

## AN ENTERPRISING FIRM.

Messrs. E. R. James & Bro., Undertakers, 1826 L street northwest are up to date in their funeral arrangements. They both learned their profession under their uncle, the late McKenzie Scott, to whom they were devoted; Mr. E. R. James being his foreman for five years until his death. He then conducted the business for his widow for two years, after which he started in business with his brother, Mr. J. Arthur James, at Mr. Scott's establishment, where they are at present located. Any one who has transacted business with the late McKenzie Scott will never forget the kind attention tendered them by Mr. James. Both brothers are well known about Washington as clean, sober, refined business men. Their establishment is a credit to the colored people, being fitted up so homelike that one forgets the saddening gloom of death when entering. They have a spacious funeral parlor for private funerals with a lady attendant to care for deceased women. Their office is a marvel of beauty, being fitted up to date. On the wall hangs a life-size portrait in oil of the late McKenzie Scott. Their equipment is superb. Mr. James holds diplomas from the Renouard and Massachusetts Colleges of Embalming and Funeral Directing.

## MUSKOGEE I. T. NOTES.

Prof. J. F. Lewis and friends, of Mississippi are residents of Muskogee. The colored people, after drilling 1,000 feet, have struck oil of fine quality, which produces several barrels of oil per hour. The Negroes of the territory will see to it that the red necks do not lynch any colored citizens here, they are backed up by Uncle Sam and their Winchesters. It will not do for the lynch crowd students to study lynchology here.

## BIG BETHEL ENTERTAINS

The Baltimore Conference in Great Style.—Notes.

The Baltimore Annual Conference just closed, has had a most interesting, instructive, beneficial session. From the reports most of the churches are in a flourishing condition. The year in the district has been a most active one. Metropolitan sent in the very best report ever given from the church. We feel justly proud of our work along all lines and the success we have had will serve as an impetus for even better things. The church owes much to the efforts of the W. M. M. S. of which Mrs. N. P. Scott is president.

Prof. Kealing, the editor of the A. M. E. Church Review, delivered a most able address on Education.

He possesses the faculty that is so often lacking in public speakers, of making apt illustrations that so clearly demonstrate a truth that the veriest child can understand it. We will be glad to welcome Professor Kealing again, for he has made for himself many admirers in that one address.

Rev. John Beckett made very practical suggestions to the conference of how they can help the missions. His plans are simple, and we believe will be beneficial.

Mrs. Ruth Murray Collett attended the conference as the agent of the Publishing House, and in her own winning way advertised the many good books on sale. Mrs. Collett has traveled extensively during these four years as the agent of the Publishing House, and we believe no more enthusiastic, or earnest worker can be found.

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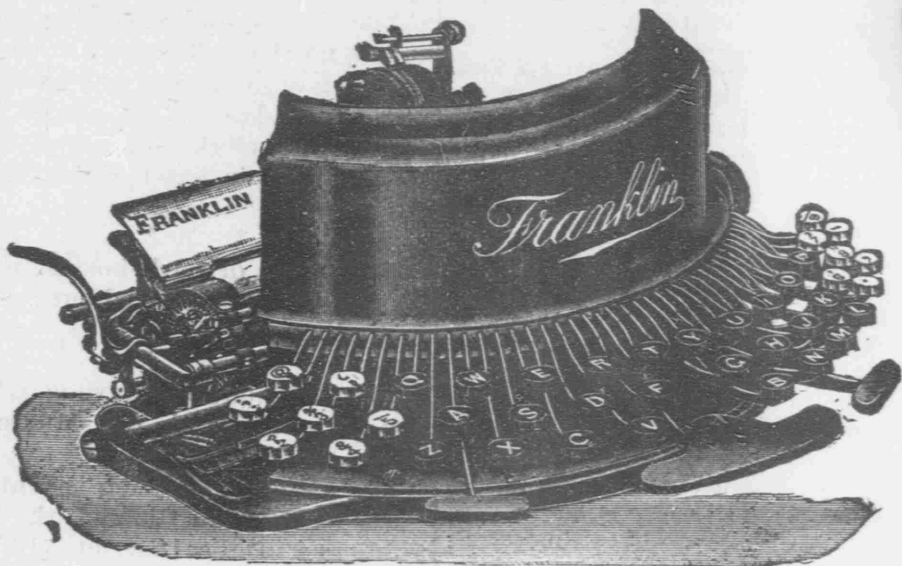
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scribers. All letters should be addressed to Edward E. Cooper, Manager of the Colored American, Washington, D. C.

A jolly crowd of half a hundred had a most enjoyable time at a dance given last Thursday night, in one of the smaller halls of The True Reformers' Bldg., by Mr. Jas. Sewall, in honor of Miss Mabel Stevenson, of Pittsburg, Pa., who is visiting her uncle, Mr. Harry Stevenson, of 1612 Eleventh street northwest.

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