

Uplift of The Negro

REPRESENTATIVE WHITES LEND ABILITY TO GREAT INSTITUTION.

Pritchard Full of Cheer—Great Jurist Describes Religious School as Most Important Ever Organized for Negroes—Other Addresses.

(By George F. King.)
DURHAM, N. C., Oct. 13.—With Judge Jeter C. Pritchard presiding, the greatest mass meeting in the interest of educating the Negro was held in this city last night in St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church.

This mass meeting was in the interest of the National Religious Training School for Negroes. This was the most representative audience ever gathered for the fostering of an institution that will become a mighty leaven in the lives of the Negroes in this country.

After the musical program, Dr. Jas. E. Shepard, president of the school, introduced Judge Pritchard and paid a tribute to his life. In delivering a short address full of optimism, he, in part, said: "This is one of the most important institutions ever organized for the uplift of the Negro."

He showed his audience in a logical and eloquent manner that good citizenship was an important factor in the development of any race, and that the spirit of the institution was founded for such a purpose.

Dr. Masee's Address.

Dr. J. C. Masee, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., was introduced to the audience and under the caption, "The by-products of Christianity," he delivered an address that was significant, because of many frank statements made by him.

"Politics is a dirty game," was among the strong utterances made by this gifted speaker. Continuing, he said: "But if the men who are politicians were as clean and moral as this man, pointing to Judge Pritchard, politics would not be a dirty game."

Referring to the recent upheaval in the political realm of his State, he said: "The corrupt politicians of Tennessee have been buried out of sight by 50,000 clean voters." He said that he was going to vote for the Republican nominee, who is a Baptist minister. His abhorrence for Andrew Carnegie was expressed in the following words: "No man in this generation has done greater harm to Christian education than Andrew Carnegie. Religious institutions have changed their charters in order to meet the whims of this man."

"I believe that this institution is one of the moral by-products of Jesus Christ, and Dr. Shepard need make no apology for making the school a religious institution."

Mrs. Hahn's Talk.

Mrs. Emma Erskine Hahn, a granddaughter of Lord Erskine, of England, famed as one of the greatest men of English history, was introduced to her first Negro audience. The music by the gifted singers evidently had inspired her, as she made an exceptional comment about the singers. Mrs. Hahn is president of the Woman's Town and Country Club of New York, and a native of Connecticut. She possesses a rich vocabulary and has the ability to hold her audience. She eulogized Dr. Shepard and said that he and Dr. Shepard are an example of the class of leaders that the Negro needed most.

Brodie L. Duke, who gave the school \$3,000 when the plans were in embryonic state, spoke, and he was given quite an ovation by his Negro friends. He gave \$50 in the collection during the evening.

Among the prominent educators present was Dr. James B. Dudley, president of the trustee board.

Dudley to Students.

The most inspiring scene was not enacted last night altogether. This morning in the chapel of the school the student body, faculty and a number of citizens assembled and were addressed by President Dudley, of the State A. and M. College for Negroes in Greensboro. He gave a practical talk, which revealed his ability to mold sentiment for his race.

Follow a Leader.

"Follow a leader" was the subject of Mrs. Hahn's address to her intelligent hearers. She ably showed where the Negro must have such leaders as Dr. Shepard if he is to survive the onslaughts of a strenuous age.

Judge Pritchard, in laying stress upon obedience in the home, showed where it was essential for the Negro to have the kind of leaders as this school is capable of preparing for a life of usefulness.

Dr. Masee eloquently made a plea for his hearers to help their leaders, and cause the masses to obey those who are especially to lead them aright.

"This institution impresses me more and more of its wonderful possibilities," were salient utterances of Hon. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh. Brodie Duke followed the speaker in a timely and concise address.

The other speakers were Col. James had brought to pass something stupendous for the development of his race, and that only a man of Dr. Shepard's character could command the respect and support of various races in all sections of the country; Prof. S. G. At-

kins, educational secretary of the A. M. E. Church, in his speech, said he stood for racial purity and the perpetuation of racial identity; Rev. Dr. Adams, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, this city, said: "I interpret that this institution has for its basis the making and developing of Christian manhood and womanhood."

Attending the meeting of the advisory board were Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, Dr. Masee, Dr. James B. Dudley, Dr. Dellinger, Prof. R. B. McCrary, Dr. Gilbert, Col. James H. Young, Dr. A. M. Moore, C. C. Spaulding, Jno. Merrick, Hon. N. B. Broughton, Rev. Dr. Shannon, of Newark, N. J.; Rev. Dr. Leggett, of Ohio; Dr. J. E. Shepard and Prof. W. G. Pearson.

The suggestions by Dr. Shepard were discussed and favorably acted upon.

EX-JUDGE SAMUEL G. DAVIS.

A Man, a Citizen, and a Scholar. Born of Eminent and Distinguished Parentage—Knew No Man by the Color of His Skin—Married to a Talented and Accomplished Colored American.

The subject of this sketch is ex-Judge Samuel G. Davis, who came to this city 24 years ago from Maine, the State of many illustrious men, such as Blaine, Hale, Frey, Reed and others. He was the son of William Farrington and Pamela Goodwin (Traverse) Davis, and was born July 30, 1842, in Denmark, Me. His father was an agent of the underground railroad, and was an abolitionist in principle.

Judge Davis received his early education in the common school of his native town. He was an ambitious youth, as he prepared himself for college at Bridgton Academy, in North Bridgton, Me., and graduated from Bowdoin College in the class of 1865. He was a member of the Bowdoin Alumni Association of this city, of which Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller was president. Mr. Davis studied law in the offices of Charles F. Holt, of Denmark, Me., and of Fessenden and Butler in Portland, and was admitted to the bar of his State in September, 1867. He practiced his profession for some time, diversified by teaching school, except when in government employ. He served as auditor of his native town, assessor and overseer of the poor, and superintendent of schools, holding each of these offices several years. He was Justice of the Peace and Quorum from January, 1868, until he left the State to accept a government position at Washington in September, 1882. He was appointed Dedimus Justice of the

in this city of parents who were free born. She attended the public schools of her native city, also Howard University, where she took an eclectic course. She also attended the public schools of New York City.

She was graduated from the High School of Washington, D. C., in 1886, and had a strong liking for literature and music. While at school she was always prominent in its public exhibitions. Her love for reading was so well known that at the time of her graduation the gifts were nearly all flowers. Mrs. Davis was frequently invited to speak at private affairs and functions, but her first appearance in public as a speaker was made Women's Day of the Home and Foreign Mission before the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington conference of the A. M. E. Zion connection, held in this city at John Wesley Church in the spring of 1903. Her subject was the "Relations of Women to Society." It was ably delivered and met with a hearty and generous response from that body and friends. It was published in the Washington papers, and at the request of Mrs. Bishop Smalls, whose husband at that time was editor of the Seer, a missionary paper, it was published in that paper.

Mrs. Davis is a thorough race woman who loves the poor and the unfortunates of her people. She has in the past five years organized literatures in the heart of the poor districts.

The name of these societies might indicate that it was wholly devoted to literary matters, but it endeavors to grasp every condition of life; it is rather a school of instruction and advice. Its purposes are original and differ from the trend of any other society. Many persons of prominence have lectured at its meetings. The object of these literatures is to promote intellectual development and to create a thirst for knowledge.

When Mrs. Davis accompanied the body of her late husband to his home in Maine, the entire population turned out to welcome her and pay honor to her dead husband.

In the death of Judge Davis Mrs. Davis experiences a great loss, as she was a devoted husband and a staunch supporter in her line of work, previously mentioned.

She will continue to devote her time and talents to the furtherance of educational purposes. One of the most beautiful tributes to the memory of such a devoted, true and staunch friend of the colored Americans would be the organization of a Samuel G. Davis Literary and Historical Society of Washington.

Reorganized Choir of St. Luke's Parish.

The choir of St. Luke's P. E. Church has been augmented and strengthened by the addition of several acceptable and well-trained voices. Mr. Scott Mayo has been appointed director by the rector. Miss Nettie Murray will do the solo work during the season. Mr. West Moreland, a pleasing tenor, has been engaged to do the tenor work. Mr. Oscar Jones, of the Howard University, is the basso; Mrs. Wilson-Smoot, contralto. Further particulars will be made from time to time, when suitable voices can be found.

Mass Meeting.

A business mass meeting, loss of employment, cause, and remedy, Friday night, October 28, at 8 P. M., at the 19th Street Baptist Church. Speaker, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, D. D. The Bread of Toil, Dr. E. D. Williston; Our River of Gold, R. R. Harris, Esq.; Why Educate Our Children, Mr. Fernando D. Lee; Church, School, Store. Under the auspices of the N. N. D. A.



BISHOP J. W. SMITH, The late distinguished Bishop of the A. M. E. Zion connection, who died in this city Friday afternoon, October 14, 1910.

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BISHOP SMITH LAID TO REST.

Final Exercises for Late Prelate of the African M. E. Church.

The funeral services for the late Bishop John Wesley Smith, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who died in this city Friday afternoon, were held Monday in John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, 18th street between L and M streets northwest.

Many hundreds of interested friends were unable to gain admission. The exercises, which were decidedly impressive, were presided over by Bishop George Wylie Clinton, of Charlotte, N. C.

A fervent and eloquent eulogy was delivered by Bishop Alexander Walters, a life-long friend of the deceased, and head of the Third Episcopal district. Within the chancel sat Bishops J. W. Alstock and A. J. Warner, of the Fifth and Ninth districts, respectively. The general officers of the Zion connection present were Dr. G. C. Clement, editor of the Star of Zion, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. J. Harvey Anderson, editor of the Zion Year Book; John C. Dancy, editor of the Zion Quarterly; Dr. James Edward Mason, secretary of Livingston College; Miss Sarah J. Janifer, secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Among the prominent clergy in attendance were Rev. E. D. W. Jones, of Harrisburg, Pa.; P. A. Wallace, Philadelphia; B. W. Swain, Hartford, Conn.; F. K. Foneville, Salisbury, N. C.; E. B. Smith, P. E., Harrisburg, Pa.; C. D. Hazel, P. E., Trenton, N. J.; Geo. D. Farris, New Jersey; W. D. Clinton, Chambersburg, Pa.; Dr. R. A. Morrissey, Philadelphia, secretary of missions; G. W. Haines, Philadelphia, and J. C. Temple, Harrisburg, Pa. Washington ministers present were Revs. S. L. Corrothers, W. A. Ray, W. H. Ferguson, Logan Johnson, C. C. Alleyne, J. C. Overton, and J. A. S. Cole, P. E., of the Zion connection; Revs. John F. Hurst, I. N. Ross, and L. M. Beckett, of the A. M. E. Church; Revs. M. W. Clair and R. P. Williams, of the M. E. Church; Rev. R. Kent Harris, of the C. M. E. Church; Revs. J. Milton Waldron, W. J. Howard, M. W. D. Norman, S. Geriah Lamkins, and J. Anderson Taylor, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. F. J. Grimke, of the Presbyterian Church.

The exercises were opened by Rev. S. L. Corrothers, pastor of Galbraith Church. After a hymn, led by Rev. J. A. S. Cole, presiding elder, Bishop Alstock read the first Scripture lesson, and Rev. W. H. Ferguson, of the Union Wesley Church, read the second. Bishop Warner led in prayer, and Rev. J. Harvey Anderson followed with a hymn, "Servant of God, Well Done."

It was announced that until the meeting of the bishops' council in January, the Florida conference would be cared for by Bishop Alstock, the Virginia conference by Bishop Clinton, and the Philadelphia and Baltimore conference by Bishop Walters. These were the conferences presided over by the late Bishop Smith.

Bishop Smith was a native of North Carolina, was educated under Prof. Robert Harris, and trained for the ministry under the tutelage of Bishop J. W. Hood, senior bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Church. He served as pastor of churches in this city, New Haven, Conn.; Baltimore, Md.; Carlisle and Harrisburg, Pa.; and Charlotte, N. C. In 1896, at Mobile, Ala., he was elected editor to the Star of Zion, the official organ of the A. M. E. Zion denomination, and served eight years. In 1904, at the St. Louis general conference, he was elevated to the bishopric. At the time of his death he was serving as presiding officer of the board of bishops, an unusual honor to be bestowed upon other than the senior member of the board.

Rev. Dr. S. L. Corrothers, who had full charge of the funeral arrangements, presented the Right Rev. G. W. Clinton, who presided, and who later presented Bishop A. Walters, who delivered an oration on Bishop Smith which was said to be the greatest effort of his life. All members of the Zion churches in this city as well as others paid respect to the memory of Bishop Smith.

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Bishop Smith was buried from West Street A. M. E. Zion Church, Carlisle, Pa., Tuesday; Rev. G. M. Oliver, pastor. The active pallbearers in charge of the remains to Carlisle included all the Zion church ministers in the city.

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One of the most successful men in the legal profession is Attorney L. M. King. His civil practice seems to be on the increase, and there is no doubt that he is one of the most able pleaders at the bar.

Read The Bee.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

An Italian marble bust of the late Senator Henry M. Rice, of Minnesota, has been presented to that State by his daughter, Mrs. Maurice Auerback. A second one is being made for the Hall of Fame in the Capitol. Senator Rice was Minnesota's first representative in the United States Senate.

One thousand, six hundred and thirty dollars was the price paid in New York for 63 one-cent pieces made in 1794.

The 28th of last September Mrs. Russell Sage was 82 years old. She has given over \$1,500,000 in religious causes, and \$4,000,000 to educational institutions, besides other gifts.

Mrs. Fleming, the woman astronomer at the Harvard College Observatory, has discovered another new star, making 13 that have been picked out by the three women observers who have been connected with the institution during the past 25 years.

District Collector Rogers has suggested in his annual report that all unpaid personal taxes charged for the years 1903 to 1908, inclusive, be canceled because of the impossibility of collection. The total collections for the fiscal year just ended were \$7,718,005.22, an increase of \$269,613.27 over last year.

Commissioner Rudolph has recommended the appointment of a committee to prepare an amendment of the present law providing for the commitment of the insane and a change in the method of payments for their maintenance.

Bishop J. W. Smith, of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, presiding over the Sixth Episcopal district and for several years a resident of this city, died at his home, 1309 R street northwest, after an illness of two weeks.

Representing the dairy interests of Maryland, Virginia and the District, Mr. A. S. Trundle appeared before the Public Health Committee of the Board of Trade in denunciation of the Health Department, and blames it for the scarcity of milk in the District.

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