

THESPIANS IN DIXIE.

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The entertainment which opened at Church's Auditorium the latter part of November under the auspices of "The Rabbit Foot Comedy Company" the only Company in the world whose sole owner and manager is a Negro, was grand and creditable. Much credit is due Mr. Pat Chapelle for undertaking a task so difficult, as well as having his company under such excellent control. Promptly at 8.35 the curtain were raised and the audience of 1,200 or more were made to forget all earthly cares by laughing most heartily for nearly four hours. Not the least possible hitch from beginning to end was detected. Each one knew his part well. It is interesting to meet Mr. Chapelle; in conversation he is slow and positive. In appearance he is a dark brown skinned man and could easily pass for a twin brother to our own Chas. W. Mosby, who is now finishing his law course at Walden University. As they both are residents of Jacksonville, Fla.,



MME. SISSIERETTA JONES.
(Black Patti.)

your correspondent asked Mr. Chapelle many questions about Mr. Wetmore, whose speech has endeared him to readers of The Colored American everywhere. After talking with a man who had been a schoolmate of the most manly leader the race has yet produced, your correspondent was not surprised that he had the manhood to stand up in the face of his enemies and pour out the feelings of a noble heart and mind, as he did in the meeting of the City Council of his home city.

This company is composed of forty persons, each being artists in their different ways. Happy Howe is a natural born comedian and could not be otherwise, even at his own funeral. While talking to some gentlemen in his park, Mr. Church's name was called by a member in the crowd just as a man was passing who had every appearance of a man just from some way-down plantation in Mississippi. Hearing Mr. Church's name called, the farmer suddenly stopped, looked the men intently in the face, then at Mr. Church, engaged in the following conversation. Farmer: "Lawdy me, is dat Mr. Church?" Mr. Church, showing signs of embarrassment at such surprise being shown at his appearance, turned and walked away. Farmer: "Lawdy, how he has changed." At this Mr. Church turned and walked close to the farmer, as if to let him get a better view of him, asking at the same time, how long it had been since they last met? Farmer: "O, man, long time ago." Mr. Church: "What year?"

The former, (as if in deep study,) "1903." The crowd, including Mr. Church, laughed most heartily; no one, however, knew that they had been joked by a member of the company, who proved a hogshead of jokes personified. Messrs. Will Goff, Kennedy and Billy Bradley, were especially good and were vociferously applauded. Mr. Ike Williams, the tenor, has excellent control of his voice and he must be heard to be appreciated. Misses Iva Harris, Grace Jackson, Lizzie Roberts, Eva Leach, Ada Jones and Miss Mazie Wilham are the actresses with the company. Each one did her part well as did every member of the company.

The specialties introduced in act two in which Messrs Brooks, Williams, Miss Leach and Happy Howe took part, were very good. The cake walk in which the entire company engaged surpassed anything ever witnessed here of its kind. This is a good show and should be encouraged to continue its well begun work. While the company had a good audience, it is safe to say, had it advertised to a better advantage, the auditorium would have been crowded to its utmost capacity at each performance. A great many readers of The Colored American, in Memphis, did not know the show was in the city, till it had left; still others will not know it until they read this article. All who saw this three (3) act comedy company with its bright costumes are hoping to see it again.

BROM BONES.

CITY PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. J. H. Hudnell, the enterprising diamond merchant with Castleberg and Company, was in Baltimore last Sunday.

Miss Mattie Carter, of New York City, is spending a few days in this city, the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. Austin Betts, who has spent the last few years in Buffalo, N. Y., is in the city.

Miss Mary E. Watts, a writer of considerable ability, from Columbus, O., is stopping in the city, the guest of Mrs. Thomas Kendrick of R Street.

Miss Fredericka D. Sprague and Miss Mary E. Grimshaw, both of Washington, D. C., are now teaching in Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo. They are pleased with their work.

Mr. Philip Brown, the popular chef running on the Southern from this city to Atlanta, Ga., was in town this week on his lay off, shaking hands with his many friends.

At the Crispus Attucks entertainment at Convention Hall last Friday night, Mr. Raymond Lucas and Miss Loretta Lucas led the Grand March. They attracted much attention by their excellent dancing.

Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, the brilliant lawyer and eloquent orator will speak on "An Eternity Theme," at Second Baptist Lyceum, Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3.30 P. M.

"Gen'l." Henry Forrest, of the Congressional Limited, was a visitor to our sanctum this week. The "Gen'l." has a host of friends who are always

glad to see him and shake his generous hand.]

Mr. Prince Brooks, brother of Rev. Walter H. Brooks, died last week, at his home in Richmond, Va., and was buried there last Sunday.

Mr. T. J. Calloway, who had charge of the Negro exhibition at the World's Fair, Paris, France, some years ago is still connected with the government service, but is taking a course at the Howard Law School.

Rev. Wm. J. Howard has returned from his trip South. He visited Charleston, S. C., during his sojourn and was one of the principal speakers at the Annual Celebration of the Jenkins Orphanage.

Mr. S. W. Stark, State Librarian of West Virginia, and Mr. Hazlewood, a prominent business man and treasurer of the Charleston Advocate Publishing Company were in the city this week. They called at The Colored American office, on Register J. W. Lyons, and met many prominent people while here.

Miss Annie Guy, proprietor of a popular south side restaurant at 231 4 1-2 Street, S. W., celebrated her steenth anniversary last Tuesday evening and many of her friends took advantage of the anniversary celebration to visit her with much joy. Miss Guy did not forget her friends and served them with a toothsome repast consisting of turkey opossum and in fact all of the delicacies of the season.

Professor George P. Baker, of Harvard University, has written Professor Booker T. Washington for his permission to use his Atlanta Exposition address in a volume of selections which is being prepared for Harvard University students. In writing Mr. Washington, Professor Baker says: "I want to use it with Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, in one division of the 'Forms of Address.'"

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