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Dr. Harvey Johnson is Outspoken

A Reply to Dr. Z. D. Le Ie's Second Article in "The Plea."

Editor John Mitchell, Jr.:

Dear Sir: I here and now, stand pat. Dr. Le Ie, in his article of April 19th, in your paper, in which he, I have trouble, [illegible] the character of Abraham Lincoln, I have this country. But that does not move me; there is any honor in contending that very sad and sad world event, which is the main point. I am asking for credit Dr. Lewis seems to have the idea that celebration means a dishonorable cause honorable. But not so Dr. The cause itself, not to honorable. You cannot celebrate the beginning of slavery without at the same time celebrating the operation of the system.

QUESTION THE COLUMBUS DISCOVERY.

The Doctor further asserts the landing of slaves in this country was like the discovery of America by Columbus. Is he quite sure that Columbus did discover the great American Continent? A discovery as I understand it is the finding of that for which one is looking and not something one falls upon and dies without knowing that he has fallen upon it. Well Doctor, this is the exact case of Columbus. He did not leave Spain looking for a country, but for a shorter way to India, which is in Asia and instead of going east, behold! he went due west, and got lost, floated into Hispaniola; and because he did not know where he was, he called that, and other islands, the West Indies.

THE SANCTIONING OF SLAVERY.

The Doctor says he does not believe that God in any wise, sanctions slavery, yet he says he believes that it pleased God to make us slaves, that He might school us for service. Now Doctor, if it pleased God to make us slaves in order to set us into school, is not that a sanction of slavery? And the logic of it is, that He has had us there ever since, and that, Doctor, is three hundred years of schooling we have received from Him. Now Doctor, if this is not the conclusion we are to draw, what is it?

A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.

You inform us that all great races have been enslaved. Well, let that be so. Will you tell us which one of these races ever celebrated the date of their enslavement? Dr. Lewis, it may be that I, Dr. yourself, am not wiser than my teachers, yet I am now correcting some of the blunders and mistakes they made over three hundred years ago, when they brought African slavery into this country. And it may be, Doctor, that some one of these school boys you have with you here in Virginia, may be able to help you in that very important matter.

INSIST UPON ANOTHER DR. LEWIS' LEADERSHIP.

Doctor, I succeeded in my former letter that time you did so much to lead out those members of the Convention who opposed the Resolutions. I now repeat the suggestion that you could not be better employed than in helping them [illegible] media. Now Doctor, Lewis, I am [illegible] much of Abraham Lincoln, for we have had many [illegible] to contend with. But we [illegible] only take place.

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Respectfully,
W. H. LAMAR, Solicitor.

Why They Did We Told

Washington, D. C.
May 7, 1919

Mr. [illegible]
Richmond, Virginia.

Sir: [illegible]

In reply I beg to state that the Mr. [illegible] of this corporation was satisfied in [illegible] number of New York, N. Y., with an income so to the capability and the personnel was directed to second it for mailing.

Respectfully,
W. H. LAMAR, Solicitor.

Mr. George H. Johnson Becomes Member of Firm of W. E. Johnson and Sons, Inc.

GEORGE H. JOHNSON,
Secretary and General Manager.

The friends and public in general will be glad to note that Mr. George H. Johnson, who for a number of years has been in the employ of Mr. W. E. Johnson, well known funeral director and embalmer, of this city, has been admitted to the firm of W. E. Johnson and Sons, Inc., Funeral Directors, Embalmers and Liveryman as Secretary and General Manager. Mr. Johnson recently received his honorable discharge from the United States Army and earnestly solicits the patronage of the public in general and the earnest support in his many friends.

The Noted Evangelist Here.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Skipwith the noted Gospel preacher and singer, has been in the midst of a very successful meeting in the West end for two weeks. Rev. Dr. Duffy of the Fifth Baptist Church and people are elated over the success of their meeting conducted at an unusual time of day by this noted Evangelist. So you can readily see its God and the man, that can bring success at an unusual time. Dr. Skipwith will begin a ten days meeting at Calvary Baptist Church Fulton, Rev. C. A. Cobb pastor, beginning Tuesday night May 20th.

Fulton is the place where the [illegible] where the Evangelist was reared and a number of his relatives are still in these parts. of course Fulton will turn out.

A. D. M.

Funeral Director Scott and His New Funeral Motor Car.

A silver hearse or rather car as it is now called is a novelty, but Andrew C. Scott the progressive funeral director of 2 [illegible] has directed his patrons, one of the finest automobile surprises you have in a long time. It is an Automobile proposition and is mounted with Spartan bronze [illegible] Mr. Scott has been congratulated by his friends and affiliates to whom he has given the ride for five people, he says I [illegible] the dead ones.

[illegible] of the public. Read his advertisement in another col[illegible] and ride this beautiful car.

The "Scot" of the quotation shown elsewhere will give you a right idea of its magnificence.

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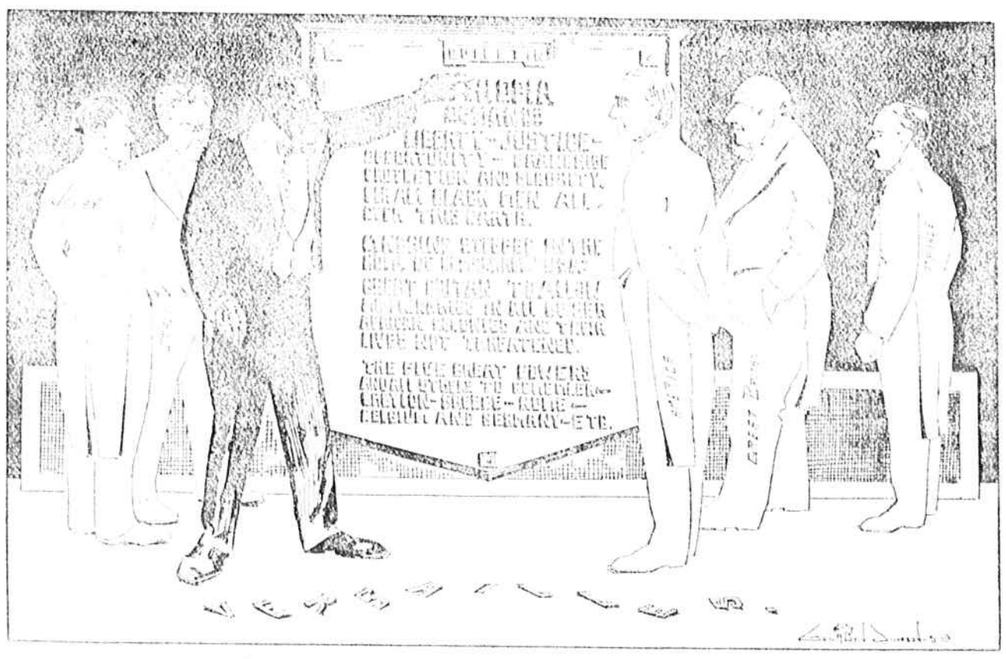
ETHIOPIA'S BULLETIN



KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

A New Lodge at Franklin, Va.

Franklin, Va., May 12. Fifty-two candidates were initiated into the mysteries of Pythianism last night when Grand Chancellor John Mitchell, Jr., with his assistants set up a lodge of Knights of Pythias which will be known as Fidelity Lodge. The work was the work of District Deputy Crippart and his corps of faithful workers. The three ranks were conferred in less than two hours and the Grand Chancellor was delighted. He came down in his Stanley steamer, leaving made the trip without incident.

Those accompanying the Grand Chancellor were Dr. A. A. Tennant, Grand Medical Register; Dr. E. R. Anderson, Grand Master of Exchequer; Past Chancellor, R. W. Whiting; Col. R. C. Mitchell; Rev. L. J. Morris and Sir Robinson Davis.

The following officers of the new lodge were installed: F. B. Harris, M. P., Chancellor Commander; S. F. Cooper, Master of Work; William Gibson, Vice-Chancellor; Rev. L. G. Oberly, Prelate; Rev. William John, Master of Exchequer; Rev. William Dick, Master of Finance; J. T. Stanley, K. of R. and S.; G. G. Rickford, Master at Arms; Walter Council, Inner Guard; Billie Jenkins, Outer Guard; J. T. Bolling; J. C. Rickford and John Brown, Trustee.

The Grand Chancellor and his assistants left this morning by train for Richmond, Va.

Notice.

Richmond, Va., May 5, 1919.

Dear Brother: We are addressing you this lines to inform you that a Banquet is now on the way to raise a fund of $1,000 with which to produce an automobile for Dr. Joseph E. Jones our beloved teacher, to be presented at the commencement of the V. U. U.

[illegible] Dr. J. L. Jones has lived and worked among us and [illegible] at no time have we shown [illegible] our love, respect [illegible] Rev. Elergy and all [illegible] to do so.

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FULTON NOTES.

The funeral of Fred L. Hassell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hassell, of Fulton, who passed away from this life last Thursday, May [illegible] at 12:55 P. M. was preached by Rev. N. B. Brown, at the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church last Sunday at 11:30 A. M. The Sunday School turned out in full to pay their last tribute of respect to their dear class mate. Rev. J. H. Brown made some interesting remarks over the deceased.

Mr. George Manning had a narrow escape from death last Monday night by falling into an elevator shaft. He received a fractured leg and now is resting in the hospital.

Saul, King of Israel, one of the greatest religious dramatic plays in Richmond will be given at the Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church, Monday, May 19, 1919, at 8:30 P. M. All are invited to come and witness the most entertaining play staged in six acts. Admission, fifteen cents.

The D. Webster Davis Mothers' Club will hold its next bi-monthly meeting at the D. Webster Davis School, Thursday, May 22, 1919, at eight P. M. sharp. Members are earnestly asked to come and bring a new member each.

Last Sunday morning we had a very fine gathering in our Sunday School. We listened to some fine remarks by our Assistant Superintendent, Brother Nathaniel Yates.

Last Sunday being Mothers Day, the members and friends of the Church listened to a unique sermon on the above theme at 11:30 A. M. by Rev. C. A. Cobbs, our pastor. Text was taken from Exodus 2:9. Mr. Beverly Valentine, our Superintendent sang a beautiful solo, "Mother's Prayer." As usual he sang to the delight of all present. We had the pleasure of welcoming back to the Church, Mr. [illegible]. At 3:30 P. M. Rev. Cobbs preached to about 800 people, at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Petersburg, Va., Rev. Eli Tartie, pastor. He also gave two stirring songs. He was accompanied by Mr. C. B. Jefferson, County Superintendent of the 5th. Calvary Baptist S. S. and Congregation. Report of the Rich[illegible] Baptist Sabbath Union, [illegible] May 11, 3:30 P. M. the [illegible] Rev. Cobbs [illegible] Rev. Jones [illegible] Rev. Cobbs [illegible] Rev. Jones [illegible] Rev. Cobbs [illegible] Rev. Jones