

SATURDAY DEC. 31, 1898.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Blow the trumpet ring the bells! Let the cannons roar! Sound the sweetest note that tells, The New Year's at the door!

GRAND SHOWING.

Of Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Co.

A Company to be Depend- ed Upon.

REV. GRAHAM'S ENTERPRISE.

Manager Taylor's Foresight—Spreading Its Branches—A Christmas Greeting.

It is with peculiar pride that we speak of the remarkable degree of success that has attended our business during the year of 1898.

The company has successful Branch Offices in Danville, Lynchburg, Roanoke and Salem, Foshontas, Washington, D. C., Alexandria, West Point, Hampton, Norfolk, Newport News, Suffolk, Petersburg; and still there are many more cities anxiously petitioning us to begin business in their communities.

That the public may have an intelligent idea of the growth of the old Reliable we submit the following table of comparative work done since July 1884 to December 1898.

POLICIES ISSUED.

Table with 2 columns: Date Range, Policies Issued. Includes rows for July 1884 to January 1896, January 1896 to January 1898, etc.

CLAIMS PAID.

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That the company may be on a solid foundation the Board of Directors are careful to keep a large amount of their funds invested in real estate. We have thought it well to present the outs, and points of interest in their lives, of the popular gentlemen composing the Board of Directors.

REV. W. F. GRAHAM, D. D., the well-known and popular pastor of the great Fifth St. Baptist Church as president. He is just 40 years old and has won for himself a national reputation as a minister of the gospel.

Dr. Graham is First Vice-president of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, member of the Trustee Board of the Virginia Seminary and Associate editor of the Sunday School Literature of the National Baptist Publishing House located at Nashville, Tenn. Under his leadership the Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Company has known no defeat.

FRY JOHN T. TAYLOR, Secretary

and General Manager has proven to be a gentleman of rarest business capacity. To him is due much of the credit for the success of the company. Mr. Taylor was born 33 years ago in Boston, Mass. He was educated in the Public Schools of Richmond and spent several years teaching school in his native state. He was elected to the position he so honorably holds in 1894.

DEA. J. J. CARTER. Deacon J. J. Carter of the strong and intelligent Ebenezer Baptist Church where preaches the cultured and forcible Dr. Wells, is Assistant General Manager. He was elected to the position in January 1898. Mr. Carter is a young man born in 1862, Cumberland Co., Va. He attended the public schools of Richmond and is well equipped for the duties devolved upon him.

MR. W. B. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. W. B. Cunningham, the Vice-President, is a gentleman well known to the citizens of Richmond and the State by reason of his prominent connection with the St. Luke's, Pythians and Odd Fellows. Mr. Cunningham is a member of Second Baptist Church. He represents considerable real estate and has a well known record for business integrity. He was born 42 years ago in Goochland Co.

MR. A. T. GRIMES. Deacon A. T. Grimes of the Second Baptist Church is the Treasurer of the Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Company. Deacon Grimes is a gentleman of the soundest business ideas. He represents considerable personal worth. He was born in Lynchburg, Va., and from earliest childhood was impressed with the necessity of knowing something about books. That was away back in the days of slavery. His father by some means bought a copy of the New York Primer spelling book which was the beginning of that learning which now fits Treasurer Grimes so well for his duty in the company.

MR. ARCHER S. HAWKINS. Deacon of the 5th St. Baptist Church is a member of the Auditing Committee. He was born in Richmond, May 3rd, 1865. His parents, Fannie and Archer Hawkins, impressed their son in early life with ideas of business and industry. His mother was a Miss Wiley before marriage of the well known Wiley family of Low Door, Amelia Co., Va. He was educated in the public schools of Richmond. While attending school young Hawkins at odd times worked at the barber's trade under Robinson and Willis, near 7th and Broad Sts. Here he earned money which kept him in school and helped his parents.

It was not long before the company rewarded Mr. Hawkins merit and usefulness by promoting him to a clerkship in the same department. This is an honor seldom coming to a colored man. Yet we are not surprised when it is remembered who the authorities are under whom our worthy Director works. Over his own signature Mr. Potts, the A. G. P. A. of that great Railroad Company styles Mr. Hawkins "Record and File Clerk." Mr. Hawkins has held this position for over ten years. He has rendered valuable service in securing passenger business among our people in face of great competition from other roads. The most important that may be named are Richmond and Norfolk Battalions to the Richmond and Norfolk in 1893; this train consisted of parlor cars. The train for the Orion Social Club to the McKinley inauguration in 1897 and the train carrying 1st and 2nd Battalions from Richmond to the Unveiling of the Grant Monument in New York.

Mr. Hawkins is a prominent member of the 5th Street Baptist Church and has served to the satisfaction of all as superintendent of the Sunday School. He resigned that position to the regret of all. We submit here testimonial touching Director Hawkins from Mr. John D. Potts: "In addition to his duty in my office, this young colored man has rendered the Company some valuable service in securing passenger business among his own people for a period of more than 10 years and some times in face of great competition from other roads."

Director Hawkins was married to Miss Fannie E. Coleman, one of Richmond's sweetest singers, and cousin to the distinguished President Johnson, of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute of Petersburg, on Nov. 13, 1889.

MR. E. J. GILPIN, the well-known Broad Street Shoe

Merchant, director of the Company is a leading member of the corporation. He was born in Richmond, his parents being the late Joseph L. and Catherine Gilpin. He received his education in the public schools of his native city. He learned the trade of shoe-making under his father, at which he was recognized to be an adept. In 1889, he went into the business which he has conducted with such pronounced success to the present at 506 E. Broad St. He is the only gentleman of color that conducts the shoe business in the city.

Mr. Gilpin is a prominent member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, and has been secretary of Globe Lodge, G. U. O. of O. F., for 15 years; District Grand Treasurer, 12 years. He is now Secretary and General Manager of the Old Dominion Shoe Store Company.

Director, and member of the auditing committee, is one of the staunchest and most thorough business like gentlemen in the company. He is usually calm in deliberation, pointed in discussion and tenacious in conclusions. He is well known as a man of clear business judgment. Born at Manakin Goochland Co., Va., December 19, 1859. He has continuously resided in the state of his birth. While yet an infant of three months his parents moved to Richmond, where he grew up being educated in the city's excellent schools. His training therein has been such as to fit him for business. He learned the barber's trade, at which he has worked for many years conducting a paying business for himself. Mr. Johnson is a useful member of the Second Baptist Church, having at one time served as superintendent of the Sunday School. He has been vice-president of the city Sunday School Union and a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Baptist Sunday School Convention. Director Johnson is an ardent worker in Sunday School at present.

In 1893 he was, in Washington, D. C., married by the distinguished Dr. W. Bishop Johnson to the accomplished Miss Mazie Myers of Richmond, who, herself for some time was most efficient clerk in the home office of the company. They have been blessed with the coming of a beautiful little that makes their home bright and happy. Mr. Johnson resides at 1404 Dauce St.

MR. P. A. MARTIN is the silver tongued orator of the Company. He is a member of the Board, and by his long standing, practical experience does much to advance the interest of the company. He was born twelve miles from Richmond (in Chesterfield Co.). He came to this city 42 years ago. By strict attention to his business and practical economy he is now enjoying the fruits of his earnings. He was married in December 23, 1865, to Miss Nannie Burrell. Director Martin is Treasurer of the Old Dominion Shoe Store Company. He is a prominent member of the Second Baptist Church. He is 58 years old and resides at 1104 W. Leigh St.

MR. B. H. FEYTON, the wide-awake General Inspector was born in Richmond, Va., January, 1876. Mr. Feyton is a young gentleman of sterling qualities and business talent. He is a member of the Fifth Street Church and secretary of the Sunday School. He is well-known throughout the bounds of the territory covered by the company and recognized as a straight forward business man. Mr. Feyton graduated from the Richmond High and Normal School in 1892. For a long time he was clerk in the W. H. Anderson Book Store Company. From there he came, January '97, to the service of the Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Co.

Thus it may be seen that the Company has at its head a strong set of leading men of fine business qualities. Including the eight persons in the home office some idea of the extent of the volume of the company's work may be obtained when the public is informed that 150 persons are steadily and regularly employed as managers, inspectors, clerks, collectors and agents.

The showing here given commends the Company to the confidence of the public.

Thanks Returned. I thank the Beneficial Department Woman's Union for the money I received at my mother's death, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith. I was promptly paid Dec. 17, 1898. I recommend the Woman's Union to all others. President, Rosa K. Jones; Vice-president, Maggie L. Walker.

Yours truly, Mrs. ALICE JUDAH, 607 E. Preston St., Richmond, Va.

Carrier Bryd's Gift. There was hardly a gift that this journal received on Christmas more appreciated than that of the blind, but popular newspaper carrier who, out of his funds donated \$1.50 to the Planet for its work of defending the interest of the race.

PERSONALS BRIEFS.

Mrs. W. H. Isham, who has been indisposed is much improved. Miss Carsey Isham, in company with Miss Julia Trent of Cumberland are in the city.

Mr. Samuel Toliver of Winston N. C., is in the city. He is our genial agent at that place. Miss Corinne E. Martin of Washington is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Robinson.

Miss Keeling and Miss Eva Johnson are in the city. Rev. R. Wells has been quite indisposed during this week. Mr. Armistead Washington has been indisposed.

Mr. Cornelius Johnson is as yet quite sick. Mr. John H. Mabrey left the city Saturday, the 24th inst., to spend the Christmas holidays, visiting friends in Philadelphia and New York.

Mrs. Hannah Mabrey left the city on Wednesday, 21st inst., for Recktown, Md. They are here, The Armstrong Family supporting the greatest musical prodigy of the age. The second Blind Tom in his up-to-date descriptive piano selections.

The Southern Aid Society whose office is located at 811 N 8th St., is preparing to pay sick and death claims to all of its bonafide members. You have but to take out a policy with them, if you have the desire to enjoy the benefits. When the agents call give him your application, as they are the friends of the poor.

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THE NICKEL SAVINGS BANK, 601 North 30th St.

Portrait of a man in a suit. RICHMOND, VA. DIRECTORS: Rev. Archer Ferguson, W. S. Christian, Anderson Evans, J. Henry Jones, Lewis L. Banks, Chas. West. DEAR FRIENDS: We hereby respectfully inform you that we are located at the "WHITE FRONT," 311 N. 4th St., in our New Quarters the Branch of the Nickel Savings Bank, where for the convenience of our many up town patrons, deposits will be received and arrangements made for the negotiation of LOANS ON EASY TERMS. Four Per Cent Interest Paid on Deposits. Nickel Savings Bank, E. H. WASHINGTON, Cashier.

KILLED BY A WHITE CONDUCTOR. Richmond Youth Shot Down in Georgia. MACON, GA., December 22.—Private Elijah Turner, of the Sixth Virginia regiment, was shot and almost instantly killed by O. A. Thrower, a street car conductor this afternoon. Turner boarded Thrower's car very drunk and is said to have used the vilest language imaginable. Thrower then pulled him out of the car to the rear platform and kept him there until a lady got off. While Thrower was assisting the lady off, the colored man kicked him several times and applied more vile epithets. A colored man on a trailer car then called Turner, but after a short talk he returned to Thrower's car and with knife in his hand swore he would cut Thrower. As he stepped on the platform Thrower fired, the bullet striking Turner in the mouth. He died in fifteen minutes. A crowd of colored soldiers and civilians soon gathered and swore vengeance on Thrower and all street car conductors. One conductor was chased several blocks by the colored men. Guards have been placed on all cars on the line leading to the colored men's camp and to-night the camp is under strong guard to prevent any outbreak on the part of the colored children. Mr. Turner was the son of Rev. Jacob Turner of this city and resided on William St. His remains arrived here Sunday morning and the funeral took place from the Moore Street Baptist Church at 3 p. m., the pastor, Rev. Johnson officiating. He was a member of the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church. Funeral Director Price had charge of the remains.—Ed.

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