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NEWS IN GOTHAM

BRUCE GRIT DISCUSSES THE QUESTION OF BLOOD

And Defines the Term "Old Citizen"—The South Carolina Embroglio and the Tillmans—The Yankees a Wise and Sturdy People—Current Topics Discussed.

I read your article on "Interlopers" in a recent issue of the American, and I rather enjoyed your cutting and pointed remarks. The interlopers have made Washington what it is. The old citizen element, black and white, have always been afflicted with mental and physical inertia, and the "I am holier than thou" fever.

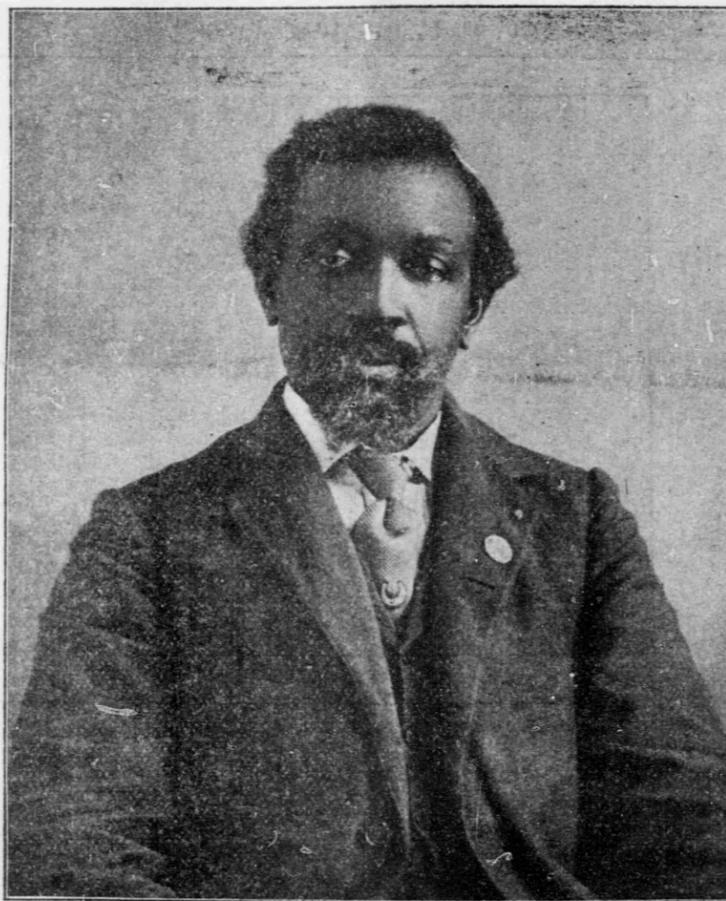
Boss Shepard who found Washington a mud hole and transformed it into the magnificent residence city it now is, was an interloper from Maryland.

One can count on the fingers of their hand all the Negroes indigenous to the soil who have risen above mediocrity in the District of Columbia in the past eighty years. And I am not quite so certain that all of them were native sons—so-called—but what matters it where a man was born so long as he is a man? The sons of New York, the sons of North Carolina, the native Washingtonian, and the native this, that and the other, who rise up and proclaim themselves to be of superior dust are after all only Negroes, and black and tans whose destiny is indissolubly linked to that of the great mass of black and colored humanity.

The New York Times, of Jan. 24, commenting on the opposition to Dr. Crum, observes: "As Charleston reverences white blood so much, why does it make no more account than it does of the fact that seven-eighths of the blood which flows through the veins of Dr. Crum is white and only one eighth black?" It assumes, "that the larger faction on general principle ought to conquer the smaller without any trouble at all and save the man from being called a "nigger" even by Senator Tillman." It asks, "To which part of his composition are Dr. Crum's admitted virtues credited by his opponents?" Then it adroitly asseverates "that experience does teach that however that even a small trace of black blood produced very marked effects," and concludes, "that perhaps the would-be collector is more of a Negro than a white man."

If the Negroes of Charleston still keep up the assinine practice of drawing the color line among themselves, the editorial from which I have quoted fixes their status so far as

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white men are concerned and no matter how great their Caucasian reinforcement, they are still "niggers." All the exclusives among us should photograph this thought on their memories. The educated or cultured Negro or colored man, who thinks he can break away from the Negro race and goes into the white race has got to be a great liar or so white as to absolutely defy detection. The Southern white man knows where to look for the tell tale marks on his Negro relative, and he generally finds them when he tries.

The New York Sun, which seems to be opposed to the President on account of his attitude towards the trusts and his friendship for the Negro, never loses an opportunity these days to give the administration a polite jab, and at the same time to call attention, indirectly of our enemies, to any courtesies shown to Negroes by the President. To-day's Sun, Jan. 24, contains nearly a column article under the caption, "Negroes at the White House," being an account of the

presence at a recent reception there of ex-Recorder Cheatham and some other misguided colored people, who doubtless believed that their presence at this reception would help in the solution of the problem. Opinions differ as to the wisdom of the action of these colored people. They had the undoubted right to attend the President's reception, but St. Paul somewhere says:

"All things lawful are not expedient." The insulting comments, particularly those made by that foul mouthed blackguard, Ben Tillman, uncle of the assassin James H. Tillman, who in cold blood shot down Editor Gonzale, and of other "indignant and outraged Southern Gentlemen," some of whom doubtless have children by black women—were significant as showing the trend of white public sentiment in the section of the South represented by the men who gave voice to their thinkings, and the deep and bitter hatred felt for the Negro.

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AN ELOQUENT DIVINE

A PRINCE IN THE MASTER'S VINYARD.

Rev. C. S. Brown President of the Lott Carey Home and Foreign Convention of the United States—A Model Husband. Father and Pastor of Five Churches His Career.

Dr. Brown has been President of this convention from the beginning of the organization and its remarkable growth has been largely due to his ability as presiding officer. He is one of the ablest men in the denomination and has rare powers of leadership.

It has always been his desire that the convention should not be restricted to a district, nor even to a foreign field, but not until the last session did the body fully agree with him in this matter. At the last session the body so changed its scope and territory as to cover the whole country and take up both Home and Foreign Mission work. We give our readers a short sketch of his life in order that they may see what manner of man is at the head of this convention. He has had success in everything he has undertaken, and we are sure that he will be equally successful in the work of the Lott Carey.

As President of the West Roanoke Association.

The magical influence of Dr. Brown as a real leader is remarkably demonstrated in the wonderful results achieved by the West Roanoke Association of which he is President. From an insignificant body of Baptist Churches, collecting with difficulty less than a hundred dollars a year, in five years, under his leadership, these churches have so developed that during the fiscal year, which closed October 3, 1902, collected the handsome sum of three thousand, one hundred and fifty-nine dollars.

Within the territory of this Association are these excellent Baptist Academies—Walters Institute, Bertie Academy, and Rich Square. Dr. Brown pleads with untiring earnestness for the support of all these schools, and the people are led to give in a manner that is simply remarkable. But few men are fortunate enough to draw about themselves such devoted and such confiding followers and supporters as Dr. Brown has done; and those who know Dr. Brown best know that the people have been drawn by merit alone.

Dr. Brown and His Family.
To visit the home of the gentleman of whom we write is an inspiration to anyone, and one soon discerns the characteristics and influences that act so effectively to place him forward as a progressive leader. He has a modest, comfortable home of twelve rooms,

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