

The Stradford Hotel and Theatre Company Are Laying Plans to Construct a Hotel and Theatre, to Cost Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, at the Corner of Thirty Sixth Street and Indiana Avenue. When Completed It Will Be the Finest Hotel in the World Owned and Operated By Colored People.

The Trustees of the Stradford Hotel Company Are Mr. J. B. Stradford, Prof. Samuel I. Lee, Mrs. Fanny O. Morgan, Mr. R. A. J. Shaw, and Mr. H. R. Smith

Monday evening a largely attended banquet and meeting was held at the Metropolitan Community Center, 3118 Giles Ave., in the interest of the Stradford Hotel and Theatre. Hon. Adelbert H. Roberts was the able and brilliant master of ceremonies and in his opening remarks he very clearly set forth the aims and objects of the promoters of the great enterprise. Before starting with the speaking, Rev. Campbell of the Christian Church, 36th and Federal Streets, was called on to pronounce the blessing. Mr. William H. Smith was the first speaker of the evening and with facts and figures and with use of a chart he easily showed or proved that it would be no trouble to make a proposition like unto the Stradford Hotel and Theatre pay a handsome return on the five hundred thousand dollar invested as it will require that amount of money to float the proposition.

The building is to be constructed on a lot located at the corner of 36th Street and Indiana Avenue. The lot is 100x180 feet, the building will be eight stories high, steel and reinforced concrete, fire-proof throughout and it will contain 250 guest rooms with accommodations for 500 guests, with separate baths for each room. It will contain 9 stores, shops and parlors on the main floor. It will also contain a first class 12-chair barber shop, a billiard hall, ladies' hair dressing parlor, a modern theatre, seating 1,255 persons and an assembly room for 500.

Mr. Anthony Overton, President of the Overton Hygienic Mfg. Co., and President of the Douglass National Bank, was the next speaker and he went on to state that for many years while traveling on the railroads

through the west and the southwest, selling his goods, that he stopped at the Stratford Hotel at Tulsa, Oklahoma, which was very ably managed by Mr. J. B. Stratford until his hotel was destroyed during the fearful race riots in that city in the summer of 1921, and with Mr. Stratford as manager of the Stratford Hotel and Theatre in this city he had every reason to believe that he will conduct all the affairs in connection with it in apple pie order and that it is bound to be a success.

It is understood that the Douglass National Bank will be the depository for the Stratford Hotel and Theatre Company. Mr. T. Arnold Hill, Mr. W. H. A. Moore, Mr. P. W. Treloor, Mr. Julius F. Taylor, Mrs. Fanny O. Morgan, a successful business woman late of Indianapolis, Ind., who resides in this city at the present time one of the owners of the new hotel site, Prof. Samuel I. Lee, Rev. Baber and Mr. J. B. Stratford who will be the manager of the new hotel, were among the other speakers, and they all freely predicted that as the hotel and theatre, which will be exclusively managed by colored men with experience along that line, that there is no reason on earth why the great enterprise will not meet with great success.

Mr. J. B. Stratford, Mrs. Fanny O. Morgan, Mr. R. H. Smith, Prof. Samuel I. Lee and Mr. R. A. J. Shaw, are the trustees of the Stradford Hotel and Theatre Company and membership shares can be bought as low as ten dollars on up to five thousand dollars and the treasurer and all the salesmen will at all times be under bonds.

HOWARD ANNOUNCES ITS FALL SCHEDULE

The Football Classic of the Year to be Played in Washington on Thanksgiving Day—Dr. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, Sets Rumors at Rest and Outlines Elaborate Program for Entertainment of the Thousands Expected

Washington, D. C.—Coach Morrison has called the Howard University Football Warriors to report for practice, Friday, September 15th. From then until November 30, when "The Annual Football Classic of the Year" is played at American League Park, Washington, the football world will be filled with stories of the prowess of the representatives of the two outstanding football teams.

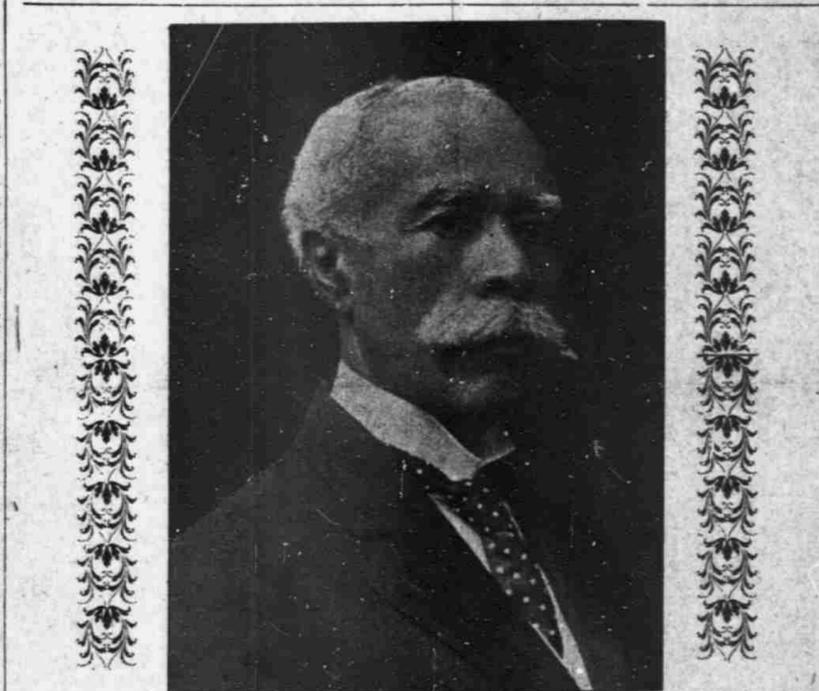
Howard is out to win. Lincoln is out to win. May the best team win! Despite many misleading stories to the contrary, this "annual classic" will be played this year in Washington at the American League Park, and not in Philadelphia, Baltimore or any place other than the Nation's Capital.

The business arrangements for the game, by vote of the Howard University Board of Trustees, will remain in the hands of the business administration of the University.

Game to be Played in the Morning

Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer of Howard, announces that the reason the game is to be played in the morning at ten-thirty o'clock instead of in the afternoon as formerly is that Howard is in position to guarantee but one outstanding game every other year to the Management of the American League Park, while Georgetown and George Washington Universities, both popular institutions located here, have entered into contract to stage their annual Thanksgiving clash at the American League Park in Washington and to play all of their other home games also at the same park, thereby guaranteeing from four to six events each year in addition to the stellar Thanksgiving Day attraction.

The arrangement entered into this year, however, as between Howard University, Georgetown University and the Management of the American



MAJOR JOHN R. LYNCH
Ex-Congressman, Ex-Paymaster United States Army, Who Served as Master of Ceremonies at the Farewell Reception in Honor of Dr. Adena C. E. Minott.

League Park is that the Howard Game shall be played at 10:30 in the morning, allowing ample time for the grounds to be emptied, for the Georgetown-George Washington game to be staged at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thousands Expected at the Game

The thousands of visitors who will be coming to the game will reach Washington Wednesday night, November 29th, for the various festivities being arranged in their honor and will proceed immediately after breakfast Thanksgiving morning, to the American League Park for the classic event of the year.

Dr. Scott also announces that the Howard University administration has arranged two receptions in honor of the Football Teams and visitors, at The Coliseum,—one immediately following the game, from 2 to 6 o'clock, at which latter time the members of the Howard-Lincoln Football Squads will be present to be formally introduced to the thousands in attendance. The arrangements made for the entertainment of the visitors are now full and complete.

Additional Seats Provided

The American League Park has had about 10,000 additional Grand Stand and Box seats added since the last game (1920) was played; in addition to that, some 7,000 seats will this year be placed on the south side lines, thereby affording full opportunity for each and every visitor to see every movement of the players.

The Howard schedule for 1922 is as follows:

Oct. 7, Open Date at Washington;
Oct. 14, Virginia Theological Seminary and College at Washington;
Oct. 21, Agricultural and Technical College, of Greensboro, N. C., at Washington;
Oct. 28, Virginia Union University at Richmond, Va.;
Nov. 4, Morgan College at Washington;
Nov. 11, Virginia Normal and Industrial

Institute, at Petersburg, Va.; Nov. 18, Hampton Institute, at Washington;
Nov. 30, Lincoln University, at Washington.

In 1920, Dr. Scott denominated the Lincoln-Howard Football game of that year "The Football Classic of the Year." This slogan was accepted the country over as an apt description of this annual event. All eyes are now turned toward the American League Park, Thursday morning, Thanksgiving Day, at 10:30 o'clock, when the 1922 Football Classic will be staged by these two outstanding institutions of learning.

STATE OFFERS REWARD TO WAR ON KU KLUX KLAN

Louisiana Governor Acts on Kidnaping

Baton Rouge, La.—As a result of appeals which have been made to him from Morehouse parish, and the direct charges made to the governor that the Ku Klux Klan was responsible for the kidnaping and possible murder of T. R. Richards and Watt Daniel of Mer Rouge, Governor Barter issued a proclamation calling upon the "good people of Morehouse" to aid in running down members of the mob.

He has offered a reward of \$500 for the identification of members of this mob and directed the attorney general of the state to use the full force of his office to run down the perpetrators of this crime.

Victim's Widow Penniless

The governor Saturday morning received a letter from Mrs. T. R. Richards, wife of one of the men kidnaped. "I am left entirely without a home, no relatives, or money for my two children or myself," she wrote. "I have two little girls to raise and was absolutely dependent upon my husband's daily labor for support. And

just because he was scared by the Klan they have done this, and they are now trying to make out it was not the Klan, but it was the Klan, as otherwise they would have been willing and ready to help me find my husband. I believe he is dead because he would have written if he is alive, and I am nearly crazy with suspense and pray God for help. Won't you do what you can?"

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM HITS NEGROES

Members of the race are said to have voted in the last Democratic Primary Election at San Antonio, Texas. As a result the committee on Resolutions and Platform recommended to the state democratic convention the following platform plank:

"In view of the fact that certain counties in this state have not adhered to the recommendations of the State Executive Committee to exclude Negroes from participating in the primary elections, we direct our incoming legislature to amend the law as to forever exclude Negroes from participating in any democratic primary election to be held in any county of this state." A sub-committee also dealing with the platform refused by a vote of 8 to 1 to accept any plank opposing the Ku Klux Klan. However, later they agreed upon the re-adoption of a plank from 1896 Texas Democratic platform. So far as the Klan is concerned the platform was absolutely meaningless since it merely restated a number of worn-out principles which carried no weight with reference to the treatment of the Negro, such as the strict construction of the Federal Constitution, preservation of the state and the liberties of the people, political equality of the citizens, freedom of conscience, and of the press, separation of church and state,—a resolution which could mean

BOOK CHAT BY MARY WHITE OVERTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

"AMERICA FACES THE FUTURE"
By Durant Drake. Published by The Macmillan Co., New York City. Price \$2.50. Postage 10c extra.

I have already noted more than one book on the general subject of the United States with a chapter devoted to the Negro. This volume, "America Faces the Future," is such a book and one in which we can rejoice. The writer is a Professor of Philosophy at Vassar College and we congratulate the students who sit under so sane a man. "We are far too prone to brag of our achievements and too little disposed to acknowledge our shortcomings," the writer says of Americans, and acknowledges that his book is one of criticism and warning. "But," he ends, "the picture must not be too dark. We have not yet fully realized our fathers' dreams, but, on the whole, we have done well. * * * Great potentialities for good lie in professional associations, in trade unions, in other organizations along vocational lines. * * * Two things we must cease to be afraid of, unrest and agitation." The book itself, in its quiet way, is full of agitation in its condemnation of our courts, its plea for greater democracy in labor, its call for more and better education. We who used to be close to the top are far down the list now among the educated peoples of the earth. Political we are often dishonest, and our poverty is tragic. "If between sixty and seventy per cent of 'wrecking class' families were living in 1906 on less than a fair 'living wage,' it is probably that more than seventy per cent were so situated in 1920."

On the problem of race the book is distinctly favorable to the Negro. "It is not that the Negro is an inferior race. Recent investigations seem to indicate that there is no great difference in average mental ability between the members of the white, red, yellow, brown and black races.

If biological investigations are trustworthy it would seem that the apparent lower capacity of the Negroes as of every backward race is to be explained mainly, if not altogether, by the absence of an environment favorable for development." Professor Drake goes on to show how the Negro is deprived of an education and often is prevented from improving his economic condition. "The return of Negro soldiers from the war with its broadening outlook, the growing appreciation of the economic value of the Negro in a time when farm labor is increasingly scarce, the work of a few endowed Negro schools, and of such bodies as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, offer hope for alleviation of an intolerable condition." And he ends by saying: "We must respect them and cease to look upon them as inferiors."

These words seem mere truisms and they are an immense advance upon even such kindly books as Professor Shuler's of twenty years ago. The world does move though it goes at too slow and jerky a gait for most of us. Probably it moves on the Negro question because the Negro himself moves so fast that it is impossible any longer to keep him down. The increase in higher education among the young people of the race is amazing. They are crowding out our colleges. Where one went twenty years ago, twenty go today. Their presence is felt and their ability known. It is no longer possible to use the old argument that Negroes are unable to develop after they pass the age of fourteen. Too many have progressed to make such a statement carry any weight even with the most prejudiced. The people of America are beginning to learn the true facts regarding the Negro, and these facts are getting into books like Professor Drake's. And since the volume is arranged in the form of a text book, it is all the more important that it looks upon the race question with something of justice.

EX-PASTOR HELD AS DAD OF BABE BORN TO GIRL, 10

Sidney, O.—The Rev. L. W. Irwin, former pastor of the Ardin M. E. Church, was arrested Wednesday at Amelia, his new pastorate, on a warrant charging him with being implicated in the birth of a boy to his 10-year-old stepdaughter, Elizabeth Ladd.

The birth of the baby to the little girl some weeks ago attracted the attention of the medical world. Efforts to get her to reveal the name of the father were unavailing. The girl was placed in charge of the wife of Sheriff Clark of Hardin county.

Prosecuting Attorney Marshall, Sheriff and Mrs. Clark, and Clifford Blair, a court stenographer, were present when the girl is said to have made the confession implicating her stepfather.

everything or nothing with reference to the Ku Klux Klan. A real resolution with teeth to it was offered by Henry D. Lindsley but the presiding officer refused even to read it. Mr. Lindsley was very much disappointed and issued a statement in which he said "the existence of the democratic party in Texas and the Nation is at stake as a result of the activities of the Ku Klux Klan. The Ku Klux Klan issue is not a state but national issue. If the Democratic Party does not purge itself of the influence of this organization it will soon become the party of the mob." The only thing wrong about this statement of Mr. Lindsley is that he uses the future tense instead of the perfect in the sentences quoted.

Mrs. Anna Northington of 2916 Sixth St., who was moved to Provident Hospital last Saturday afternoon, is improving somewhat as this writing. Mrs. Northington is well known in fraternal circles in this city.