

NEGRO A GREAT AID.

Andrew Carnegie Says He Helps to Make America Powerful.

New York, Dec. 17.—At a meeting here of the Armstrong Association Andrew Carnegie surprised his hearers by asserting that he believed Great Britain would surely some day lose South Africa. He said:

"It is about as certain as we are living that Great Britain will lose South Africa, because the Dutch population there is increasing, while the British are not. The Kaffirs won't work. What would Great Britain give for nine million negroes as peaceable and as lovable as those in this country? These men give us about eleven million bales of cotton every year, and this, I contend, helps make the United States the most powerful nation in the world. Suppose a fleet of British warships should attack us. The President, as commander-in-chief of the army and navy, need only raise his hand and say stop ex—would be won. What a happy country this is to have the negro.

"My knowledge of the question leads me to the opinion that no political question ever has or ever will benefit the Negro. The Hampton Institute shows the only useful solution. The association, named after General S. C. Armstrong, founder of Hampton Institute, carried on the work in behalf of the Negro which General Armstrong began.

TO OUR DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS.

We have on our mailing books, a large number of names of persons who are considerably behind in their subscription to this paper, and who have been notified a great number of times, but who seem to pay no attention to these mild duns. Beginning with the New Year we hope that every subscriber will make an effort to pay up what is due on the paper, so that with the New Year we can get out a better paper improved in every way. This doesn't mean the other fellow, but it means you. Who will be the first to start the ball rolling.

WILL RECEIVE NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Mr. and Mrs. Diuguid announce a grand reception Friday evening, January 1, at 1703 K street, N. W., from 8:30 to 11 p. m. The occasion will be the celebration of his 25th anniversary with Mr. and Mrs. Glover.

Mr. B. H. Thompson of 324 M street, S. W., is spending his Christmas holidays with his parents, Richard and Eliza Thompson, of Profits, Va., near Charlottesville.

CONVENTION HALL NEW YEAR'S NIGHT.

The La Toscas on the boards at Convention Hall New Year's evening, and offer a most interesting program. It has been thoroughly advertised and a large attendance is expected. The exercises proper begins at 8 o'clock.

The Ladies of the Violet Social Club will hold a reception New Year's Day at 2015 M street, N. W., from 6 to 10 p. m. Officers are Miss Kate Green, President; Mrs. Susie Ellis, Sec.; Miss Emma Finney, Treas.; members are Misses Annie Jackson, Ocea Parker, Alice Lewis, Della Randall, Lulu McGuire, Carrie Gross, Mary Peaks and Mesdames Rebecca Coleman and Lucy Williams.

Mr. Richard Wells, of 1633 O street, N. W., will be at home January 1, from 9 to 11 p. m. This being Leap Year ladies are especially invited. Mr. Wells will be assisted by Mr. Charles Brown.

THE TAILORS AND DRESSMAKERS ASSOCIATION.

The Tailors and Dressmakers Association of Washington City, gave a grand reception and a twenty thousand dollar exhibit at the True Reformers Hall, cor. 12th and U Sts., N. W., Monday evening, Dec. 28th. A most interesting program has been arranged and the cuisine will be all that an epicure could wish. The Invincible orchestra will furnish the music during the reception, which will continue from 8 p. m., to 2 a. m. The officers of this popular and much needed association are Mr. R. Ross Burt, President, Mrs. L. R. Clark, V. President, Miss Glennie Parker, Sec'y, Mr. Bennett B. Slade, Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Annie L. Terrell, Treas., Mr. R. E. Burke, Chaplain.

LAWYER MOSS IN THE TOILS.

Lawyer John Moss, well known around the Police Court in this city, was arrested for contempt of court last week, and fined by Judge Wright \$25 and sentenced to jail for ten days. It seems that Lawyer Moss addressed a passing jury in the hands of the U. S. Marshall saying, "Not guilty." He regarded the incident as a joke, but Judge Wright did not see it in this way, hence the fine. His friends rallied to his support and raised the money to pay the fine, but could not get the jail sentence removed. He was released on bail last Monday.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Menard, wife of the late Congressman, J. Willis Menard, and mother of Mr. J. Willis Menard, Jr., the well known newspaper correspondent, died Monday night, December 21st, at her residence 333 Spruce St. She was a woman of great force of character, was a loving wife and a true and tender mother.

The Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers

Is the leading Colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January, 1881, by William W. Browne, and chartered in April, 1883, under the laws of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female, and consists of all persons of good health from 14 to 60 years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, and pays death benefits from \$24.50 to \$1000.

BENEFITS PAID—Total benefits paid to date: Sick dues, \$1,500,000; death benefits, \$714,378.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS—A Fountain may be organized consisting of 20 or more persons not over 50 years of age paying a joining fee of from \$4.60 to \$5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than 35 cents in rural districts and not less than 50 cents per month in towns and cities, and a semi-annual tax of 40 cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, while death benefits range from \$75 to \$125. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS—For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may form a Rosebud, upon the payment of \$1 each. This department, like the Senior Fountain, pays sick benefits from \$1 to twenty-five cents per week, and death benefits from \$24.50 to \$37. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

CLASSES—Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain Department, take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual Benefit Degree. The members of this degree are divided into Circles, and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

Class "B"						Class "E"					
Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate after one year.	Value of Certificate before one year.	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues	Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate after one year.	Value of Certificate before one year.	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 25	\$2.50	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$1.75	\$1.20	14 to 25	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$9.50	\$2.34
25 to 30	2.75	250.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	25 to 30	5.25	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.34
30 to 35	3.00	300.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	30 to 35	5.50	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.34
35 to 40	3.25	350.00	100.00	5.70	1.43	35 to 40	5.75	500.00	250.00	10.40	2.60
40 to 45	3.50	400.00	70.00	5.70	1.43	40 to 45	6.00	450.00	225.00	10.40	2.60
45 to 50	3.75	450.00	58.00	6.65	1.66	45 to 50	6.25	400.00	200.00	11.40	2.85
50 to 55	4.00	500.00	45.00	6.65	1.66	50 to 55	6.50	350.00	175.00	11.40	2.85
55 to 60	4.25	550.00	33.00	7.60	1.90						

Class "M"

Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate	Annual dues	Quarterly dues
14 to 30	\$1.00	\$100.00	\$21.90	\$5.25
30 to 35	12.00	10.00	23.00	5.50
35 to 40	12.00	905.00	23.00	5.75
40 to 45	13.00	800.00	24.00	6.00
45 to 50	13.00	700.00	25.00	6.25

REGALIA—The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost will be in the easy reach of all, costing from 10 cents to \$3. The same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK—In March, 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia a charter to the Savings Bank

of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, capital stock \$100,000. The bank commenced business April 3, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000. From the humble sum of \$1,268.69, deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889 the deposits have grown to \$350,358, and the volume of business transacted amounts to \$6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented, while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne, an ex-slave of Hammersham, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 North Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT—The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of \$220,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 13 magnificent buildings used as halls, 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and three farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it. This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, chief of real estate and attorney for the association, office at 608 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMERS MERCANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION—Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December, 1899, with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail), buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and do general business. The association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth Street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodations for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager, and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3d, 1900. It employs a force of 18 men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did \$50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since, and have been equally as prosperous. The general manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT—Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is \$1 per year, or 50 cents per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print any thing from a visiting card to a poster 42 by 22 inches. Fine job work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is editor and business manager, office 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME—In September, 1893, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of old and decrepit members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634½ acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James," has been purchased, at a cost of \$14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm, and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electric Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the cooperation of all charitable friends is prayerfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequests of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Home, offices at 608 North Second Street, Richmond, Va.

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