

## WORK OF UPLIFT AMONG BAPTISTS

Prosperous Year For New York  
State Convention.

### FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM.

Seventeenth Annual Meeting of State Organization Held at the Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn Attended by Well Known Educators and Ministers—Dr. Timms Re-elected.

By N. BARNETT DODSON.  
Brooklyn.—The seventeenth annual meeting of the colored Baptist state convention of New York was held in the Bethany Baptist church, this city, Rev. Dr. Holland Powell pastor, from Thursday, Oct. 31, to Monday, Nov. 4. The sessions were presided over by the president, Rev. S. W. Timms, pastor of the Holy Trinity Baptist church.

The opening of the convention was preceded by a meeting of the board of managers and devotional services, conducted by the Revs. J. H. Dillard and N. B. Johnson according to program. After the appointment of the principal committees President Timms delivered his annual address, in which he covered in minute detail every phase of the work. The reports from the various boards were all very encouraging; also those from the Sunday school and missionary workers.

The annual sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. R. J. Brown. The Rev. Granville Hunt in his annual report as treasurer showed receipts amounting to \$955.03 and expenditures amounting to \$915.01. The educational address was delivered by Professor R. C. Woods, president of Virginia seminary and college, Lynchburg, Va. President Woods says the school was never in better working condition than at the present time. The students are industrious and are making good in their studies. The college is, however, in need of funds with which to carry out the work already planned for the present term.

The address of welcome on behalf of the various churches was made by Mrs. Sarah A. Crawley of the Bethany



REV. DR. N. S. EPPS.

Baptist church. Borough President Alfred E. Steers welcomed the convention on behalf of the board of aldermen, and his honor Mayor William J. Gaynor extended the welcome on behalf of the city. The response to these addresses was made by the Rev. T. J. King, corresponding secretary of the convention.

The educational sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. William Maurice Moss, pastor of the Concord Baptist church. Dr. Moss made a strong plea for better use of present opportunities in order to lay a broad foundation for future advancement. "The Organic Union of the Baptist" was the subject assigned to the Rev. W. W. Brown of Pittsburgh. Dr. Brown is one of the most influential Baptist preachers in his section of the state and always has a cheering message to deliver.

The "doctrinal" sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Arthur Booker of New York city. Dr. Booker's sermon showed careful preparation and also showed that the speaker possessed accurate knowledge of those great principles for which the Baptist church stands.

The convention had the good fortune of having as one of the speakers at the closing session the Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, LL. D., of Washington. Dr. Johnson is president of the New England Baptist Missionary convention and also the Afro-American Correspondence school, located in the District of Columbia. The subject of Dr. Johnson's discourse was, "The Field and Future of the Baptist Work." The speaker was optimistic as to the successful achievements possible for the denomination.

The annual election of officers, which caused quite an animated discussion, resulted as follows: President, Rev. S. W. Timms, Brooklyn; vice president, Revs. Holland Powell and G. S. Fairness of Brooklyn and Poughkeepsie respectively; recording secretary, Rev. N. S. Epps, pastor of the Mercy Street Baptist church, New York, and editor of the Baptist Herald; corresponding secretary, Rev. T. J. King of New York; assistant secretary, Rev. W. H. Clark of New Rochelle, N. Y.; and treasurer, Rev. Granville Hunt.

### DR. VASS' WORK APPROVED.

Scholarly and Industrious Bible Lecturer as Race Benefactor.

Appreciation for the work which the Rev. Dr. S. N. Vass is doing for the race through the American Baptist Publication Society as a Biblical lecturer is increasing. This is as it should be. As the race advances in intellectuality and culture the more clearly it sees the necessity of giving proper encouragement to the men and women who are doing the real constructive work for racial betterment.

Besides the many expressions of approval from pastors, Sunday school superintendents, Y. M. C. A. secretaries, educators, missionaries, newspaper editors and college presidents of Dr. Vass' work, the leading religious organizations the country over have felt the benefit of Dr. Vass' lectures as given by him in churches without regards to denominational affiliation.

The following from the Rev. Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, leader of the young people's work of the national Baptist convention, is worthy of note. Dr. Isaac says: "We are largely indebted to the American Baptist Publication Society for the labors of Dr. S. N. Vass during the time he has been with us holding 'Bible institutes among the young people of our churches. His service among us has created a love for Bible study in many of the young people whom we could not reach."

Without any attempt at flattery we feel that simple justice to the man makes it incumbent upon us to say that Dr. Vass has a most thorough knowledge of the Bible and is one of the most competent teachers of Holy Writ that there are among our people. His methods are unique and at the same time comprehensive. Wherever he has delivered lectures he has left the people who listened to them hungering and thirsting for Bible knowledge.

If the society did no other work among the colored people than sustain Dr. Vass for this exceptional character of Bible work that he is doing it would do enough in this particular to wed the colored people to it and inspire them to labor and pray for its success. We have had frank acknowledgments from some of them and expressions of gratitude from others. The most valuable missionary work that is being done among the colored people today, as we see it, is this promotion of Bible study as a result of the work that Dr. Vass is doing.

The race feels grateful to the society for his services, and, in addition to the making of an open door for him in all sections of the country and the extension of loyal welcome to him, it is giving him the best and richest commendation and the most unswerving support.

### THRIFTY WOMEN ORGANIZE NEW INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE.

Day Nursery and Working Girls' Retreat Made Possible.

Montclair, N. J.—The Woman's Industrial league of this town was recently organized at the residence of Mrs. George W. Harris. The meeting at which the league was formed was attended by thirty women, who are much interested in all good movements for better conditions among the masses of our people.

The new organization, in the bringing into existence of which Mrs. George W. Harris was one of the prime factors, will conduct a children's day nursery and a working girls' retreat. Mrs. Booker T. Washington was present at the inception of the league and at the unanimous request of the members consented to become its first president.

Mrs. Washington will be ably supported by the following named ladies: Mrs. Carter Lawson, Mrs. Frederick Butler, Mrs. M. R. Lyon, Mrs. George W. Harris, Mrs. Alice H. Foster, Mrs. W. H. Talbert, Mrs. Alice P. Smallwood, Mrs. James Jackson, Miss Bertha Champ, Mrs. L. Brown and Mrs. Dorothy Perkins.

Mrs. Smallwood, formerly of Washington, is president of the Epworth league of St. Mark's M. E. church, Montclair, and is a very active worker among the women of the race. She has held this office for the past seven years and has been a valuable aid to the popular pastor, Rev. F. H. Butler.

The membership of the league under the presidency of this lady has jumped from 40 to 100 members. The new league is indeed fortunate in having a worker like Mrs. Smallwood identified with it. Mrs. Smallwood has traveled extensively in Europe and speaks French and German and is very popular with both races in Montclair.

### Tidings of Foreign Missionary Work.

The influence of mission schools and the untiring work of missionaries among the natives of the gulf coast of Africa are having good effect upon the business industry of that section. Tons of cocoa are raised yearly by the people of the German colony of Kamerun, and along the whole coast the spirit of thrift seems to pervade the very atmosphere. Thus we have tidings of the results of foreign missionary effort.

Scholarship For Bandmaster Thomas. Bandmaster A. J. Thomas of the Tenth cavalry has been named by the war department in Washington as one of the five musicians selected for a year's scholarship in the Conservatory of Music in New York. In the competitive examination recently held for scholarships Mr. Thomas stood first and is the only Afro-American to win such an honor in this particular line of intellectual culture.



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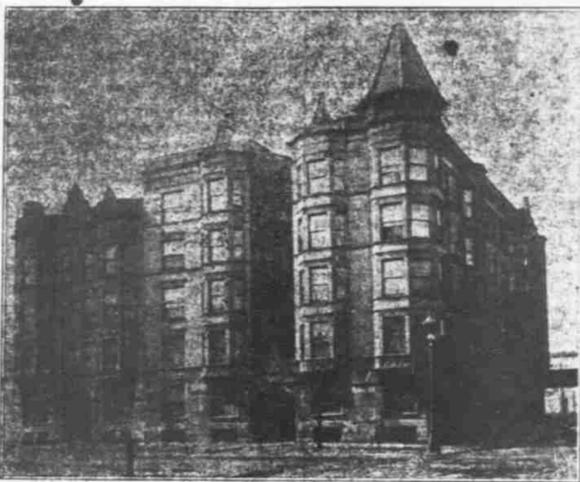
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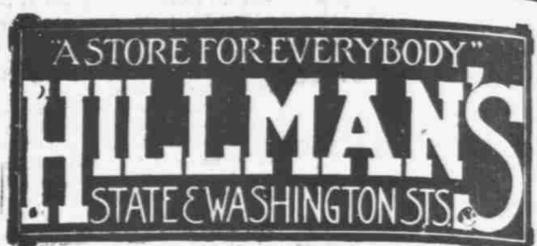
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#### The Speed Mania.

They say that speeding automobiles suffer from acromobilitis, but what they need is bridewell sentences.—Chicago News.  
It is incorrect to speak of the careless pedestrian in the present tense. The careless pedestrian is dead and buried.—St. Louis Republic.  
A scientist declares that the speed mania has diverted a great many accomplished inventors' minds. We would like to have him designate the case of the man who has to dodge them.—New York Herald.

#### Foreign Affairs.

The Balkans are tired of having Central America monopolize the revolution business.—Boston Journal.  
Wonder what old Omar Khayyam would say to the "strangling of Persia."—New York American.  
That the kaiser and the crown prince are at odds is merely an evidence that the one is getting old and the other impatient.—New York World.  
With steel galls on its rudimentary spurs the dove of peace is circling above the Mexican battlefields uttering shrieks of defiance.—Chicago News.



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