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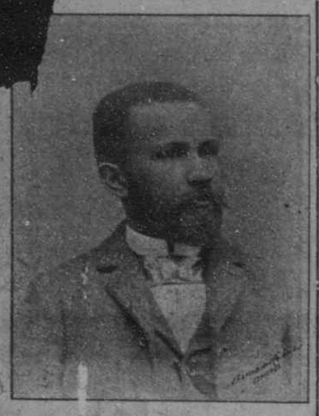

R. E. JONES, M. D.

R. E Jones, M. D was born at Greensboro, Ala., June 15, 1866.

He remained there until he was 16 years of age.

He attended private school and later entered Tuskegee Academy at Greensboro.

At 16 years of age, he tried to enter some of the eastern medical colleges, but on account of his youth could not do so.

He taught school up to the time he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

He graduated July 1, 1881. Out of a class of 100 students he was the only colored student.

He remained in Detroit a short while, and then came to Richmond where his mother joined him.

This was August, 1882. He was the first colored doctor to drive around in his own buggy.

He purchased an attractive frame dwelling on Leigh street, just beyond Brooke Ave, remodelling the same.

November 10, 1884, he married Miss Daisy McLinn of New Haven, Conn.

He has since purchased a handsome brick dwelling at 110 E. Leigh street, with office attached, in which place he lives in modest splendor.

Recently, he added a brick addition to his present residence.

Dr. Jones is a remarkable character, possessing a fondness for blooded horses and fine equipages. No one would presume he was colored by the style in which he lives.

His notions are those of the old Virginia aristocrat and regardless of the impressions created he proceeds to act to suit himself and to make a display that a king might envy.

He often drives a double team or has his coachman attired in livery handling the reins while he sits in contentment in the family carriage.

He is a born millionaire and the only regret is that the amount which should have been his has not as yet been placed to his credit in a reliable bank.

His skill as a physician is unquestioned and his practice on the increase. Jovial, good-natured, quiet and above all mischievous, he is a great favorite among his intimate friends and an object of wonder to those who see him passing swiftly by to attend the many patients who are constantly demanding the exercise of his skill.

Personals & Briefs.

——Mr. L. O. Phillips of Pittsburg, Pa. called on us.

——Mr. T. A. Miles of Farmville, Va., called on us.

——Mrs. Florence E. Harper has returned from New York.

——Mrs. Priscilla Carter who has been sick is improving.

——Mr. J. T. Anderson of Staunton, called on us.

——Mrs. Bettie B. Ferguson of Charlottesville has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kersey.

——Mr. J. O. Lewis, who has been so sick and indisposed for the past five weeks, is convalescing.

——Mr. F. Thornton of Warrenton, came in the city this week to enter the Hartshorn Memorial College.

——Mr. Charles H. Lansing, Jr. of New York, N. Y., was in the city last week the guest of Mr. Booker Leftwich, 1107 Second Street.

There will be a grand panorama exhibition, given by Rev. Z. D. Lewis at the 4th St Baptist Church, Tuesday night, Jan. 8, 1895.

REV. J. C. BRAXTON, Pastor.

——Mr. John E. J. Moore, after spending the holidays in the city, returned to Etna Mills, on last Tuesday to resume his labors as teacher.

——Mrs. Hon. Robert Norton of Yorktown was in the city last week, and was the guest of her brother, Mr. William H. Pollard, 923 William Street.

——We return thanks for the invitation to attend the Seventh Annual Soiree of the Orion Social Club, Thursday evening, January 3rd, 1895, at 9:30 o'clock, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

——We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the 5th Annual Banquet of The Tuxedoes given at Ridge St. Hall, Danville, Va., Tuesday Evening, January 1, 1895 at 8:30 o'clock.

——Messrs. J. W. Parker of Va. Seminary, Thomas Mansfield of Louisa and John W. Murray, Church Hill, Richmond visited friends and relatives in Gordonsville last week.

——Miss Amanda Toney has arrived from New York on a visit. She is stopping with Mrs. Toney, and wish all her friends who desire to see her call at 505 W. Leigh St. In a few weeks she will go to Deleware.

——The congregation of Dr. A. Binga, Jr., on last Christmas morning showed their appreciation for his excellent services by showering their blessings upon him in the way of turkeys, and other household commodities.

——Madame F. P. Walker spent her Xmas holidays in the city of Washington, D. C., with her sister Mrs. Emily L Murray (nee) Payne. Mrs Francis Murray made her stay a very pleasant one and each member of the family.

——Misses Anna, Bettie, Mildred and Emma Payne served a very fine tea in honor of their cousin Mme. F. P. Walker, Saturday night, Dec. 28th 1894 at the residence of their parents Mr. and Mrs. George J. Payne, 1147—21st and M Sts, Washington, D. C.

——We have received the initial number of the "Virginia Seminary Monthly" with G. W. Hayes, A. M., as editor and Rev. Bernard Tyrrell, A. M., T. P. Smith A. B., Rev. J. M. Arter, A. M., and U. S. G. Patterson as associate editors. The terms of subscription are only 50 cents per year. We wish the venture abundant success.

First Presbyterian Church.

Special services will be held at the First Presbyterian church, corner Monroe and Catherine streets—every night during the week of prayer beginning Sunday, Jan. 6th 1895.

Preaching by the following clergymen: Sunday, Jan. 6th at 8 p. m Rev. J. E. Rawlins, pastor; Monday, Jan 7th at 8 p. m., Rev. John M. Beane; Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 8 p. m., Rev. James H. Holmes; Wednesday, Jan. 9th at 8 p. m., Rev. W. F. Graham; Thursday, Jan. 10th at 8 p. m. Rev. Dr. J. P. Smith, Friday, Jan. 11th at 8 p. m., Rev. R. Wells, Sunday, Jan. 13th at 11 a. m, Rev. Jamison Presiding Elder of the A. M. E. Church. All are welcome.

JACKSON WARD BREVITIES.

Last Sunday being the last Sunday in the year, crowds of both young and old could be seen making their way to the several churches.

Rev. W. H. Stokes delivered an excellent and instructive discourse to a very large congregation at the Moore Street Baptist Church last Sunday morning.

Rev. W. H. White, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, filled the pulpit at the Ebenezer Baptist Church Sunday morning. The Reverend preached a soul stirring sermon, and many were made to rejoice that they had come out to the house of the Lord.

At the Fifth Street Church Sunday morning Rev. Graham preached to a crowded house. The Reverend proved himself master of the occasion, and handled his subject selected with ease.

Services were held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church New Year's day, at 11 a. m.

The funeral of Mr. Alfred Mabrey, Sr., took place at the Moore Street Baptist Church, last Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. Watts, B. D. preached a very pathetic sermon and well suited to the occasion. The deceased had been a member of the above named church for several years. He was sick only a few days and his sudden death was a shock to the community.

The fifth anniversary of the Hickory Hill Mission Sunday School was celebrated Friday evening, December 28th. The exercises consisted of singing by the school, recitations and dialogues by the scholars; select reading by Miss M. E. Burrell. Addresses were delivered by Rev. G. W. Goode, Ex- Superintendent W. P. Burrell, and Superintendent, T. Hewin.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Superintendent, J. Thomase Hewin; Assistant Superintendent, W. A. Kyles; Secretary, J. L. Burrell; Assistant Secretary, Roger J. Kyles; Chorister George E. Burke; Treasurer, A. J. Holmes; Organist, Miss Gertrude Chandler; Assistant Organist, Miss M. E. Burrell; Librarian, Edward Holmes.

The Christmas tree at the Fifth Street Church was very well attended; but we are sorry to say that many of our people proved themselves very rowdy. At the close of the Christmas entertainment the watch night began with a crowded house. Rev. Graham conducted the meeting with success, and the expressions made by the sisters and brethren were stimulating as well as instructive.

There was a grand entertainment given at the True Reformer's Hall Tuesday evening, at which many excellent addresses were delivered. We heard for the first time the Negro's Case in Equity argued so plainly.

There was a social given at Miss Mary Epps, W. Duval street, on New Year's evening, at which many young people enjoyed themselves.

Young men, this is a new year, remember that you should put forth every effort for good and the uplifting of your race. Abstain from visiting bar-rooms, especially on Sundays, and other places of vice.

Young girls, most of you did well this Christmas. We compliment you for the hospitable manner in which you furnished the many delicacies of the season for the young men.

Don't fail to take your girl to see the drama, "Ten Nights in a Bar-room at the True Reformer's Hall, Monday night, January 7th.

We learned that a certain young gentleman (?) returned home this week from a pedestrial travel to the "Cockade City," where he had been visiting his "best girl.".

Cupid is still busy at work causing trouble in this section

We are glad to know that a certain young married man in this section has at last decided to go to work.

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MARRIAGE.

MOORE—HARRIS—The marriage of Miss Melnea A. Harris to Mr. Walter H. Moore took place at the residence of Rev. R Wells, Wednesday evening. Dec. 26th 1894.

DEATHS.

MABREY—Died at his residence 702 W. Leigh street, Mr. Alfred Mabrey, in the 56th year of his age, December 31, 1894. His funeral took place from the Moore Street Baptist Church of which he was a member, Wednesday afternoon, January 2nd.

He leaves a wife, two sons, one daughter, and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Rev. Watts, B. D. of Petersburg, officiated. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Isaac Crump, W. A. Page, W. Langston, Gilbert Cox, David Coles and Richard Brown. W. I. Johnson, Funeral Director.

STUARD—Died at the residence of her niece 622 Kenny St., Mrs. Sallie Stuard, in the 60th year of her age in the full triumph of faith. She departed this life Dec. 25th 1894 at 5:40 P. M. She had been a long sufferer and bore her sickness with Christian fortitude. She leaves three brothers and one sister and a host of friends to mourn their loss, but their loss is her eternal gain.

A precious one from us has gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

By her niece,
ADELAIDE BRANCH.

WILLIS—Miss Sarah Frances Willis departed this life at her home in Chesterfield Co., Dec. 29, 1894. She was 28 years of age. She professed faith in Christ and united with the church in 1883. The testimony of all who knew her was that she lived an upright, christian life. She was a great sufferer but bore it with patience and fortitude and at last called upon her heavenly Father to come after her. Miss Willis was a graduate from Hampton Institute in '85 and taught school until within a few months of her death. She was a loving and devoted daughter and sister. Rev. J. E. Jones, D. D., preached the funeral sermon at the home of the deceased from Luke 8:52, Sunday, Dec. 30th.

A very large number of friends attended the services thus showing their appreciation for the deceased and her parents and relatives.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

S. J. GILPIN.

S. J. GILPIN was born in Richmond, Va., Dec. 30, 1850 of free parents. He was instructed for about 18 months by Miss Elizabeth McCannon. He attended the public school after the evacuation. He learned the trade of shoe-making from his father. He opened a shoe-shop for himself in 1873, and continued at it about 14 years.

Then he entered the shoe-business with Mr. T. A. Miles under the firm name of Miles and Gilpin. He withdrew from the firm about 1889 and soon afterwards opened at 506 E. Broad street., his present location. Mr. Gilpin now conducts one of the largest shoe establishments owned by co'ored men in this country, and despite the prejudice existing succeeded in securing a place on the main thoroughfare of this city.

He married Miss Cordelia A. Reese in 1875. They have been blessed with nine children, eight of whom are living. The first seven children were boys. Mr. Gilpin is a progressive business man, retiring in his manner, but thoroughly reliable in all of his dealings. He has built up a trade that is permanent and profitable. His standing in this community is of the best. Carrying a stock valued at $3000 he attends strictly to business, is quiet, unassuming and has made hosts of friends among the populace. May the new year bring many blessings and abundant prosperity.

Y. M. C. A.

We wish all a Happy New Year.

Our rooms seem to have been the center of attraction during the holidays. They were neatly decorated by the young men. Every one was made welcome.

The meetings during the Christmas were well attended.

Our President, brother R. T. Hill, was as jolly and full of good things on last Friday evening, around our fireside, as brother French, the youngest member of our Association—about 65 years of age.

Brother M. B Jones, Superintendent of the Second Baptist Church Sunday School, gave our boys a very helpful talk last Sunday.

Rev. Wormly knows what the young men need. If you did not hear him last Sunday you missed a good deal.

Girls' Meeting to-day, 3 p. m.

Prof. G. R. Hovey will explain the Sunday School Lesson to-day, 5 p. m. All are invited.

Brother J. H. Braxton will address the boys Sunday, 4 p. m.

Men's Meeting Sunday, 5:30 p. m.; leader, Brother W. H. Stokes.

We wish to thank all who aided us in helping the poor.

Monday night, 24, 1894 was a night of rejoicing with Rev. White and family. A company of brethren and sisters called on them and brought them everything that might be desired for Christmas holiday. The first to call was Mrs. R. Wells and Miss Manda Norman. The second party was composed of Mrs. M. E. Johnson, Mrs. Amanda Williams, Mrs. Philis Brown, Miss Annie Brown, Mrs. Brena Johnson, Wellington Stutly, Beverly Ford, J. W. Williams and many others too many to mention. The Elder in a few words showed his appreciation for their kindness and, bade them come as often as they choose. He bade them all a happy Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. Graham Remembered

The good people of the Fifth St. Baptist Church seem determined to keep their pastor in good cheer. On Dec. 24, at night Mrs. Graham was visited by the members of the Free Will Workers Club and the Industrial Club of the Fifth St. Church and presented with a beautiful tea set of 56 pieces, a fine chenile table cloth, two handsome pictures for the dining room, and groceries and turkey sufficient to supply the table for many days. And then on New Year's night the Macedonia Club visited the pastor and presented him with a handsome purse of money and a fine dressing gown.

Church Hill Notes

Mrs. Sarah E. Payne, who has been quite sick with the malarial fever is convalescing.

Mr. L. H. Dickerson, a young lincentiate of Fourth Church, as also Mr. Percy Wallace of the same church, are attending the Richmond Theological Seminary.

The Savings Club organized January 1, 1894, with fifteen members, did a noble work during the year. There was in the treasury of the Club, January 1st, a neat little sum of $135.00, which was divided out among its members.

On next Monday night the Club will be reorganized at the residence of Miss Ida N. Jackson, 1125 N. 31st street. "Now is your time girls and boys, be sure and don't get left in this grand little enterprise." "Take care of the pennies, and the dollars will take care of themselves."

Mrs. Adelaide N. Johnson is President of the Club; Miss Ida N. Jackson, Secretary, and Miss Virginia A. Baugh, Treasurer.

On Sunday, January 6th, there will be a "Rally" at the Fourth Baptist Church, in the furtherance of paying off some small bills on the "current" work of the church. All the members are requested and earnestly urged to bring from 25 cents, up, as the Lord may prosper them, as a "New Year" offering.

Rev. Evans Payne was enabled to be at his post, last Sunday, and preached two able sermons.

Nathaniel J. Lewis, who has been studying law under Giles B. Jackson, Esq., on the 31st day of December, '94, went before the Hon. B. R. Wellford, Jr. Judge of the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond, and the Hon. Judge L. L. Lewis, President of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, and passed a rigid examination before them, after which he was by them commissioned to practice law in all the Courts of this Commonwealth.

D. Webster Davis.

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The continuation of this review of the poetic selections of Prof. D. Webster Davis necessitates a careful perusal of his productions, in order that the reader may be impressed with the merit there in contained, as well as with the droll and facetious way he has of "putting things." Here is a verse from his "If I should die."

If I should die, and ne'er again,
Behold the day-light dear to me;
Nor press the hand that once caressed
Nor hear the voice of tenderness
That spake in softest tones and free.
If I should die would any heart
Feel for my loss? Would any deed
Of kindness wrought for ones in need
Rise up to bless me in the grave?

His plea for the old folks who cannot read was pathetic and humorous. Here are selections from it.

Dar's a mighty row in Zion, an' de debbil's gittin high,
An de saints done beat de sinners a-cussin on de sly
What fur it am? You reckon? Well, I'll tell you how it 'gin
Twuz 'bout a mighty little thing, de linin' ub de hymn.

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We bin bin 'peatin' hin' de pastor when he sez dat lubly pray'r
Cause some un us don' know it an' kin not say it squar'
But dey sez we mus' 'peat wid him, an ef we kan keep time,
De gospel train will drop us off from follin 'long behin'.

The last verse ends as follows:

De ole time groans an shouts an moans are passin' out ub sight,
Edikashun changed all dat, an we believe it right.
We should serb God wid 'telligence but fur dis thing I plead;
Jes lebe a little space in church fur dem as kin not read.

This musical writer takes up the harp of love and sings a tuneful lay. Here are extracts from "Drifted Apart."

How often didn't tell me in the happy days long sped,
We were drifting, drifting, drifting far apart,
But I would not heed the warning until the years now fled,
Have left a pall of sadness o'er my heart.

She married for he says so in these lines:

Thou art wedded to another, and perhaps some day I'll be,
When time has covered over every smart;
Good-bye, and may God bless you with a happy life and free,
E'en though we two have drifted far apart

Prof. Davis rallies quickly from his spells of despondency; and one would hardly recognize the same plaintive voice in the following humorous lines, which may explain the reason why some of the fair ones were rather slow in wishing to "tie on to the cullud brother":

Larnin is a blessed thing
An good close mighty fine
But I like to see de cullud gal
What knows jes how to ine.

Gimme de gal to wash and scrub
An keep thhings white an' clean,
An kin den go in de kitchen,
An cook de ham an greens.

It is needless to say that more recent developements have demonstrated the fact that this was hardly the opinion of the talented young man who wrote these lines. What is more amusing than these lines, from, "My Childboods' Happy Days"?

Father's breeches cut to fit me was of course, the proper thing,
And nowhere would they touch me, my one "gallus" was a string,
I couldn't tell the front from back-part, and my coat of navy-blue,
So variously was mended, it would match the rainbows hue:
'Twill do all right for rich white boys to sing those merry lays,
But the average little 'Jap' fared tough in childhoods happy days.

I had a tender place where I couldn't bear the comb to touch,
I'd jump three feet when tested, at least I cried so much,
Mother said that she would cut it, Oh, fate to see me then.
My head was picked by dull shears as if by some turkey-hen
Bad gotten in his cruel work, and the boys with jolly ways,
Hollowed, 'Buzzard!' when they saw me in my child-hood's happy days.

What is more musical and interesting than this selection from "Old Normal"?

Our girls of Old Normal are still jumping rope,
But don't let it trip you and get your neck broke;
For few, like our mother, will help us alas!
When once we have fallen from virtue's straight path.

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Some fellows are lawyers and sending to jail
Their poor fellow creatures nor getting them bail,
While others are doctors and cursing life's ills,
At least, if not cursing, are sending in bills.

An enjoyable time was spent last Sunday evening at the residence of Mr. J. W. Thompson. 112 west Jackson street. Present: W. W. Browne and wife; Mr. J. W. Dabney and son; Charles Alexander, editor of the Boston, Mass. Monthly Review, Mr. James Twine and others. Ice-cream, cake, jelly, sandwiches, coffee and other refreshments were served and all left well pleased with the evenings entertainment.

A Brilliant Marriage.

The marriage of Miss L. Catharine Martin of Jefferson, Va., to Mr. W. A. Drewett of Waverly, Va., took place at the First Baptist Church, Michaux, Va., at 3 o'clock P. M., Dec. 26th. Notwithstanding the very sad weather a large crowd was out early to witness the affair. The presents were costly and many. The ushers were as follows: W. W. Martin, of Washington, D. C., the bride's brother as best man; Monroe Jones, Richmond, Va; J. F. Phillips, (Rappahannock, Va) V. N. & C. I., C. T. Branch, (Farmville, Va) V. N. & C. I., Petersburg, Va., and George E. Wood of Washington, D. C., formerly of Richmond, Va.

The bride wore a gray traveling dress, and the groom the conventional black. The happy couple amid hundreds of congratulations left on the 4:30 train for their future home, Waverly, Va., Rev. T. J. Harris officiated.

Advertisers.

S. W. ROBINSON.

SPOTTSWOOD W. ROBINSON was born in King William Co., Va., Dec. 15, 1858, attended school in the country only six months, and has never attended any educational institution since. He left King William Co., and came to Richmond and stayed with Dr. O. A. Crenshaw attending to milk dairy etc. He remained with him about one year. He then went to Mr. N. J. Smith and remained with him in business from '71 to '79. At that time he went into business for himself on Main St., bet. 18th and 19th Sts. He removed then to 16 N. 18th St., and from there to his present location, No. 23 N. 18th St.

He labored to support his widowed mother and sister and began life as a penniless boy, and as he remarked "a naked one at that."

His second marriage was in 1892 to Miss Nannie Roberts, one child, S. W. Robinson, Jr., has blessed the union. Mr. Robinson is one of the most prosperous of our city merchants. He has made rapid progress.

The value of his real estate is about $6500. He lives in comparative ease, is quiet, unassuming, devoted to his business and above all to his family and is indeed a remarkable example of what a man may accomplish in the face of disheartening influences which may surround him.

Ten Nights in a Bar Room.

I was present at this play at the True Reformers' Hall, Nov. 26, 1894. It was for the benefit and under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. I consider it one of the most beneficial and instructive plays to all classes of the human family that it has been my pleasure to witness. I think it should be repeated again and again from time to time in the same place; and between the time of repeating enter new fields from place to place and the cause of morality would have a worthy help throughout the land. Yours for the uplifting of humanity,

WM. W. BROWNE.

The drama, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," played by some of the most popular young persons of our city is worthy of all praise given it. It is amusing, interesting and instructive, and should be witness by the representatives of every family, every lady and gentleman, and every child who is old enough to discern the evil influences of the poisonous cup.

F. E. ROBINSON.

I was present at the presentation by the Y. M. C. A.'s Dramatic Club of the temperance drama, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," in their first appearance at the True Reformers' Hall. I think all of the characters performed their parts excellently. Their performance is well worth repetition.

MRS. R. D. BOWSER.

Evergreen Lodge, 1538, G. U. O. of O. F, Manchester, Va., Honors their Delegate.

The Annual Banquet of the above named lodge was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, 12th and Hull St., Monday Evening, Dec. 31st. A large membership was present and a number of short speeches were delivered. Among the number was Major J. B. Johnson who very forcibly spoke about the grand principles of the order and its benefits. Bro. John Baker arose and said that he was proud of the order and its beneficial influences. He then turned to Bro. R. Beecher Taylor, P. W. G. M., and said that the lodge had delegated him to perform a very pleasant duty. You were our representative in Boston. Our members hold in great esteem and value your record and also the report as was submitted and on behalf of the Lodge I present you with this token of our appreciation wishing you a happy New Years (purse of $5.00) Bro. Taylor said he was agreeably surprised and could not summon words to impress the brethren with the feelings of gratitude that was awakened in having such evidence of their kind feelings. He would always hold a warm place of affection in his heart for the members of Evergreen Lodge. A delightful supper was then spread to the pleasure of all present.

A Grand Entertainment.

Monday night Dec. 24th, the residence of Miss. Ella B. Wyatt was the scene of a large social gathering. The house was thronged with many merry antiquated damsels who wore faces of beauty whom the gallant young gentlemen spent such a social evening with.

It was 6:30. A. M. when they retired to their several homes, the following is some who were present:

Mmes Mary Haskins, Pattie Cook, Clara Vaughn, Misses: Annie Reed, Mary Brown, Mary Mayo, Maggie Turner.

Messrs B. Cephas, T. Payne, J. Briggs, C. Hamilton, L. Ligon, L. Thomas, H. Stoves, C. Robinson, Henry Bolden, F. Nelson, R. Holmes, G. E. Taylor, (Planet.)

Mrs. W. H. Isham is still confined to her room North 5th St.

Rev. Holmes Surprised.

While Rev. James H. Holmes was sitting quietly on Christmas Eve., the bell rang and members of his admiring congregation came in suddenly and to the surprise of all presented him with a handsome buffalo buggy-robe and a pair of fine lamb's wool blankets, cuffs, collars, a turkey and a number of other useful articles, wearing apparel, etc. The visit was heartily appreciated and happiness reigned supreme in the Holmes' household. The divine is enthusiastic and perfectly willing for them to come and do so again. Among those who led the surprise were Mrs. Margaret Scott, Mr. and Mrs. James West, Mrs. Jane Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cunningham and Mrs. Nancy Anderson.

MANCHESTER LETTER.

Wedding Bells—Personals and Briefs.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Berry to Mr. Richard T. Cogbill, Jr., took place at the 1st Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult. at 3 o'clock. Although the rain, hail and snow were falling fast it did not prevent the congregation from turning out to witness one of the grandest marriages that took place during the Christmas holidays. The ushers were Messrs. Chas. Wiley, E E Cogbill; Maids, Misses Maggie Berry and Lula Bland. The bride was handsomely attired in a traveling costume, the groom wore the usual conventional black. It was the "vox populi" that a loving couple had been united in the holy bonds of matrimony. May they live a long and prosperous life.

Mr. Harvey Hall was in the city a few days ago. He was looking well.

Mr. Frank Mann came into our city during the holidays, just from the north.

Mrs. Lucy Moon is spending a few weeks in the "Hill City" with her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Saunders.

Prof. Teft of the Hartshorn Memorial College preached to the congregation of the 1st Baptist Church on last Sunday morning.

The Junior Twilight club ran a surprise on their leader, Mr. F. R. Nelson on Christmas Eve night. Presents of various kinds were given him. He is overjoyed and heartily thanks his young band of singers.

The marriage of Mrs. Crittie Walthall to Mr. Reuben Hall took place on the 26th ult., at the residence of the bride. Quite a large crowd assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Rich'd Graham. May they enjoy the luxuries of life.

Misses Lillie Hickman, and Mary J. Morton spent the holidays in our city. They left last Tuesday for Powhatan where they will resume teaching.

Miss Laura E. Hopson has returned to Carollne Co. after spending the holidays with us.

Mrs. M. A. Hughes spent a few days in Powhatan.

The "Accelerando" Musical club, Mr. C. H. Munford, President and Miss Ida M. Binga, Secretary, gave a grand soiree in honor of their President on New Year's night at the residence of Miss Lelia A. Johnson, (Cor. 16th and Stockston Sts.) While the members were enjoying themselves in singing etc., a red reflection burst into the window. The illumination co-mingled with soprano, alto, tenor and basso were evidences of a grand occasion. The light which was placed on the outside by some unknown friend lasted about 15 minutes. At 9:30 o'clock the President and members wended their way through the hall into the spacious dining-room, where a large table, ladened with all kinds of fruit, was set to appease the appetite of the singers. In the center of the table set a tall, handsome lamp which the club had purchased to be presented to the President by Mr. R. A. Johnson, our leading basso. He delivered one of the finest presentation addresses we have ever heard. He captivated the members and held them spell-bound for fifteen minutes. He is certainly one of our gifted sons.

The girls branch of the Y. M. C. A., held a Bazaar during the holidays and it was a decided success. Excellent programs were rendered each night. Go on girls with the work! Mrs. Q. Wm. Moon, Directress; Miss Alma Thompson, President and Miss Celeste Moon, Secretary.

Miss Mary J. Bland spent the holidays in Burkeville, Va., visiting friends.

Miss Lula Bland has been visiting friends in Midlothian.

Dr. Wm. E. Atkins was in the city during the Xmas holidays.

The Christmas trees of the 1st and 2nd Bapt. Church Sabbath Schools were a grand affair. GUESS ME.

The Murders in Georgia.

[New York Press.]

If law and order are to prevail in Georgia the authorities should take steps at once to bring to punishment all concerned in the murders committed in Brooks County in that State. The dispatches so far received are apparently from sources not unfriendly to the lynchers of accused colored men and torturers of innocent colored women. Therefore the reports are probably not exaggerated. According to the dispatches, a white man named Maulden, described as "an old Confederate soldier and belonging to a prominent family," went into one of the turpentine camps, whereupon "the Jefferth brothers, desperadoes," set upon him and shot him to death. The next move was the assemblage of a posse and a pursuit of the desperadoes. Notwithstanding their desperate character, they seem to have been captured without difficulty, and were put in jail.

The scene now changes. A band of colored men meet, we are told, and after selecting officers, take oath to kill every one concerned in the arrest of these two brothers. One of the white posse was killed, it is averred, as a result of this conspiracy. Another posse then started out, with fatal results for one of its members. Then the whites gathered in large numbers and "encountered a party of Negroes," several of whom are now dead. The report says that colored women were tortured to make them reveal the hiding place of a fugitive. Read between the lines, it is easy to see that [illegible] to last the colored people [illegible] been simply defending t[illegible] against unjustifiable atta[illegible] even if unprovoked murder [illegible] been committed, that is no excu[illegible] for anarchy. The State of Georgia should redeem its reputation by establishing a reign of law.

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Happy New Year to the Planet.

BALHAM, VA., January 1, 1895.

Mr. Editor:

The Christmas Tree at Fauquier Church was the grandest yet. 103 scholars and a large number of visitors were present. Old Santa Claus crowned the tree with presents and fruits of various kinds presented a most attractive appearance. The efficient Superintendent, P. H. Brice was busy trying to make all happy and called on Elder P. E. Williams to address the school which he did in a manner suitable to the occasion. He instructed those present as to how they should conduct themselves. On the tree was a hat suitable to make the superintendent feel glad. The singing was excellent.

The matrimonial bell rang several times. Revs. T. P. Harris and P. E. Williams had to hustle out. The ground was covered with snow.

It was quite amusing to learn that an opossum had gone to the white house. Things need improving there I suppose. W.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

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Since under the pastoral care of Rev. N. B. Brown this church has made remarkable progress and has won the confidence of both saints and sinners. All of the members love him and many of them showed their appreciation of his services during the Christmas by presenting him with many useful and valuable presents. The presents came from the Church, Sunday-school and from individuals. The Sunday School has grown considerably, both old and young are found there every Sunday. It is under the leadership of Deacon James M. Brown. The pulpit is being furnished in latest style and is under the direction of Mrs. Alice Brown, the wife of the young divine. Since June 24, 1894, the time of his election, the church has taken up for incidental expenses $104 61 and for new building $180.00 a total of $284.61.

Done by order of the Church,
JAS. M. BROWN, Ch. Clerk.

On Thursday evening, December 28th at 8 o'clock, a large crowd assembled at the First Baptist Church, to witness the Cantata of "Santa Claus in Troubles." The parts taken by the little ones were well performed, the music was excellent, and the whole reflected credit on the committee.

The Junior Endeavor of the First Baptist Church gave a Party to the poor on December 28th, at 2 p. m.

A programme, which included recitations, music, etc., was rendered by the children.

An excellent address was made by the pastor, Rev. James H. Holmes after which the Juniors distributed pounds to the poor, and a barrel of flour to committees [illegible] Dinner.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a Consecration Meeting in the Room of the First Baptist Church, Sunday, January 1st, at 6:30.

Week of Prayer at the First Baptist Church.

Sunday, January 6th.

Sunday—Subject: Prayer; what shall it mean? Luke 6:1 18—21. Leader, Rev. James H. Holmes.

Monday—Subject: Prayer rejecting Christ—Matt. 23:37. Leader, Miss Fannie B[illegible]

Tuesday—Subject: The Lord's Day—Mark 2:23-28. Leader, M. G. Christmas.

Wednesday—Subject: How we can help others to Christ—1 Cor. 9:19—23. Leader, Mrs. L. A. Hope.

Thursday—Subject: What shall we do with Christ, and what are the results?—John 1:37—43. Brother [illegible] Bowler, Leader.

Friday—Subject: Right and wrong ways of seeking—Eccl. 1:12—18; 7:7—11. Brother M. L. Harvey, Leader.

At the First Baptist Church, Sunday, December 30th, Rev. James H. Holmes preached from Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever."

Rev. Merchant of the Richmond Theological Seminary, preached a special sermon at the First Baptist Church, Sunday evening, December 30th, at 4 o'clock, to the Educational Society of the First Baptist Sunday School.

Information Wanted.

Want to know the whereabouts of my sister, Mrs. Sarah Fowlkes, née Martha Tissles. They have lived in Richmond for years. Information concerning them will be gladly received by their brother,

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