

Tours South Carolina

CARRYING A LIGHT THROUGH SOUTH BLACK BELT
 Dr. Booker T. Washington and Party
 Make Successful Tour of South Carolina.

Messages of Hope Bring Joy to Colored People in Town and Country. Largest Auditoriums Inadequate to Hold Whites and Blacks Anxious to Hear the "Wizard's" Note of Cheer—Cementing the Races into Closer Union for Advancement—Mayors, Business Men and Ministers a Unit in Bidding the Tuskegeean Welcome to Palmetto State—Plain, Common Sense at a Premium in Solving Problems of the Hour—Dr. Carroll and Attorney Andrews' Timely Conception and Praiseworthy Management of Memorable Journey—Details of South Carolina Awakening.

Gaffney, S. C., March 31—The tour of Dr. Booker T. Washington through the State of South Carolina was a veritable "march of triumph."

Every honor that America's most unique Commonwealth could bestow, and every courtesy that a hospitable people could extend, were showered upon "The Wizard of Tuskegee" from the moment he and his party of representative men entered the State at Rock Hill on Sunday, March 14, until the close of the kaleidoscopic itinerary on Sunday night, March 21.

The trip covered the principal cities of South Carolina, embracing formal receptions at Rock Hill, Winsboro, Columbia, Denmark, Orangeburg, Camden, Sumter, Florence, Charleston, Anderson, Greenville and Gaffney besides numerous stops at intermediate points en route, where the people turned out by hundreds to hear the words of encouragement from the great educator, who spoke to them from the rear platform of the special car in which the party traveled.



PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

At every station visited, Dr. Washington was received with wild acclaim. Brass bands played their liveliest airs; school children waved flags and carried banners upon which were inscribed striking quotations from the "Wizard's" speeches; the masses, white and black, cheered every significant utterance to the echo, and many deemed it a proud privilege to be allowed to catch even a fleeting glimpse of him as he was swiftly whirled from town to town. The big meetings were attended by the leading white people of the various cities, who vied with their colored brethren in making Dr. Washington welcome within their gates.

Not since emancipation has any event so completely taken possession of the Negro's attention in this state as the visit of this wonderful man. Coming at a time when the race is beset by many fears for its future and filled with grave apprehension over its civic status, the message of hope brought by the eminent tribune of the people was heard gladly, enthusiastically, helpfully. He spoke as one inspired by Divinity, and the effect of his earnest exhortations for patience, peace, good will, industry, and morality, is being felt already, in every section of the state. Not only is South Carolina uplifted, but throughout the length and breadth of the land there is plainly evident a

new determination on the part of the right-thinking Negroes to go forward—to make the best of the rich opportunities offered by the soil, by the trades, in business, in the school room, in the pulpit and in professional life. Not only has the Negro been heartened and strengthened by the optimistic addresses of Dr. Washington, but the thousands of influential whites who have listened with absorbing interest to his comprehensive statement of his position on the so-called "race problem" have given convincing evidence of their belief in the soundness of his views.

As a result of his plain, practical, heart-to-heart talks, there is a stronger sense of kinship between the two races in all parts of the Commonwealth, and an impulse for genuine progress has been generated that bodes well for the whole people. In making the arrangements—so capably handled by Rev. Richard Carroll, of Columbia, and Mr. W. T. Andrews, of Sumter, two of the most potent factors in the development of our people in the State—not a single element in South Carolina's cosmopolitan population was overlooked. Professional and business men have touched elbows with the farmer and mechanic; queens of society have listened in common with the cook and the laundress. All have been instructed, entertained, thrilled by the magnetic orator's broad philosophy, homely truths and infectious humor. Press and public agree that he leaves behind him the spirit of mutual helpfulness between the races that will manifest itself in a sympathetic co-operation that invariably follows in the wake of a better understanding of what one class of citizens owe to another class. Dr. Washington's coming has done great good to all concerned. His tour has been an "eye-opener" to those who accompanied him and an inspiration to those who were fortunate enough to hear his cheering words.

GENESIS OF THE CELEBRATED TOUR

Last fall, Dr. Washington made an extended tour of Mississippi, which was regarded by the country as a distinct epoch in the history of that state. Previously he had paid a series of visits to points in Oklahoma and Arkansas, with a view of stimulating the educational, industrial, commercial and agricultural aspirations of the colored people. The happy results growing out of these tours so forcibly appealed to Dr. Carroll and Mr. Andrews that they opened negotiations with the "Wizard," looking to the perfection of a plan by which the land of Wade Hampton and Matthew C. Butler might enjoy the benefit of a similar "Swing around the circle."

Men of national prominence in various callings, who stand high in the esteem and confidence of their fellows, were invited to accompany Dr. Washington upon this memorable trip, as an object-lesson of what the energetic Negro may accomplish in spite of race or color, if he is willing to bend his talents to working out concrete achievements. The membership of Dr. Washington's immediate party included the "Wizard," Mr. Emmett J. Scott, one of the race's most useful factors; a versatile genius who has won an enviable name for himself through his unselfish labors for the advancement of his people along many lines, and for more than a decade the faithful, loyal private secretary of Dr. Washington; Mr. J. H. Washington, Superintendent of Industries at Tuskegee Institute; Dr. J. A. Kenney, resident physician at Tuskegee; Mr. Nathan Hunt, of Tuskegee, stenographer to the "Wizard," Bishop George Wylie Clinton, of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, one of the most widely known and most scholarly prelates the race has ever produced; Major R. R. Hoten, Commandant of Cadets at Hampton Institute, and Secretary of the Jeanes Fund for rural schools in the South; Professor W. T. B. Williams, of Hampton Institute, agent of the Slater Educational Fund; Dr. R. E. Park, of Boston, a noted magazine writer and literateur; Mr. C. Stewart, the only regularly employed correspondent to represent the As-



MONKEY ON A STRING
 The colored man who likes to be "Jim Crowed," and pays his money to be "Jim Crowed," is nothing but a monkey on a string.

sociated Press. Dr. Carroll gave his attention to the personal welfare of the party and Mr. Andrews looked after the traffic arrangements.

The South Carolinians who assisted in escorting the company through the state, were:

Rev. E. D. White and Editor C. P. T. White, of Rock Hill; C. F. Holmes, of Orangeburg; T. A. Williams, of Newberry; Dr. H. H. Brawley, and Z. E. Walker, of Sumter; Rev. J. J. Durham and Cyrus Campbell, of Aiken, Rev. I. E. Lowery, Dr. J. H. Goodwin, J. H. Garner, R. W. Weatbur, and Rev. H. W. Taylor, of Columbia; Rev. W. H. Fleming, of Winnsboro; Dr. J. R. Levy, and Postmaster J. E. Wilson, of Florence; J. W. Payton, Rev. B. W. Bowen, of Lexington; together with Messrs. John Merrick, president, and C. C. Spaulding, secretary, of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association, a prosperous insurance corporation with headquarters at Durham, North Carolina. The object of the tour was to enable these gentlemen to study racial conditions at first hand, and to endeavor to make some suggestions that might tend to cement the relations of the races, promote a greater degree of harmony and to unify the forces that touch directly the economic and ethical growth of the state.

WARMLY WELCOMED

AT ROCK HILL

The "Washington Party" reached Rock Hill, the first stopping place, early Sunday morning, coming on from Charlotte, where the Doctor and several of his personal staff had been royally entertained the evening be-

fore at the beautiful home of Bishop and Mrs. Clinton. Carriages awaited the visitors and they were soon installed in the comfortable homes of the good people of the city. The local committee in charge of affairs was made up of Editor C. P. T. White, of the Rock Hill Messenger, Chairman; Rev. J. L. Beach, secretary; Rev. T. S. Gilmore, at whose home Dr. Washington was the guest of honor; Rev. M. P. Hall, Dr. I. A. Macon, Rev. W. H. Robinson, Rev. J. R. Izzard, Rev. A. Lewis, Rev. J. T. Wright, Professor H. H. Mobley and Professor J. W. Baubware.

A number of the visitors spoke at the churches at the morning services. At 1:30, Friedham's Hall was packed with a crowd anxious to hear Dr. Washington's address. Of the 2000 persons present, fully one-fourth were white. They represented the very best element of the professional, business and social life of the city, and throughout the tour the same was true of every audience that the Doctor faced. Editor White acted as master of ceremonies, introducing Mayor J. H. Roddy, who delivered an earnest and laudatory address of welcome, pronouncing the Tuskegeean the "foremost Negro in the world today," and praising his work as the most effective solvent of the race problem. In the course of his remarks, Mayor Roddy said:

"I believe that Booker T. Washington is a worthy man; I believe he is an honest man; and more than all; I believe he is a good man. His work speaks for him in a language that cannot be misunderstood. His

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GROWS STEADILY

There are 15,333 members of the Protestant Episcopal church of Washington, according to the figures given in the official directory of that church, just issued here. Statistics are given for forty churches of the Capital and the total number of communicants includes both white and colored.

The Church of the Epiphany, on G street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, is credited with a greater number of communicants than any other in the city. The total for this church is 1,274. Trinity Parish with 1,054 communicants ranks second; St. John's Parish with an even 1,000 is third, and St. Paul's Parish with 965 is fourth.

St. Philip's Chapel (colored), of Anacostia, is shown to have the smallest number of communicants. It is given forty-two. St. Barnabas', at Langdon, has but fifty-five. All Saints' Chapel, at Benning, with fifty-two, and several other churches or parishes in the suburbs had but comparatively few communicants. The number of communicants for the Washington churches follows:

- Church of the Ascension, 504.
- Calvary Chapel, 64.
- Chapel of the Good Shepherd, 543.
- All Saints' Chapel, Benning, 52.
- Nativity, 82.
- St. Monica's Chapel, 72.
- St. Philip's Chapel, 42.
- St. Matthew's Chapel, 79.
- Advent Parish, 281.
- All Saints' Parish, 72.
- St. John's (Bethesda), 91.
- Anacostia Parish, 377.
- Emmanuel Church, 356.
- Esther Memorial, 76.
- Brooklyn Parish, 136.
- St. Barnabas' (Langdon), 55.
- Christ Church Parish (Georgetown), 449.
- Epiphany Church, 1,274.
- Epiphany Chapel, 376.
- Georgetown Parish, 624.
- Grace Parish (Georgetown), 119.
- Grace Church Parish, 194.
- Incarnation Parish, 155.
- Rock Creek Parish, 249.
- St. Alba's Parish, 505.
- St. Andrew's Parish, 519.
- St. James' Parish, 230.
- St. John's Parish, 1,000.
- St. Mary's Chapel (colored), 407.
- St. Luke's Parish, 409.
- St. Mark's Parish, 866.
- St. Margaret's Parish, 759.
- S. S. Michael's and All Angels' Parish, 116.
- St. Paul's Parish, 965.
- St. Stephen's Parish, 484.
- St. Thomas' Parish, 932.
- Takoma Parish, Trinity Church, 83.
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- St. Agnes' Chapel, 93.
- Washington Parish, 589.

NOTES ON RACIAL PROGRESS

As Reported By The National Negro Business League

Negro Business Leagues have recently been organized at Pulaski, Galatin, Springfield, and Clarksville, Tennessee, by the organizer of Business Leagues.

Through the influence of the Negro Business League at Bristol, Tennessee,—Virginia; no fewer than twenty business concerns are in operation in that town. Among the most important and flourishing are the A. L. Whitten Coal Company, doing an annual business of \$3,500; the Brown-Doubt Funeral Directory, 431 Sycamore street, and the Bristol Enterprise Trading Company, 429 Sycamore street. The latter is a joint-stock syndicate of twenty members, incorporated and doing business in a new two-story brick building on one of the principal thoroughfares in the city. The ground and building cost about \$4,000, in which there is a stock of groceries, dry goods and notions valued at \$3,000.

Mr. William H. Brown is the general manager.

One of the most interesting business ventures in this progressive little town is the "Woman's Enterprise Company," composed of ten women, with Mrs. F. W. Woodfin, the wife of the principal of the Normal School of that place, as president. It is a small grocery, well supplied, opened about six months ago. Within this

ime, business has been so flourishing that the promoters are now contemplating moving into larger quarters and increasing their stock of goods.

Mr. Robert E. Clay is the wide-awake, energetic and popular president of the Local League, and is more over thoroughly imbued with a progressive spirit and ambition for the advancement of his people along industrial and commercial lines.

Professor J. N. Ervin, of Johnson City, Tennessee, is not only an active and efficient school man (he is principal of the city High School), but also very much interested in the starting of business enterprises among his people in his town. It was through his untiring effort that a Local League was organized in Johnson City, where there are several business firms which need only the unifying effort of a well managed organization to cause them to feel what they are capable of doing not only for themselves, but for the community at large. Mr. J. H. Langly, the leading barber here, is president of the League. He is the fortunate possessor of valuable real estate in the corporate limits.

Professor J. W. Oveltra, although principal of the Normal and Industrial Institute at Harriman, Tennessee, is also very much interested in the material welfare of his people. A year or so ago he took the necessary steps and organized a Local Negro Business League of which he is president. The organization, under his sane and skillful guidance has accomplished something and is destined to do even more towards creating an interest in starting new business in that town.

At Shelbyville, Tennessee, lives Dr. William Key, the owner and trainer of the celebrated "Beautiful Jim Key," the educated horse, which achieved a national reputation on account of being taught to read, spell, make change at the cash drawer, distribute mail, etc. In nearly every state in the Union this famous horse has given exhibitions. Dr. Key is the proud possessor of a beautiful gold medal which was given him by a life member of the American Humane Education Society. Its president, George T. Angell, presented this valuable medal to Dr. Key, in the Mechanics Building, Boston, Massachusetts, November 1, 1901, in recognition of the great service he had rendered humanity through the education of this wonderful horse ("Jim Key") which has led more than 200,000 boys and girls to pledge themselves to always be kind to animals. Dr. Key once refused \$10,000 for this animal. He told us that he had realized about \$50,000 from his exhibitions in different sections of the country. The greater portion of the sum he invested in city real estate and in a very valuable farm of 2,000 acres, remarkable for its fertility.

"Jim Key" is still living at the advanced age of twenty years or more. But the unfortunate creature is "out of commission," being injured in a wreck in Kansas City, Missouri, about two years ago. However, he is mercifully and tenderly cared for during his misfortune in his last days, as he is housed in one of the most comfortable and costly stables that we have ever seen. He still remembers his old tricks, and it is truly pitiful to observe him as he tries to perform them under the guidance of his affectionate and devoted master. Dr. Key is much interested in the work of the National Business League and is also an active member of the local branch.

Mr. W. H. Goslin, the president, does a large grocery business in a brick block, which he owns, valued at probably \$12,000.

In Columbia, Tennessee, Mr. A. C. Simmons is the proprietor of a very respectable and decent looking cafe in a splendid two-story press brick establishment on one of the main streets. The owner is the Rev. Dr. J. W. Johnson, president of Roger Williams College at Nashville, Tennessee. The structure is easily worth \$10,000.

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