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AUNT MARY'S CASE.

Counsel Making Strenuous Efforts to Save Her.

IN JAIL AT LYNCHBURG.

POKEY BARNES A WONDER

More About The Alleged Pollard Bracelets

HER SISTER'S RELEASED.

Nearing the End.—David James Thompson's Suit.

ASKS FOR $10,000 DAMAGES

WILL HE GET IT?

Hon. George D. Wise, ex-Judge H. W. Flournoy and Capt A. B. Guigon have begun work on the case of Mary Abernathy The copy of the court record is now being prepared and the exceptions upon which the appeal is based will soon be ready to be presented to Judge Coleman of the Circuit Court.

Should he refuse to grant a new trial, the case will go to the Supreme Court of Appeals, which convenes at Wytheville, June 10th.

It is needless to say that the counsel for the defense are confident of success

Pokey Barnes is in the city, and seldom leaves her residence When she does, and she is recognized, she at once

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NO GUILT UPON EITHER OF THESE CONTENANCES. WILL CÆZAR HEAR? POOR AUNT MARY.

becomes the wonder of all beholders. No one who now gazes upon her beaming, smiling countenance would realize that four weeks ago she stood within the shadow of the gallows. Pokey had never seen a carriage or a street car until brought from Lunenburg County and of course had not ridden in either.

A NEW WORLD TO POKEY.

This is a new world to her. When told that she would in all probability be carried to Norfolk where she could see the ocean, it took a great deal of explanation to give her an idea of the vast expanse of water and there was great doubt as to whether she then understood the meaning of what had been carefully stated to her.

The crowds which have beseiged her residence made it necessary that she be carried to some place where the desires of those who have aided so materially in her release could be gratified and the strain upon her land-lady, Mrs Bettie Graves be lessened.

AT THE CHURCHES.

Rev. W. F. Graham, the able and brilliant pastor of the Fifth St Baptist Church readily granted the request and on Friday evening, May 8th at 8 P. M, the Fifth St. Baptist Church was packed from pit to dome. The galleries and aisles were one surging mass of humanity. Rev Graham presid d. On the rostrum were Revs J. H. Brice, A. S. Thomas, Jacob Turner and A. W. Shields of Washinglon. It was an inspiring scene. Prayer was offered.

Pokey Barnes had been brought into the church and occupied the pastor's study, while the mighty throng was awaiting the opportunity to see her.

A MAGNIFICENT GREETING

Never in this city has there ever been a grander ovation tendered any one as greeted Editor Mitchell as he stepped upon the platform. Handkerchiefs were waved, the scene being especially inspiring. Rev. Graham was in his glory. No one was more enthusiastic than he.

Rev A. S Thomas' remarks were timely and appropriate His figures were grand, his utterances inspiring and his gestures all that could be desired. He was enthusiastically applauded

Rev. J. H. Brice, pastor of the Leigh Street M. E. Church spoke with all of the fervor and earnestness for which he is noted. His happy illustrations were to the point and thoroughly pleased the audience.

Rev. Dr A. W. Shields created unbounded amusement by his quaint sayings, and happy illustrations.

STRANGE HAPPENINGS,

When Pokey Barnes was brought forth the expectations and desires of the multitude were gratified and the sensation was profound.

Rev Graham was at his best and his magnificent address penetrated every nook and corner of that magnificent edifice.

It was decided to allow all to see Pokey Barnes who so desired and for nearly an hour a line two and three deep moving continuously passed by her depositing their mites on a table, while others put what they desired to give in her lap.

They regarded her as one virtually resurrected from the dead. It was soon demonstrated that there were as many people on the outside of the church as there were inside.

WHITE FRIENDS REMEMBERED.

The ears of His Excellency, Charles T. O'Ferrall, Governor of Virginia, Judge Wellford, Hon. George D. Wise, ex-Judge H. W. Flournoy, Captain A. B. Guigon, Commonwealth's Attorney Watkins, the editor of the Richmond, Va., Daily Times and the liberal minded white people generally would have tingled could they have heard the complimentary things said of them by the speakers.

No harsh words were uttered not even concerning the Lunenburg would be lynchers, and the meeting throughout was one of the most orderly ever held in this city.

On Sunday, 10th inst., Pokey Barnes attended services at the First Baptist Church. A large crowd was present Rev. James H. Holmes was outspoken in his remarks relative to the case and approved of the substantial results Rev. D. W. Davis preached a fine sermon. Editor Mitchell spoke in eulogistic language of the help rendered by the white and colored people. An after collection of $26.47 was raised for her.

At 3 P. M. she attended communion services at the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church. It was packed. After the services Rev. John Jasper, the veteran theologian spoke and paid a glowing tribute to Editor Mitchell. Few persons have ever seen this divine give voice to more impressive words. After the conclusion of the services persons pressed forward and handed her a sum of money aggregating $16.57.

At Farmville during the trial of Pokey Barnes her two sisters were arrested and lodged in the jail with a view of prejudicing her case. They were charged with having some knowledge of the Pollard bracelets. They have since been discharged and are now at Chase City.

The flimsy nature of the allegations may be seen by the following:

It is not thought by those connected with the case that there is any foundation to the story that Rena Barnes had been seen with one of the bracelets of Mrs. Pollard since the murder. This report was heard by counsel on both sides early in the case, and a thorough investigation was made, the result of which was to show that neither of the Barnes women were ever seen with any bracelets of any description. The rumor seems to have grown out of the fact that Rena Barnes told several persons that on the Sunday after the murder she was at Solomon Marable's house, and saw a bundle of articles, including a suit of clothes, some dress goods, etc., and a pair of bracelets, which answered the description given of the Pollard bracelets, and that afterward Maggie Nelson, a friend and companion of the Barnes women, had carried a bracelet to a jewelry store to have it repaired. Inquiry revealed that this bracelet was not one of those stolen from Mr. Pollard's premises, but was one of a pair which had been given to Maggie Nelson by her mother prior to her death.

The following are some of the statements taken regarding this matter, and the report that Rosa Barnes had some of the Pollard money:

CHARLES HAYES' STATEMENT.

Charles Hayes, colored, now under arrest for burglary, and the man who is said to have seen Rena Barnes with one of the Pollard bracelets, says: remember one Sunday night Rosa and I had a fight. She cursed me and one word brought on another. I said that she promised to give me some of the Pollard money if I would marry her. She denied it, and I said it was true. My saying this caused Rosa to cry, and she threw a stone or something at me Rosa Barnes never told me she would give me some of the Pollard money if I would marry her. I was only carrying on, joking with her. I swear before the Lord, that Rosa Barnes did not say that to me. I made it up because I was mad at her.

DECLARES THEIR INNOCENCE.

* * * I do not recollect all she said except she knew that her mother and sister were innocent.

Cora Hargrow: I never saw Rose or Rena Barnes with any large amount of money, or a pair of bracelets. One day I heard Rena Barnes tell her aunt Lettie and a colored man named George Turner that on Sunday, while the white folks were looking for Solomon, she went to Solomon Marable's house and saw a work-basket which had in it a thimble and other things, on the bed She also said she saw in the basket a pair of gold bracelets and Fanny Marable told her Solomon gave them to her. I heard Aunt Lettie say: "Rena, do you know anything about this thing?" Rena replied: "I know nothing."

THOSE BRACELETS.

I know Mag Nelson had some bracelets (the ones the inquirer referred to) She got them from her mother when she died about three years ago and gave one to her sister, in Danville, N. C. They cannot be Mrs. Pollard's bracelets.

Rena Barnes: Saturday, June 15th, I arose at sunrise and walked to Solomon Marable's house, which is about three quarters of a mile away, to borrow some soap. When I arrived there I saw Solomon standing at the door looking out. I entered the house and

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THE BAPTISTS MEET.

In Session at Norfolk-The Same Offcers Re-elected

A Harmonious Session.

THE UNIVERSITY SCHEME ADOPTED

To Meet Next Year at Salem

The Virginia Baptist State Convention of which Rev. H. H. Mitchell, D D., of Farmville is president and Rev. A. Binga, Jr, D. D., secretary is the most powerful Baptist organization in the state.

In its membership is embraced the ablest divines of which the state can boast. They represent a constituency which is large and enthusiastic and the number reaches over two hundred thousand.

The sessions of the convention closed at Norfolk, Va., last week, and we present our readers with a "cut" of the body made from a photograph taken by our colored photographer, Mr. J. C. Farley at Suffolk, Va., May 1895.

The edifice is the 1st Baptist Church, Rev. William E. Gaines, pastor.

To the extreme left with limbs crossed is Rev. W. F. Graham. Back of him is L. W. Holbrook of Danville, Va. Next is Rev. T. H. Johnson of Centralia.

Rev. H. H. Mitchell, D. D, sits next to the gentleman with the boy on his lap. He has a bouquet in the lapel of his coat Over his right shoulder is Rev. Evans Payne and his left, Rev. L. R. Jeffress. President G. W. Hayes sits next to him and Rev. Gaines has his hat on the ground and a paper in his hand. Over his left shoulder is Rev W. M. Moss of Danville and back of Rev. Moss is Rev. G W. Lee, D. D., of Washington, D. C, Rev Alexander Gordon is partly hidden by Rev. Gaines. Rev. R. H. Bowling of Norfolk has his hand on the shoulder of Rev. Isaac Lee. Rev. P. F. Morris, D. D, of Lynchburg has his cane in his hand. Next to him is Rev Z. D Lewis, B. D., with his beaver, next is Rev J. W. Kirby, to one side Mr A. Humbles sits with his soft hat on his lap and limbs crossed. He is worth $40,000, having loaned Virginia Seminary $12,000. Rev. J H Presley sits a little back In front is Rev W H. Crawley. He holds his derby hat. Standing back of him is Rev E. Watts, B. D., of Petersburg Seated a little back is Rev. C. H. Phillips of Beaver Dam Rev. Daniel Morris holds his felt hat and umbrella, Rev. S E Griggs B. D, has his hat on his umbrella handle, and to the extreme right is the veteran of the Convention, Rev. Henry Williams, D. D.

Among others may be seen, Revs A S. Thomas, A. Chisholm, D D., D. N. Vassar, D. D, Professor J. Hugo Johnston, A. M, J. M. Armistead, D. D., R. Wells, R. Spiller, T. H. Brooks, J. L. Barksdale, B. F. Fox, L. B. Tefft, D. D. (white) Professor G. R Hovey, (white) Dr. McVicar (white) James H. Holmes B. P. Vandervall, Rev. H. L. Barco, William McDonald, Thomas Hamilton, John W. Crawford and others too numerous to mention.

NORFOLK, VA., May 13, '96.

The Virginia Baptist State Convention met in its 29th annual session today at the Bank Street Baptist Church, Rev. J. M. Young, pastor.

President H. H. Mitchell presided Religious exercises were conducted by Revs. Madison and Callis Address of Welcome was delivered by Rev J. M. Young, making all present feel themselves at once at home.

On motion of Deacon S. Green, Rev. J. H Holmes was called to respond in behalf of the convention, which he did in a very happy manner. Vice-president, W. M. Moss, B. D., presiding The programme was adopted.

President Mitchell delivered his annual address prefaced by a touching reference of his experience at home in Farmville during the famous Pollard Murder Trial The address was inspiring in spirit, sound in wisdom and suggestive in matter.

On motion of Rev G. C. Coleman the address was referred to the following committee: Revs. B. F. Fox, Rev Dr. Henry Williams, Rev. B. Tyrel, A M., G. W. Goode, B. D., and Rev. A. S. Thomas.

Rev. Dr H. L. Morehouse was introduced to the body, but deferred speaking at that time

The committee on finance was appointed; Revs. R. Wells, W. F. Johnson, W. J. Smith, G C Coleman, McL. Minter, R. H Bolling, J W. Crawford, R. C. Adams, H W. J Chiles, T. H. Johnson, and R. O. Johnson.

Rev. J. B. Smith and Rev. S. W. Madden, having been reported to the body Rev. Dr. Chisholm offered prayer.

Committee on New Bodies, Revs. W. H. Dixon, A. Forbes, R. C. Quarles, Willis Brown, D. C. Deans, C. H. Newman and P. H. Johnson

The following named brethren and corresponding messengers appeared on the floor and were invited to seats. Rev. T. W. C. Mitts, D. Morris, H. M. Maloy, G. W. Goode, B D, S Hockaday, N. Mackey, W. R. Mason, J. M. Powell, H. N. Jeter, T M. Bown, W. H. Griffin, W. M. Hogwood, N Brown of North Carolina, J. A. Whitting of North Carolina, J. R. Walker, C V. Cartright, North Caroiina, E. S Hatton, Texas.

Vice-president W. F. Graham presiding.

Rev. R. O. Johnson spoke in the interest of a system of Bible Study which he has prepared. Rev. Johnson's work was commended by Rev J. W. Kirby, A. Binga, Jr., D D., S. Green and G. W. Hayes.

Rev. L. R Baugh, delegate from Northern Neck, made a ringing speech in the interest of our work.

The treasurer made his report which was adopted.

Committee on Nomination appointed Rev. W. F. Graham, S. A. Garland, R. Berkley, T. H Shorts, G W. Goode, R. B. Hardy, W. P. Epps, J. E. Brown, N. Jordan, E Payne, W. C Page, A. S. Thomas and T. J. Chick

Prayer by Rev. H. N. Jeter. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

President in the chair. Devotional

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exercises were conducted by Revs. J. E. Brown and R. O. Johnson, B. D.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were read by the corresponding secretary.

Committee on nominations made their report and the election resulted as follows:

President, H. H Mitchell, D. D., Farmville; 1st Vice-President, Rev. W. F. Graham, Richmond; 2nd, Rev. S A. Garland, Lynchburg; 3rd, Rev. Isaac Lee, Jr., Cheriton; Secretary, Rev. A. Binga, Jr., D. D; Statistical Secretary, Rev. R. H Bowling, Norfolk; Corresponding Secretary; Rev. J. W. Kirby; Treasurer, Rev. Dr. D. N. Vassar.

Vice-President Isaac Lee, Jr., presided.

Committee on University scheme was appointed:

Revs. P. F Morris, D. D., G. W. Hayes, E. Watts, R H Bowling, J. L. Barksdale, R Wells and J. M Armistead.

The Corresponding Secretary made the following report which was adopted after being discussed by Rev. Dr. Spiller, Rev. H. L. Barco and Rev. B. F Fox

It was decided that the night's collection be given to the American Baptist Publication Society.

Mrs. L. H. Bolding, president of the Women's Educational Convention of Virginia spoke in a most interesting manner to the body in the interest of women's educational work. Mrs. R. G. L. Paige. Rev. L. J. Montague of New York spoke.

Rev S N. Vass, District Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society was introduced to the body

Rev. Dr. W. B. Johnson, editor of the Baptist Magazine spoke in the interest of the work.

Rev. Dr F Cook, one of the oldest members of this body reviewed the work of the convention and spoke of this body's possibilities.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. R. H. Porter.

WEDNESDAY, 8 P M.

President in the chair. Rev. Z, D. Lewis, B. D., assisted by Revs, E. Payne and A. Gordon preached from Rev. 14:6. The sermon was one great power. Collection $25.46. Benediction by Rev. Z. D Lewis, B. D.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

President in the chair. Religious exercises by Rev. C. S. Coleman and W. H. Crawley.

The following corresponding delegates were received and spoke: Rev. R. Berkley of Saluda, Rev R C Yancey, Blue Stone Association, Deacon J. T. Tonkins, Rappahannock S. S. C. Rev. E. C. Allison, Bethany Association; Rev. A B. Callis, Maryland Convention.

New bodies were voted members of the body, and the hand of fellowship tendered.

The report of the committee on University scheme was taken up.

The explanatory documents were read by Rev. Dr. McVicker and Rev. W. F. Graham. Benediction by Rev. Dr. G. W. Lee.

THURSDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Vice-President, W. F. Graham in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted Rev. R B. Hardy, B D., and Rev. A. S Thomas.

The report of the Committee on the University Scheme was received and adopted, after being discussed by Revs. B. F. Fox, J. H. Holmes, P. M. Bowman, Z D. Lewis, G W. Lee, R. Spiller, H L. Barco, S. E. Griggs, J. W. Kirby, E Payne and F Cook. On motion of Rev. H. P Weeden it was adopted.

Principal Frissell of the Hampton N. A. and Institute appeared and invited the body to visit the school.

Rev Dr. H. L. Morehouse, Rev. Dr. L. B. Tefft and Rev. Dr. McVicar made encouraging addresses.

On motion of Dr. Armistead the collection for the night was given Spiller Academy. Confirming the appointment of Revs. Z. D. Lewis, P. F. Morris and R. H. Bowling as trustees of Virginia Union University.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

President in the chair, and introduced Rev. H. W. Chiles, who assisted by Revs W. L. Johnson, B D., and W. M. Robinson B. D., preached from Isaiah 53:97 Collection $21.25 Rev. Dr. Dickinson of the Religious Herald and Rev. Z. D. Lewis, B D., of the Virginia Baptist spoke. Rev. S L. Johnson, Rev A. Wilbank spoke. Benediction by Rev. C. S. Coleman.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

President in the chair. Religious exercises by Revs. J. E. Brown, R. C. Yancey.

The committee on Subjects and Speakers made its report which was adopted.

The committee on Sunday Schools made its report which was adopted as did also the committee on Place of Meeting.

A committee was appointed to look into the deed and act of incorporation of Spiller Academy with a view to have it deeded to nine trustees to be held for the convention.

The State Board made its report. Adopted after being discussed by Rev. Fox and Dr. Morehouse. Benediction by Dr Morehouse. Adjourned.

MAGNO'S MESSAGE.

JACKSON WARD BREVITIES.

Sunday at our Churches—Revivals in the Churches Attended by Grand Successes—Things Seen and Heard While Wandering in the Ward.

Last Sunday was one of the scorchers of midsummer, and while the heat of the sun raised the temperature above blood heat, there could be seen young men and women, old men and children wending their way to the houses of worship, thus giving all our churches appreciative audiences

The magnificent temple of the Ebenezer Baptist Congregation was filled by an interested audience, who listened to an excellent sermon and witnessed the baptizing of one candidate Communion services were held in the afternoon, at which an enjoyable time was spent

On last Sunday morning, Rev. W. T. Johnson of Lexington, preached an excellent sermon at the Moore St. Baptist Church In his discourse he referred his hearers to the faith of Job, and urged them to be steadfast in the faith once delivered them.

At the First Baptist Church, the Baccalaureate Sermon of the Hartshorn Memorial College by Prof. Lyman B. Tefft. It contained a great deal of wholesome advice and instruction.

As far as we have learned regular services were held at the other churches at usual hours.

Revival is still in progress, and many souls are being converted unto God.

The wedding bells are still a-ringing, and we learn that some of our school teachers will be caught in their chimes.

We learn that a certain young man played usher in his soda water pants and outing shirt at that marriage a few weeks ago, while his partner wore the full dress What a difference.

Manchester was well represented by the fair sex of this section on last Monday evening, sporting those Manchester boys, while their fellows were on this side of the James. This is what they call two pluck.

On last Sunday evening, the folks of Jackson Ward could be seen seated on their porches and lawns, and after dark the same served as lounges until a late hour.

We learn that a certain young man has been accused of our opinion on the hair question. As a word of vindication, we would only say that that gentlemen does not write in our column, hence accuse him no more.

Now girls, we don't say stop using Hair Restorative, if without injury, because we learn that it makes the crooked hair straight, and kinky curl.

Boys, the time is fast approaching when you will have to seek girls for the summer. The old regulars claim its too hot to remain.

We noticed that the couple that fell out sometime ago, is looking wistfully at each other. Now, kiss and make up

It has been some time since we have been on the hill, but we learn that the girls and boys are still proposing.

Don't you know that she sported her Washington fellow last Sunday in the presence of her Richmond fellow? Yes but didn't she blush when she saw him.

False hair and false teeth are extensively used in this section, and we can not always tell it. Such was the case with a young man when his newly married wife hung up her wig and took out her teeth.

Marriage is a benefit and a blessing to some, and a curse to others.

Young men, remember drunkenness robs you of your thinking faculties, beside taking your health. So let it alone.

On last Wednesday night the Commencement Exercises of the Hartshorn Memorial College took place in their Chapel. A fine programme was rendered to a large crowd. Miss Amanda James of Lexington, Va, was the most successful competitor, having received two medals. Alumnæ Exercises were held on Thursday night.

Girls, shun drunkards and encourage soberness, then your future homes will be places of peace and happiness.

Ho! young man, we admire your love and appreciation for that student; but you ought not have spent your last cent for those flowers last Wednesday. We are told that he feasted off grab-lunch Thursday. Does his girl know this?

Don't you know that she will close her school about the 15th, and will marry on the 29th. Yes, that fellow from Maryland.

Among the many badges worn in the Ward, we see small pieces of blue and yellow ribbons, indicating the Y. M. C. A. competition. Who will eat the cream and cake?

Pic-nic season is about to commence, and the girls are ready for them, Are you boys?

The girls are presenting marks of beauty in their recently taken pictures. Either flattery or naturally so. We have seen quite a number.

Those Jefferson fellows are cutting a ubly figure, but one was outdone by one of our regular fellows. Old boy, we admire your nerve.

A grand carnival will be had by Miss Deborah Patterson and Mr. Benjamin Cephas under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. We hope them success.

Yes, young lovers, old lovers and middle age lovers, all were seen at the Hartshorn on last Wednesday night.

Our friend, Lawyer Pollard will address the Association Sunday evening. Hear ye him.

MAGNO USO.

Another Bank.

On Monday, June 1, 1896 the Nickel Savings Bank will open for the reception of deposits. It is situated at 601 North 30th Street where extensive preparations have been made for the quick dispatch of all business left in th ir charge. Five cents will be the smallest amount received.

The officers are as follows: President, R. F. Tancil, M D, Vice-president, R. J Bass; Directors:—President. Vice-president and Anderson Evans, W. S. Christian, E. A. Washington, Rev. Evans Payne and John H. Jones

Rev Graham Preaches.

Rev W. F. Graham preached a soul-stirring sermon at the 20th street Baptist Church on last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock p m from 50th Psalm, 5 and 6th verses. The young peoples choir of 5th Street Church accompanied their pastor and rendered some very excellent music. The members and friends of the 20th Street Baptist Church were very much pleased and would like to have them come again at an early date.

Y M. C. A. NOTES.

Meeting at the Jail—Another Convert—Blues are Ahead—Night School Closes.

The committee regardless of the heat last Sunday held its regular meetings in the city jail. We need more workers. Come and help us.

Master Jessie C. Smith conducted the boys' meeting last Sunday. Another member of the Junior Department has accepted Christ.

The men's meeting was well attended. Solos by Mr. W. B. Richardson, accompanied by Madame Hill of Boston, were well rendered.

The able address by Mr. Thomas Hewin was one that all men should have heard. Subject: "The Man Wanted." Some time in the near future we shall ask our brother to repeat the same.

The captains with the assistance of the members are hard at work. The blue are still ahead, yet the orange says they must eat cheese and crackers.

Rev. R. O. Johnson, pastor of the Moore St. Baptist Church, will explain the the Sunday-School lesson, to-day 5:30 P. M. Come.

Meeting at the jail Sunday, 11 a. m.

Boys' meeting Sunday, 4 p. m.

Lawyer J. R. Pollard will address the men, Sunday, 5:30 p. m., at True Reformers' Hall. Solos by Mr. Thomas M. Crump and Director C. C. Williams, accompanied by Mr. H. B. Burwell.

Our night school will close Monday, May 25th, at 8 p. m., at our rooms. Programme: Music, Prayer, Music, Welcome Address, Essay, Declamations, Addresses by Dr. S. H. Dismond and Director M. B. Jones, Awarding Prizes, Music and Benediction.

OUR NEXT RALLY.

RICHMOND, VA., May 4, 1896.

The attention of a generous, kind hearted public is respectly invited to the third and fourth Sundays in June next, as the days set apart for Fifth Street Baptist Church Rally days. I am ever-mindful of the liberal support and encouragement given me in my work for the four years I have been here and respectfully ask a continuance of the same.

It will be remembered that our church was in debt about $10,000, but I am thankful to say that by the united strength of a loving congregation, the strong support of a wide-awake deacon board, and the liberal disposition of the citizens and members of other churches we have succeeded in keeping up our current expenses and at the same time reduced our debt to about $3,600.

Our punch cards are out, our working clubs are bestirring themselves, and we ask all friends to the cause of the Master to come to our rescue.

Very respectfully

W. F. GRAHAM, pastor.

5-9-96-8t.

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ORATORY DISPLAYED—REV. GRAHAM AND ALL THE SPEAKERS HIGHLY APPLAUDED

Items of Interest Here and There

Miss Mary Jenkins arrived in the city last week from Philadelphia and is looking well.

At the First Baptist Church to-morrow morning (Sunday) 11 o'clock, Rev. Lee Frayser will preach; at 3:30 communion; and at 8 p. m. Rev. Daniel James will preach.

Misses Bertha Hughes and Mary Pinchum, students of the V N. & C. I. at Petersburg have returned home on vacation They are looking well.

Mrs. Robinetta Cogbill left the city last Tuesday night to visit Washington and New York city. We wish her a pleasant trip.

Mrs Alice Watkins returned to the city last Saturday morning looking well.

R. A Hughes, Esq., who has been attending the law department at Howard University, Washington, D. C., is in the city. He gives an excellent account of the school.

On last Monday evening at 2 o'clock, white and colored people could be seen wending their way to the First Baptist Church, and at 3:30 o'clock, seating room was at a premium. The edifice was packed with eager spectators to witness the Commencement Exercises of High School. The following programme was well rendered:

Music, God bless you till we meet again, School; Invocation, Rev. W. T. Johnson of Lexington, Va.; music, Our flag, School; oration, Burn the bridges as you cross John Archer Hickmon; essay, The true woman, Nancy Victoria Harris; oration, The grandeur of nations, Matthew Damon Bennett; music, The flowers, School; oration, Education the safeguard of a nation, George Edward Robinson; essay, Our fireside and its influences on home, Eleanora Blanche Johnson; oration, Think and labor, Lewis Mercer Scott; solo, Holy City, Mr. C. William Moon; oration and salutatory, Graduated, what next? Charles Henry Greene; oration and valedictory, Ambition, William Henry Wooldridge; music, Praise the Lord, School; address, Rev. W. F. Graham of Richmond, Va.; conferring diplomas, Mr. J. J. Bailey, member of school board; address, D. L. Pulliam, Esq., Superintendent public schools; address, Prof. D. W. Davis; music, Parting Song. Graduates, Classes '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, and '96; Benediction.

Rev. Graham's oratory did not fail to reach the hearts of his hearers and their approval was shown forth with thunderous applause. He was crowned the orator of the day.

Supt Pulliam spoke to the parents in a plain, practical manner. He gave the parents some wholesome advice, and at times grew eloquent. He paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Chas. Greene for having excelled all the graduates in speaking. He was greeted with rounds of applause.

Mr Bailey presented the diplomas in a calm and graceful manner. He was applauded.

The singing of Mr. Moon was extremely fine. He was encored.

The singing of Mr. Robinson, Misses Alma Thompson and Malinda Harris was grand.

We congratulate Mr. Henri Jones for the graceful manner in which he manipulated upon the keys.

The visiting friends, who sat upon the rostrum made short talks. All complimented Prof. Blackwell for the grand showing. As the hour of seven rolled round, one of the most successful terms ended during the principalship of Prof. James Heywood Blackwell.

Rev. J. Andrew Bowler will preach Sunday evening at the 2nd Baptist Church. Go and hear him.

We learn that one of our young doctors will soon unite in the holy bond of matrimony. Wonder if its true? We'll see.

The congregation of the First Baptist Church was on last Sunday greeted with another rare treat. At 10:45, in the forenoon services, Rev. A. S. Thomas, accompanied by his choir kindled the spiritual fire in the hearts of his hearers.

The reverend preached an interesting sermon from Genesis 4:3. Subject "An offering unto the Lord." His admonition to the wayward church members (of whom Dr. Binga describes as Baptist gypsies) was very appropriate as well as instructive. He was assisted by Rev. R. R. Graham and Deacon Foster, the latter a member of his church. The choir rendered valuable service, and also contributed liberally.

"Prayer, peace and prosperity" was the theme of the able divine, Rev. Z. D Lewis, B. D., of the 2nd Baptist Church at 3:30 o'clock. He was assisted by Rev. Terrell of Lynchburg, Va.

Rev. Lewis, who is beloved by the people of this city and who is held in high esteem by all who know him, was greeted with a large congregation that listened with marked attention to this learned man of God as he poured forth the rich truths of the Bible. The choir sang excellent music. A number of Rev. Lewis' members contributed liberally. Mrs. Hampton, an elderly lady subscribed $2.00.

Rev. Terrell of the Diamond Hill Baptist Church spoke in complimentary terms of Dr. Binga, and also thanked the congregation for a donation sent him a few months ago to assist in lifting a note due on his church.

Rev. Ferguson, who was to officiate at the night services, was detained at home on account of sickness in the family. The Lord provided a lamb for the flock in the person of Rev. W. T. Johnson, B D., Manchester's beloved son and idol. He preached a stern, soul-stirring sermon, which closed the services for the day for God's children.

The Deacon Board presented a beautiful silver pitcher and cup in the beautifying of God's house. The members as well as Dr. Binga seem to prize it very highly.

Dr. S. H. Dismond and his wife presented a lovely book mark that was highly esteemed by the congregation.

The floral decorations for the day were presented by sisters Abbie Thompson, Mary Stringfellow, Laura Barnes, Roberta Cunningham, Elvira Williams and Martha Williams.

Rev. George Coleman filled his post of duty at 22nd Street Baptist Church last Sunday. The Young People's Baptist Union of his church is progressing rapidly. The communion services were largely attended. Since the revival, the S. S. has increased to a great extent.

The correspondent of this city for the Reformer seemed to have been very much worried because "Big 2" shaved off his mustache. He is disgruntled because we did not ask him for the barber fee. We catch on and for the future will shave at his expense.

Mr. Cornelius Munford was called out of the city last Thursday morning on account of the death of his father, Mr. George Munford of Amelia

Will lock arms with a "beaut" across the river, eh? That's what we learn you will do. Wonder if he will gather up his "napsack" and bid farewell to the old "free state" and take up his abode in the capitol.

BIG "2."

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

——Mr. W. A. Druid of Waverly, Va., called on us

——Mr A. W Cardoza of Fayetteville, N. C., called on us.

——Rev. A. Chisholm, D. D of Bedford City, Va., called on us this week.

——Rev. J. E. Brown of Fredericksburg, Va, was in the city this week and called on us.

——We return thanks for the 19th Annual Catalogue of Jackson College, Jackson, Miss., 1895-96.

——Rev. W. H. Coleman, pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Lima, O., was in the city and called on us.

——Mr. G. J. Teamer of Norfolk, Va., was in the city Tuesday, visiting Miss Lelia Cables of North 5th Street.

——Mrs. Sarah Ann Dean of Cumberland Co., called on us. She has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. W. H. Isham.

——Miss Mary Smith arrived in the city from Patterson, N. J., where she has been spending a few months. She is looking well.

——Mr E. J. Allen, who has been attending Virginia Normal Collegiate Institute, Petersburg, Va., was in the city this week and called on us.

——Mrs. Sallie Hickman left the city Tuesday, the 12th, in company with her sister, Mrs. Glover, for Norwich Connecticut, her future home.

——Mrs. Mary Garner, Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mrs Amy L. Brooks of Chase City were in the city last week, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Mosby.

——Mrs. Susan Nizer, age 50 years died suddenly at Elkton, Va. She retired to her room singing a hymn and the next morning was found a corpse

——We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the sixth Anniversary Exercises of Christiansburg Institute, Christiansburg, Va., May 24 to 28, 1896.

——We return many thanks for the invitation received to attend the 8th Anniversary of the St. Paul Normal and Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va., Thursday, May 28, 1896.

——We return thanks for the Speeches of Hon. Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois delivered in the Senate of the United States during the first and second sessions of the Fifty-third Congress.

——We return thanks for an invitation to the 8th Anniversary of the Gloucester Agricultural and Industrial School, Cappahoosic, Va., Thursday, May 28th. W. B. Weaver, principal.

——We have received a most encouraging and complimentary letter from Mr. Joseph Fields of this city. He has just reached the age which permits him to exercise the right of franchise.

——We return thanks for the invitation received to attend a public meeting of the Hampton Folk-Lore Society which will be held at Hampton Institute on Friday evening, May 22nd at 8 o'clock.

——We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the Anniversary Exercises of the Hartshorn Memorial College Wednesday and Thursday evening, May 20th and 21st, 1896, in the College Chapel.

——Rev. Dr. J. M. Townsend, pastor Quinn chapel and Mr. J. I. Harper and Mr. William Yancey, all of Chicago called on us. They were returning home from the General Conference at Wilmington, N. C.

——We return thanks for a copy of the speech of Hon. Francis E. Warren of Wyoming delivered in the Senate of the United States, January 23, 1896. Subject: "Shall we Preserve our Herds and Flocks?"

——We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the Commencement Exercises of the Industrial High School, Danville, Va., Monday Evening, May 25th, '96, at 8:15 o'clock at Ridge Street Tabernacle.

——We return thanks for a copy of the speech of Hon. J. C. Pritchard of North Carolina delivered in the Senate of the United States January 10, 13, 1896. Subject: "Protection for the Raw Materials of the South.

——Mr. Russell Nicholas is out again after three week's illness with inflamitary rheumatism. He says he feels more like himself to-day than he has for sometime. He had a great deal of his friends to visit him. One of his friends said to him, "You are not persevering enough with your rheumatism I had it and I used to walk and I would fall but I knew I had to get back to bed." But Mr. Nicholas said to him, "Your rheumatism was not like mine for I believe if any body has gotten the inflamitary rheumatism they cannot walk. I can't move now." 610 North 3rd Street B.

Colored School Teacher Killed.

NAVASOTA, TEX., May 12.—O. W. Landry, principal of the colored public schools of this city, was shot and killed to-day at the noon hour by Tom Smith also colored. The fight grew out of school matters and has been brewing for some time. Several objections have recently been urged against Landry as principal, and at the last meeting of the City Council an investigation was ordered. Landry, it is said, tried to secure the dismissal of Tom Smith's wife, who is a teacher in the school. To-day at noon Smith approached the school-house with a shotgun, and, as he entered the door, Landry jumped up and endeavored to make his escape through the rear door. Smith pursued, and the shooting began, Smith firing several loads of buck shot at Landry's retreating figure, and Landry in return emptying his revolver in the direction of his opponent, none of which latter, however, took effect. Landry continued running and fell 300 yards from the school-house, with nine buckshot in his neck, shoulders and back, death ensuing shortly. Smith surrendered.

HE KILLED THEM.

A FLORIDA FATHER'S DEFENSE OF HIS SON.

A Thrilling Narrative—Both Escape—Blood-hounds Upon Their Trail.

BRAIDENTOWN, FLA., May 12.—Jack Trice, a colored man, fought fifteen white men at 3 o'clock this morning, killing James Hughes and Edward Sanchez, fatally wounding Henry Daniels and dangerously wounding Albert Buffum. The battle occurred at the colored man's home, near Palmetta, a town six miles south of here, and he fought to prevent his 14-year-old son being "regulated" by the whites.

THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.

Yesterday afternoon Trice's son and the son of Town Marshal Hughes, of Palmetto, fought, the white boy being badly beaten, Marshal Hughes was greatly enraged, and at 3 o'clock this morning he and fourteen other white men went to Trice's house to "regulate" the colored man's little boy.

The whites demanded that the boy be sent out. Trice refused and the whites began firing.

THAT DEADLY RETURN FIRE.

Trice returned the fire, his first bullet killing Marshal Hughes. Edward Sanches tried to burn the house and was shot through the brain by Trice. Then the whites tried to batter in the door with a log, which resulted in Henry Daniels getting a bullet in his stomach that will kill him. The regulators then ran, a final bullet from Trice's rifle striking Albert Buffum in the back.

The whites secured re-enforcements and returned to Trice's home at sunrise, vowing to burn father and son at the stake, but their intended victims had fled; only Trice's old mother was in the house. The old woman was driven out and the house burned. Posses with bloodhounds are chasing Trice and the boy, and they will be lynched if caught.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE.

Colored Man Lynched—The Swaying Body.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 19.—This morning early pedestrians who happened to pass the court-house and jail in St. Bernard parish were horrified to see swaying in the breeze the body of a