

tee Board is busy getting things in readiness for the opening. The workmen are being pushed to their utmost on the girls' dormitory building and they hope to have the same ready for occupancy before the first of the year. President Johnson predicts a very successful year for the institution, and thinks he will be taxed to accommodate the students. Every mail brings applications from all parts of the state for admittance. Roger Williams has an enviable site in its new location. Situated between the White Creek road and the Cumberland River, on a high eminence which gives a commanding view. On the south one beholds the historic state capitol standing out in bold relief and a general view of the city brings to the mind of the student that one of the most progressive cities in the South and the acknowledged Athens is there to be studied and to inspire the young mind on to greater things in life. Looking to the southwest is to be seen the massive buildings of Fisk University, Roger Williams' old time rival in athletics. No two institutions however were more friendly from president down to the most humble student.

Nashville is proud of her educational institutions, a fact that was clearly demonstrated when there was some talk of removing Roger Williams University. The students all receive the most courteous treatment from citizens and merchants.

THE CLIFTON CONFERENCE.

Alexander's Magazine for September, 1908, contains a thirty-six page article about the great Clifton Conference held August 18th, 19th and 20th at Clifton, Mass., to consider the religious education of the Negro race. This conference is said to have been the most inspiring, helpful and important ever held in this country. Mr. W. N. Hartshorn, chairman of the International Sunday School Association, called together educators and leaders of the Negro race, representing every important educational institution of the South and many of the great churches of the North, as well as missionary societies, etc., to consider what measures might be adopted to benefit the Negro race in religious directions. A complete story of the conference is given in an attractive manner in Alexander's Magazine, accompanied with portraits of the men and women who attended. In addition to this splendid feature, is a story of the organization and development of Prince Hall Masonry in this country and other important articles.

FURNITURE DEALERS PERFECT ORGANIZATION.

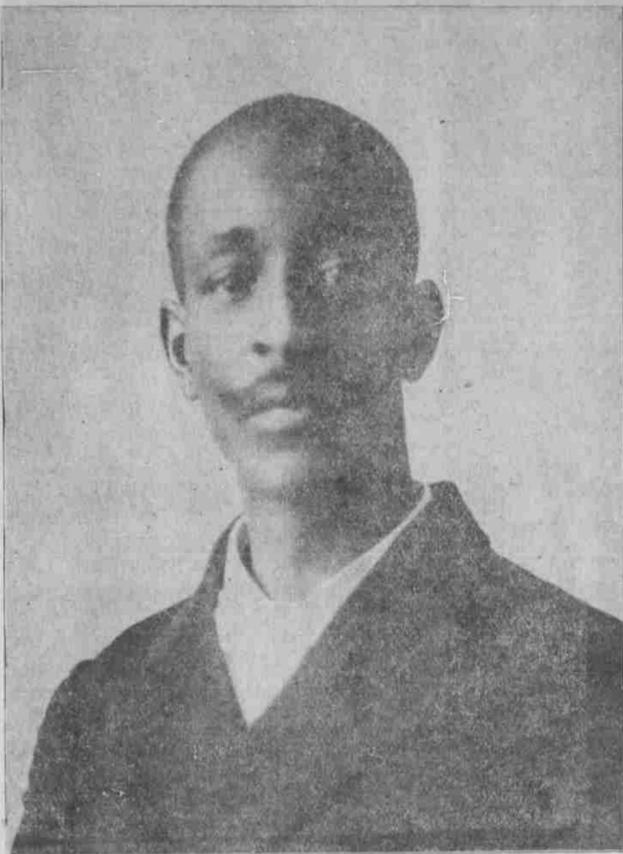
An organization that will be of incalculable benefit to the Negroes of Nashville was that perfected by the retail furniture dealers of this city last Tuesday. The object, it seems, is to stop the practice of selling several hundred dollars' worth of furniture to people who have no way to pay for it, but to sell on a cash basis and at a lower price. The people will be greatly benefited by such an organization, and these merchants have taken a commendable step. Many embarrassments will be avoided, and the people will be taught to live within their means. An account of the organization follows:

Organization of the Retail Furniture Dealer's and Merchants' Association, of Nashville, was further effected in the rooms of the Board of Trade Tuesday night by the adoption of a constitution and by-laws and by steps toward completing the list of officers and mapping out the work that will be required of the Secretary. A comparatively large attendance of the retail furniture dealers of Nashville was present, and enthusiasm for the purpose of the Association was manifested. It was decided to hold the meetings in the Board of Trade rooms every Tuesday night, and evidence was not lacking that all the meetings will be well attended.

According to talks made Tuesday night, purposes of the Retail Furniture Dealer's and Merchants' Association are such as to commend themselves both to dealer and customer. The organization, it was pointed out, is in no sense a combine or a trust, but seeks to give the members opportunities for arriving at worthy objects of mutual benefit. Evils that now exist in the retail trade in the furniture line, such as selling to a customer whose responsibility in assuming a debt and later failing to pay it causes losses to the dealer and to other customers are sought to be removed. By eliminating the fraudulent customer, the retail furniture dealers see that they will be able not only to benefit themselves, but also their worthy customers, for by conducting their business with a minimum of losses they will thereby be able to sell at a lower price than would be possible were they burdened with the losses resulting from bad sales of goods.

At the meeting Tuesday night the constitution was adopted and the by-laws approved. The officers of the Association are as follows:

President, Hillary E. Howse; First Vice President, Percy Sharp; Second



REV. WM. Z. THOMAS,
Pastor Bethany Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Vice President, Lee Booth; Secretary, Walter Sanford; Treasurer, T. W. Cunningham. The Board of Directors are D. A. Dortch, C. K. Hart, John M. Butler, H. K. Howse and W. S. Dennison.

Among the members represented at the meeting Tuesday night were Hillary E. Howse, of Howse Brothers Furniture Company; A. B. Hooper, of the A. B. Hooper Furniture Company; J. B. Andrews, of Andrews Furniture Company; H. K. Howse, of the Nashville Outfitting Company; W. S. Dennison, of the Dennison-Beesley Furniture Company; Lee Booth, of the Lee Booth Furniture Company; R. E. Moore and E. L. Hoyt, of the Harley Furniture Company; John M. Butler, of the Butler Furniture Company; Percy Sharp and J. S. Wherry, of the Sharp Furniture Company; T. W. Cunningham, of the Nashville Furniture Company; J. H. Riley, of the Cavan & Riley Company, and other members of the Association are Bradford & McKee Furniture Company, Montgomery Furniture Company, Bradford Wholesale Furniture Company (honorary), Nashville Outfitting Company and Nevill & Co.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday night, at which time an address from the President is expected setting forth to some extent the aims and purposes of the organization.

DIED IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

Mrs. C. A. Ferrell, of 1727 North Third avenue received a telegram from St. Paul, Minn., announcing the death of her oldest brother, Mr. Lawson Ridley, formerly of Nashville. For two years he had been living in St. Louis and St. Paul, and was employed in the Pullman service between St. Paul and Yellow Stone, Cal. Mr. Ridley died in St. Paul, Minn., September 18, at the age of 48 years. He was born and reared near Stone River with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ridley. He bore an excellent reputation and was a devoted husband, father and brother. He leaves a wife, five children, sister, Mrs. C. A. Ferrell of Nashville, a brother, Mr. Henry Ridley, of Albany, N. Y. Mr. Ridley was employed in Nashville by the Adams Express Company for two years. His remains were buried in St. Paul, Minn.

INSOMNIA AND ALARM CLOCKS.
(New York Press.)

The patient complained of insomnia. "You must get an alarm clock at once," said the physician. The patient stared. "I mean it. What time do you waken usually in the night?" "Two o'clock lately." "Set the alarm clock for 45 minutes before 2. As soon as it strikes, get up, dress for the day and take a walk of not less than two miles. Do not go to bed again that day under any circumstances, nor take a nap, even sitting in your chair." "The next night set the alarm at 2:45. You will sleep until it wakens you. Get up as before, and take another two-mile walk." "The third night you can venture to set your alarm clock at 3. Repeat the walk. If you are not cured by that time you will be a more difficult case than I have had heretofore; but if the habit of lying awake is not broken, begin back at 2 o'clock again and repeat." "Another sure cure for insomnia is sitting up with the sick. Just bind

yourself to sit up all night with some good strong invalid, and if you are not permanently healed of insomnia before morning you may come back here and I will not charge you anything for another prescription."

CURE FOR SNAKE BITE.

How Fanchman Treated a Wound When Far From a Settlement.

Bitten by a rattlesnake in the calf of the right leg in the Santa Ana Mountains last Saturday, John McCormick, a rancher of Grapeland, saved his life by making an incision with his pocket knife and inserting a piece of the reptiles flesh in the wound. He bandaged it tightly and walked seven hours before he reached his ranch, where he could receive medical attention. Dr. Sumner J. Quinn was called from Los Angeles to attend McCormick. When he arrived he found that his patient was suffering from a slight poisoning. He declares that McCormick saved his life by his own treatment.

McCormick was hunting through scrub oak when he felt a peculiar sting in his leg. He looked down and saw the snake dragging on the ground as he walked. Its fangs had become fastened in his leggings and it was unable to withdraw them.

With the butt of his gun McCormick knocked the snake off and then crushed its head with his heel. As quickly as possible he ran into the open and carried the snake with him. When he bared his leg he squeezed all the blood he could out of the two punctures which the fangs had made. Then he opened a gash, cutting through the two wounds and letting out the blood and poison. He cut a piece of flesh out of the snake's back and inserted it in the wound. McCormick used his handkerchief for bandages and then tied his leg again just above the knee to stop the poison from working through his system.

McCormick was miles from any settlement where he could secure medical attention, so he started back to Grapeland. His leg pulsed with pain and he soon became deathly sick. In his weakened condition he was compelled to rest on the road time and again. When he finally reached home he was almost exhausted and his leg was dreadfully swollen and almost black.

McCormick says that his treatment was famous among the Indians for snake bites and he has known of a number of instances where its application has saved lives.—Los Angeles Times.

PROF. AND MRS. W. G. HYNES.

Having spent more than a week in Lexington, Ky., visiting the Colored State Fair of the A. and M. Association and attending the National Baptist Convention, which was a pleasant session, Prof. and Mrs. W. G. Hynes report a pleasant trip and stay.

Rev. J. F. Thomas, of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Chicago, has announced a return engagement for Prof. and Mrs. Hynes on Monday and Tuesday nights, October 5 and 6. After a visit to Chicago of two weeks they will start en route for home to prepare to go to Southern points for the winter season.

Prof. and Mrs. Hynes opened their engagement in Lexington on September 15 at Liberty Baptist Church, Rev. P. H. Clark, pastor, to a large audience. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, September 28, 29, and 30, Prof. Hynes will lecture and exhibit at the First Baptist Church,

under the auspices of the Young People's Club. Miss Simmie Adams, President, and Miss Ida Simpson, Secretary.

Prof. Hynes had the Convention taken in a group, which is the largest ever taken of this Christian gathering; it measures 16 by 36 inches.

CAT SAVED WOMAN'S LIFE.

To be saved by a pet cat from being ground under the wheels of a locomotive was the thrilling and unique experience of Mrs. Mary Lingenderfer, of Sunbury, in that place to-day.

At a crossing of the Reading Railway her walk was interrupted by a freight train on the nearer of the double tracks, and when the string of cars had passed the woman stepped forward and halted as she noticed a frantic pulling at the hem of her skirt.

At that very instant a "light" locomotive dashed past on the next track, so close to the unmindful woman that the momentum teiled her to the pavement. Then she looked back and saw her pet cat with its teeth securely fastened in her skirt.—Sellingrove (Penn.) Cor. Philadelphia Record.

PARDONED SEPTEMBER 23.

Among those to receive Executive clemency at the hands of Governor Patterson last Wednesday was Mattie Lillard, colored, of Davidson County. She was convicted in February, 1902, of murder and sentenced to ten years in State prison. Her application for pardon was recommended by the trial judge, Attorney General, all the living jurors and a large number of white citizens of Davidson County. The prisoner has an excellent prison record, and has served about six years of her sentence.

ELECTRIC SHOE POLISHER.

Footblacks Greatly Stirred by the Innovation.

A stir was occasioned Tuesday afternoon on North Fourth avenue in front of a prominent saloon among a crowd of bootblacks by the installation of an automatic electric shoe polisher, operated by a penny placed in a slot, and the police were finally forced to clear the street. The labor saving device, which is an innovation in Nash-

ville, did not seem to find favor with the local "shine artists," and as the news spread about the downtown district that the machine had entered the field of competition offering to shine for a penny, the little knights of the brush swarmed to the scene and did not hesitate to voice their disapproval.

Competition has been brisk of late between the proprietors of the various shining parlors, and the price has been cut from 5 cents a shine to six for 25 cents. Now that the electric polisher threatens to take a large share of the trade, the boys are dismayed. In the larger cities the automatic shoe shiner has almost completely done away with the shops. There are many who make a living in the city by polishing shoes.

PASSING OF THE "PLUG."

(Omaha Bee.)

Even in staid old London where precedent rules almost every action, the independent spirit of the age has manifested itself so strongly that the high hat, or the "topper," as the Londoners are pleased to call it, is becoming conspicuous by its withdrawal from everyday display. It is true that some Americans who were invited guests at a recent reception given by King Edward were refused admission to the palace grounds because they wore straw hats with their otherwise correct evening dress, but the average Britisher is emulating the American example by wearing clothing that is comfortable rather than customary.

The true Briton refuses, however, to abandon a world-custom without a struggle, and a determined effort was made by smart Londoners to revive favor for the "plug" hat during the recent Olympic games. Thousands of men, apparently engaged by the hat-tiers, appeared in the stadium, each wearing the very newest thing in silk hats. Impressive as the display was, the result was not very satisfactory. Half of the time the weather was as hot as it gets in Arizona and the rest of the time it was raining, and a plug hat is a sorry thing in a rainstorm and its wearer an object of commiseration when the thermometer is up in the nineties.

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