efficient corps of assistants.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. LUKE'S.

Christmas tide is being celebrated in especially fine style by St. Luke's A. E. church. Special services were held Thursday (Christmas day.) Holy communion was administered, and Rev. O. M. Waller preached a sermon upon the significance of the festal occasion.

Tomorrow at 5 p. m. the choir will render a service of sacred song. The program has been carefully arranged by Director James T. Walker, and includes as soloists Misses Helen E. Bell, Marie C. James, Nettie Murray, M. Evena Weeden, and Emily A. Harper, Messrs W. H. Fossett, W. H. Carter, L. M. Goodman and W. A. Goodrich. Two features worthy of especial note will be the quartet and octet numbers, for which great preparation has been made. The exercises begin promptly at 5 p. m.

THE DEANWOOD POSTOFFICE.

Deanwood, D. C., Special.—The citizens of Deanwood, Burrville and the upper part of Prince George's county, Md., having learned through the newspaper of the discontinuance of their post office, situated on Sheriff Road, Deanwood, D. C., have become very much dissatisfied and are seeking, if possible to have the postmaster of the city of Washington, D. C., to establish a sub-station at the same place for their convenience. Owing to the typography of this section of the District, it will not be convenient for them to get their mail from Bennings or by carrier with as much dispatch as they now get it. It is claimed that under the present postmaster Mr. Eugene T. Broadus, that a high-class service has been rendered and he has given perfect satisfaction to all. Mr. Broadus fitted up a splendid post office at a cost of about fifty dollars, in his new building. The first effort in the form of a petition has been drawn up and signed by over a hundred citizens and patrons of the office, representing a property valuation of about two hundred thousand dollars. The petition was drawn up by the Rev. R. W. Lowrie and among the signers are the Rev's. R. W. Lowrie, R. L. Daniels, A. C. Washington, Timothy Keane, Messrs. John W. Gregory, Wm. E. Coates, Wm. Saunders, Jesse Bumbry, M. E. Lowrie, John R. Colvin, J. P. Phelps and others. It is also desired by the petitioners that Mr. Eugene T. Broadus be retained as post master of Deanwood, for both his efficiency of service and the expense he has so recently gone to for the public good.

THE STREET CAR BUG-BEAR.

Some rigid measures should be taken in reference to the street car service of the electric line running on G and North Capitol streets, known as the Brooklyn line. Without a doubt, in my mind, it is the poorest car service in the city of Washington. The idea of office people and business men being compelled to wait for a car on a corner fifteen minutes on a cold and disagreeable day in a populous sec-

HALF OUR ILLS ARE CATARRH.

[Letters From Two Prominent Men.]



CONGRESSMAN DUNGAN.

Congressman Irvine Dungan of Jackson, O., elected to the Fifty-second Congress as a Democrat, in a recent letter from Washington, D. C., says:

"I desire to join with my many friends in recommending your invaluable remedy, Peruna, to anyone in need of an invigorating tonic, and whose system is run down by catarrhal troubles. Peruna is a permanent and effective cure for catarrh and I would advise all who are afflicted with this disease to try this remarkable remedy."—Irvine Dungan.

Everybody is subject to catarrh. Peruna cures catarrh, acute or chronic, wherever located.

Hon. Thomas Gahan of Chicago, member of the National Committee of the Democratic party, writes as follows:

"I was afflicted with catarrh for fourteen years and though I tried many remedies and applied to several doctors I was not able to find a cure. I took Peruna for twenty-two weeks and am now entirely cured."—Thomas Gahan.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be glad to give you his valuable advice free.

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tion of the city. It is an outrage on the generosity of a long-suffering public; there is absolutely no reason or excuse for not giving better and quicker service, for any ten-year-old child could easily compute the income and output of such a road. Cars run every five minutes would be accepted with one accord by all and would be more extensively patronized in proportion—many persons now walking to office and business, while yet others take cars going a round about way rather than put up with the inconveniences and hardships that a ride means on the Brookland line. If it were possible to induce our great law-making body—Congress—to ride out to Brooklyn any evening or into the city any morning we would have a law passed inside of twenty-four hours calling for an entirely different situation. Every man, woman and child that pays car fare is entitled to a seat and every car company in the land should be compelled to furnish the same or be fined or deprived of their franchise. In Germany, so I am informed, the street cars are not allowed to carry one person more than there is seats; so so do means a fine imposed by the Government, and the effects are undoubtedly very satisfactory. This article is ont written as a personal grievance alone but is voiced by the entire long-suffering street-car-riding public.

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Mr. Fred Douglass Morton, of Macon City, Miss., is taking a course at Howard. He is captain of the baseball team for the coming season, and is organizing a "crack" aggregation for the diamond.