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## EDITORIALS

### WHITE SPARROW.

The great White Sparrow services given last Sunday evening at Drake stadium, under the auspices of the Register-Tribune, our largest daily newspaper in Iowa, was the greatest and most enthusiastic demonstration ever held in Iowa, since more than 15,000 people filled the large stadium and thousands were compelled to sit on the grass on the side of the ground. The 1,200 colored cadets who are in training gave a fine exhibition drill. They stacked arms and about 300 from the various companies stacked their guns and marched out and sang several familiar songs, such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Steal Away," "Shouting All Over God's Heaven," and "Tipperary." The latter made the hit of the evening. Just preceding this main program a military octette of fine singers, composed of T. J. Lancaster, J. E. Scott, Bush Hunter, A. S. Galpen, R. R. Penn, L. C. White, C. H. Thompson and L. G. Koger, sang some southern melodies composed by Negroes, which were fine. This drill exhibition of 1,200 colored soldiers without a break or an error was marvelous, considering only six weeks of hit of the evening. Just preceding this spectacle went away praising the colored soldiers.

### A New Newspaper

"The Baptist Missionary" is the name of a new newspaper which has just made its appearance this month in Keokuk, Iowa, published by Miss Sidney J. Davis, a noted church worker and lecturer, having traveled extensively. The paper will deal with religious matters in general and especially relating to the great Baptist church. The Bystander welcomes this paper into the journalistic field and wishes for its success.

### BALLOU ADDRESSES TROOPS.

Colonel Praises Their Work at the Stadium Review.

Colonel Ballou in the course of a lecture to the men of the Ft. Des Moines officers' training camp at the Y. M. C. A. tent at the fort Wednesday night took occasion to compliment his students on their soldierly bearing at the stadium last Sunday.

The fact that the men, most of whom were without military training until a few weeks ago, marched onto a strange field and carried out their orders without a break at any point, he felt constituted a performance worthy of the highest commendation.

Colonel Ballou is particularly proud of the precision with which the men went through the manual of arms exercise.

Speaking of the activities of the camp in general, the colonel expressed keen appreciation of the fine spirit thus far shown by the men in co-operating with him to make the camp a success. He earnestly bespoke a continuance of this attitude, and assured his hearers that if military discipline sometimes seemed unduly severe, it was necessary if worth while results were to be obtained.

He further said that the war department at Washington had already heard of their progress and had decided that this training school was a success. While he has received much praise and good words, yet he does not take it to himself, for if you men did not co-operate with me and if you were not good quality and fine character I could not have done anything. How could I make a pocketbook out of a pig's ear. "By your fruits ye are known."

### MORE RECRUITS AT THE FORT.

Prospective Negro Medical Officers Arrive Today.

Fifty colored physicians will arrive from points in the United States today to begin training at the school for medical officers to be opened by the war department at Fort Des Moines. The men will be trained for several months, and be formed into an officers' medical corps, to be attached to the colored troops that will be raised under the selective draft to go to France.

It is probable, according to semi-official announcements, that more than a hundred doctors will take the training at the local camp. Instructors for the most part will be white professors of medicine and army officers in the medical corps of the regular army.

Twenty-five soldiers, colored, members of the Ninth cavalry, arrived at the fort from the Philippines Tuesday to take up work preparatory to taking the examinations for commissions in the selective army. The men form a belated contingent of the regular army men who were assigned to the local camp when it was established.

At the same time of their arrival about eighty of the men who had been in training had failed to make good and had been excused from camp duties.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY.

- Cornithian Baptist Church**  
Fifteenth and Linden Sts.  
G. W. Robinson, Pastor.  
11 a. m.—Preaching.  
1 p. m.—Sunday school.  
6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.  
8 p. m.—Evening worship and preaching.
- Union Congregational Church**  
Tenth and Park Sts.  
Rev. H. M. McCraven, Supply Pastor.  
11 a. m.—Morning worship.  
12 m.—Sunday school. Everybody welcome.
- St. Paul's A. M. E. Church**  
Second and Center  
Rev. S. L. Birt, D. D., Pastor.  
10:45 a. m.—Preaching.  
12:30 p. m.—Class meeting.  
1 p. m.—Sunday school.  
6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.  
8:00 p. m.—Evening worship.  
**Union Baptist Church**  
Sixteenth and McCormick.  
Rev. J. M. Eaves, Pastor.  
9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Preaching.  
6 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.  
8 p. m.—Preaching.
- Asbury M. E. Church**  
777 Eleventh St.  
Rev. W. L. Lee, Pastor.  
10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Preaching.  
12 m.—Class meeting.  
6:30 p. m.—Epworth League.  
7:30 p. m.—Preaching.
- Bethel A. M. E. Church**  
Sixteenth and Filmore Sts.  
Rev. H. A. Perry, Pastor.  
11 a. m.—Morning service.  
12:30 p. m.—Class meeting.  
1:00 p. m.—Sunday school.  
6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.  
7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.
- MAPLE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
East Maple Street.  
Rev. Samuel Bates, pastor.  
11:00 a. m.—Preaching.  
1 p. m.—Sunday school.  
6 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.  
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