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BAPTISTS BEGIN LAWSUIT

DEPOSITIONS TAKEN ALL WEEK

Incorporationists Suspended--Both Sides Putting Up Fight--Will be Long Drawn Out Suit

Taking of depositions for the complainants in the celebrated law suit began in Nashville last Wednesday morning. It is the controversy between two factions of Baptists. One faction so it is learned is represented in the main by Rev. E. P. Jones, D. D. of Vicksburg, Miss. While not much information could be obtained as to what really transpired during the past week, it became known that any number of out of town witnesses had come here and that the taking of depositions took place in the law offices of Mr. Norman Farrar, Jr., in the Noel Block, who is the attorney for the Morris faction. Mr. John Belle Keeble represents the other faction. While this is admitted to be true, it is also admitted that the principal facts or line of battle, whichever, the Baptist brethren choose to call it, is the National Baptist Publishing Board plant. There is an effort on foot, according to the opinion of the best informed Baptists, to oust the one who with his board during the past twenty years has succeeded in building up a magnificent business institution which employs scores of Negroes and who operates what is regarded as the largest printing plant owned, operated and controlled by Negroes in the world. And as a result of this, the friends of the National Baptist Publishing Board are saying that many of those who have joined in with the Morris faction of the Convention have a deep laid scheme to take charge of the plant and to put the present board out. While it is claimed by the board now in control on the other hand, they have operated the plant in conformity with the wishes of the Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools who have supported and maintained the plant all these years. They claim it is a Baptist printing institution and they have violated no rules and regulations of the Negro Baptists. One of the Baptist brethren stated this week that the opposition to the National Baptist Publishing House had changed their contentions; "When they first came from Chicago after the spirit they accused Dr. Boyd of having stolen the Publishing House, but when this was proven to be false and after the deeds were exhibited and shown to be properly recorded, showing conclusively that Dr. Boyd was innocent, they changed their accusations." Whatever may be the outcome, it is said that the law suit will at least take six months before a final decision can be reached. Among those who were here of the Morris faction this past week were Revs. E. C. Morris, of Helena, Ark.; S. E. Griggs, of Memphis, Tenn.; J. R. Bennett, of Chester, Pa.; P. James Bryant, of Atlanta, Ga.; Jos. A. Booker, of Little Rock, Ark.; J. E. Knox, of Dallas, Tex.; L. K. Williams, of Chicago, Ill.; C. H. Parrish, of Louisville, Ky.; T. O. Fuller, of Memphis, Tenn.; Prof. R. B. Hudson, of Selma, Ala.; Mr. W. H. Stewart, of Louisville, Ky. It was learned that not all of those testified. At any rate, it was stated that the incorporated side did not finish their depositions; that they would complete them at a later date, after which the unincorporated convention, or rather that side of the National Baptists who favor Dr. R. H. Boyd and his board, or rather commend them for the great work they have done, will begin taking their proofs, within the next thirty days, after which the Chancery Court will decide the matter.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST NASHVILLE.

"A house of prayer, or a den of thieves" will be the subject of Rev. W. S. Ellington's discourse Sunday morning. The work of remodeling, painting and decorating the main auditorium of the church is near completion. The response is set for the second Sunday in February, there will be special services all day. A number of the leading ministers of the city will take part in the celebration.

LEADING STAR CIRCLE.

The Leading Star Circle met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Irving Jan. 16, 1917. The meeting was opened with song and prayer, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read. The roll was called and each member responded with a quotation. Then business of importance was discussed. Three lovely selections were rendered. Remarks, Mr. Wm. Bryant, vocal solo, Mr. A. H. Carroll of the West, reading, Mrs. Hattian Davis of St. Louis, Mo., after which the hostess served a delightful two course menu. All adjourned highly pleased. The club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicholson, Jan. 23, 1917. Miss H. L. Wingfield, Reporter.

STOCKHOLDERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

LARGEST BUSINESS YEAR REPORTED

"TEN MILLION PAID FOR" SLOGAN--BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR 1917--OFFICERS ELECTED--COMPARATIVE STATEMENT GIVEN

Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 18: The annual meeting of the stockholders of Standard Life Insurance Company, which was held at the me Office of the Company today and was pronounced one of the most interesting and inspiring meetings of the kind ever held in Atlanta. Stockholders were present from several states, representing 740 shares of the company's stock and with a large representation by proxy. Reports of officers showed the largest year's business in the history of the company. The company operates in the states, has an agency force of 171 high-class men and wrote more than Two Million Dollars worth of business during the year. The total income received was \$152,305.66. After paying all claims, taxes and operating expenses of all sorts the company shows the handsome saving of \$67,400.50 over and above all disbursements, the total disbursements being \$84,905.07. The substantial growth is evidenced by the fact that the total net assets increased from \$159,158.61 in 1916, to \$247,410.34 at the end of 1916.

Two very remarkable facts brought out in the reports were the low death rate and the low rate of lapse. Contrary to the general opinion, it appears that from the mortality experience of this company, colored folks do not die any faster than other folks. The death rate was only 72.73 per cent of the expected and the lapses were only 23 per cent of the new business written. The average lapse for most companies is 50 per cent and the opinion prevails that all colored business lapses faster.

The directors of the company authorized a loan of \$50,000 on the colored Masonic Temple at Jackson, Fla. Florida, which is a building similar to the Odd Fellows building of this city, in order to save the property from foreclosure proceedings which would result in its being lost to the race. The company expects that a large business will come from the state on account of the gratitude of the people for the saving of this building.

Another evidence of the substantial growth of this Quarter Million Dollar Company was the recommendation by the stockholders that the board of directors begin at once negotiations looking to the erection of a Home Office building for the company. The present quarters have been outgrown for some time on account of the rapidly increasing business of the company and on account of the great demand for space in the Odd Fellows building it has thus far been unable to secure more room there.

The outlook for 1917 is for a record breaking business. The slogan is "Ten Million Paid For," and from the way January has begun the expectation seems capable of realization. Officers, directors, stockholders and policyholders all deserve commendation and congratulation for their connection with this lusty young giant which built as it is on a legal reserve foundation, has become in so short a time the strongest financial institution of the race.

All old directors and officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The following financial statement of Income and Disbursements and of Assets and Liabilities was made by the Secretary-Treasurer:

INCOME.	
First ear premiums	\$59,083.71
Renewal premiums	55,408.9
Interest on bonds	4,772.63
Interest on premium notes and	
Policy Loans	14.65
Interest on Deposits	591.50
Interest on Bills Receivable	491.84
Discount on Bills Paid in Advance	79.7
Stock Notes	22.86
Surplus on Sale of Stock	16,734.91
	\$152,305.62
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Death Claims	\$19,012.91
Commission	20,555.81
Other Agency Expense	7,604.6
Medical Examiners' Fee	
and Inspectors	10,347.60
Salaries of Officers and Employees	13,413.10
Taxes and Ins. Departmental	
Fees Etc.	2,540.29
Other Disbursements	11,119.9
	\$84,905.68
ASSETS.	
Mortgage Loans	\$57,040.6
Bonds	110,467.35
Policy Loans	3,955.25
Premium Notes	1,428.25
Cash	34,477.41
Interest Accrued	5,170.80
Stock Notes	16,734.91

Other Assets 7,570.6
Gross Assets 269,827.86
Deduct Assets not admitted, \$3,259.
Stock Notes, \$16,734, and Furniture and Fixtures and etc. 22,416.3
Admitted Assets \$247,410.31

LIABILITIES.
Reserve \$119,353.67
Death Claims reported, no proof received 500.00
Bills, Medical Fees and Taxes 1,306.95
Premiums Paid in Advance 126.45
Capital \$116,632.50
Unassigned Funds 9,491.74
Surplus as to Policyholders \$126,121.24
Total \$247,410.31

Officers.
HEMAN E. PERRY, President.
A. L. LEWIS, Florida--Vice President.
THOS. H. HAYES, Tennessee--Vice President.
R. L. ISAACS, Texas--Vice President.
EMMETT J. SCOTT, Alabama--Vice President.
HARRY H. PACE, Secretary-Treasurer.
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J. A. ROBINSON, Auditor.
C. C. CATER, JR., M. D. Medical Director.
WM. H. KING, Director of Agencies.
WM. DRISKELL, Superintendent of Agents.
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Henry A. Boyd, Nashville, Tenn. Assistant Secretary National Baptist Publishing Board.
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B. J. Davis, Atlanta, Ga. Editor Atlanta Independent.
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A. D. Hamilton, Atlanta, Ga. Contractor and Builder.
Thos. H. Hayes, Memphis, Tenn. Undertaker; Vice President Solvent Savings Bank.
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Emmett J. Scott, Tuskegee Institute.
Walter S. Scott, Savannah, Ga. President Guaranty Mutual Life & Health Insurance Co.
N. B. Young, Tallahassee, Fla. President A. & M. College.

President Perry read the following report: Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 18, 1917.--To the Directors, Stockholders and Policyholders of the Standard Life Insurance Company, Greetings: The year 1916 just ended has completed another link in the chain of strength and service that holds the Double Anchor of STANDARD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. It is with pleasure that we submit the facts from our annual statement which shows the present splendid condition of the Company, and gives a brief record of its transactions for the year.

This statement and record should be very gratifying to every Stockholder and every Policyholder and is worth your careful study. Aside from the bare facts revealed, it tells of the loyal devotion to the Company on the part of every one connected with it. It is not out of place just here to refer to one thing in our prospectus of 1911, which stated that the Standard Life was designed to be "A National organization which shall be the standard among the leading companies." This was an expression of real confidence in the future development of the Company. The record of the fourth year is but a continuation of successes to that end. The five cardinal points in an Insurance company's annual statement are: Income and Disbursements, Assets and Liabilities, and Insurance in Force. The excess of income over Disbursements is the safety valve of an insurance company.

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REV. O. DURRET DIES

WELL KNOWN KENTUCKY PASTOR

First Baptist Church, of Hickman, Mourns--Funeral Service Held Wednesday--Dr. Clark Present

Hickman, Ky., Jan. 22nd: This city was shocked yesterday by the death of Rev. O. Durrett, who passed away after a brief illness. Rev. Durrett was the pastor of the First Baptist Church, the largest congregation of this city, and was a prominent figure in Baptists affairs of the state. Arrangements for his funeral, which is to take place Wednesday, are being made. A number of the preachers of Kentucky and Tennessee were notified by wire.

A telegram was received in Nashville Monday morning from Rev. A. Samuels announcing the death of Rev. O. Durrett. The Missionary Baptist State Convention of Tennessee and the National Baptist Publishing Board were represented at the funeral by Rev. C. H. Clark, who was a life-long acquaintance of Rev. Durrett. It was learned here after Dr. Clark left the city that he and the Rev. Durrett received their degree as Doctor of Divinity on the same day from the same platform. Dr. Clark being a native Kentuckian.

Dr. Durrett was 64 years and 97 days old. He was buried by the Knights of the Golden Star of the East, Rev. L. N. Smith of Wytheville, Ky., was master of ceremonies. Revolutions were read from nearly all of the associations and conventions throughout the state. Brethren representing all phases of the denomination were present.

Dr. C. H. Clark of Nashville, Tenn., delivered the funeral oration and closing remarks were made by Dr. W. H. Leach of Princeton, Ky. Resolutions by church and auxiliary, Sunday school, Prof. James Hays.

B. Y. P. U. by Miss Rosa Bannford.
Bible Bee Club, Mrs. Wm. J. Wagon.
Club No. 1, Miss Hazel McLean.
Club No. 2, Mrs. Carrie Priest.
Club No. 3, Miss Orie Jenkins.
Deacon Board, Mr. Henry Greenory.

Many floral designs were sent from loving friends and from each auxiliary of the church.

The ministers present were: Revs. N. Smith, C. H. Clark, R. Gregory, Wm. Foster, D. S. Smith, H. T. Rhodes, Wm. H. Leavells, P. H. Kennedy, J. Francis Wilson, A. M. Samuels, J. J. Bills, W. L. Mothershead, Kans. City, W. G. Faulkner, Buckner, R. D. Stoner.

RESOLUTIONS OF BUSY BEE CLUB.
By Mrs. Wm. I. Weston.
I know not why, I can not tell my thoughts and feeling known in other days rush over me with a wild insensuous swell, flooding my spirit life with struggling tears. It is with a deaf of gladness mingled with sadness that I as the representative of the Busy Bee Club, try to speak of some of the noble virtues of one loving and devoted pastor. First be it.

Resolved that since the All-wise Creator has seen fit to remove from our midst our loving and devoted pastor, that the Busy Bee Club along with a host of others bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. Secondly be it.

Resolved, That under the guidance and encouragement of Rev. O. Durrett, that the club has reached the heights it has, both mentally, morally and financially. We not only found him a man of true worth, with sterling qualities, but a man of unselfishness in dealing not only with the club but with everybody with whom he came in contact. He was agreeable, had an amiable disposition and was willing to lend a hand with any work at hand and was unselfish in placing merit and giving unstinted praise to those who deserved it.

Dr. O. Durrett was a man of strong convictions and was not afraid to let the world know where he stood on any important issue. While he endeavored to rally to the financial support of the church he was more inclined to the spiritual side. This was so well shown just before his 16th pastoral anniversary held in November last, when he was preparing to raise funds during this celebration. He was so intent on the saving of souls in the coming revival which was to follow the anniversary program.

He was a man that felt the need of every department of church work and lent his support and encouragement to all the departments and organizations in the church. He was for progressive advancement in civic affairs.

He urged the necessity of Negroes uniting themselves for their common good, for Negroes to patronize Negro enterprises, he preached it not only from the pulpit, but practised it in his daily life. He supported Negro institutions.

Dr. O. Durrett was grateful for any assistance and kindness shown the club.

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AUXILIARY TO BE ORGANIZED FOR Y. M. C. A.

LADIES GUEST MONDAY EVENING

MANY PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS OF LADIES--MUCH ASSISTANCE GIVEN--BIG MEETING ON SECOND SUNDAY

The women's meeting next Monday night is looming up as one of the big attractions of the Y. M. C. Association. At the meeting last Sunday to which ladies were invited something like half dozen of Nashville's most useful and public spirited women met and pledged their loyal support to the association. Among those present were Madams S. W. Crosthwait, G. E. Haynes, Martha Washington, M. H. Flowers and Miss Elizabeth Moore.

Much surprise was created when it became known the ladies have already done in the absence of any special effort whatever. Below is a list of paid in full subscribers from \$25.00 down to \$5.00:

\$25.00 Subscribers: Mrs. Harriet Carter, Miss Mary E. Braden, Miss Elizabeth McKeever, Mrs. Martha Washington, Mrs. S. M. Lowe, Mrs. M. V. Boute, Misses Grace M. Eaton and Elizabeth Moore.

\$20.00 Subscribers: Misses Mary E. Spence and E. M. S. McGavock.

\$10.00 Subscribers: Miss G. A. Cree, Madams Elizabeth Sanders, Mable Overton, F. A. Miller, E. M. Poindexter, Mary E. Scruggs, Misses L. M. Ruffin, Elsie A. Wells and E. M. Green.

\$5.00 Subscribers: Madams Marie Emery, R. U. Ferguson, L. M. P. Sharber, E. E. Stevens, Nancy Cheatham, M. E. Childress, H. M. Ferguson, M. H. Rogers, Fannie Buchanan, J. C. Coburn, Laura Carey, M. A. Ferguson, Eliza Jones, Sara Lyttton, Mollie Mayberry, T. Clay Moore, S. J. Carter, Ida E. Holmes, Minerva Moore, Susie Perkins, F. G. Smith, Jane White, Misses Johnetta Terry, E. J. Terry, Mary K. Hill, the Misses Banks, Susie Cole, Mary A. Dunson, B. R. Parmenter, Laura Graham, L. U. Chambers, Elvira L. Ritz, L. M. L. Fox, W. O. Prader, M. C. Hayes, Winifred Myers, Naomi Randall, N. B. Allison, L. T. Jackson, E. M. Coleman, Minnie Bramlett, Laura B. Coleman, Mabel Babcock, Carrie Chambers, Orlena Reimann, Mary Chamberlain, and L. E. Bushnell.

There are a few women who have paid smaller amounts which space will not permit the publishing of their names.

An opportunity such as has never been given to Nashville women before will be their next Monday night. It is supposed that every lady in Nashville has a living father, brother, husband or sweetheart, but whether they have or not, there can be no excuse for their failure to cooperate with the ladies' movement Jan. 29th. An opportunity will even be afforded some one woman in Nashville to eclipse all other women in amounts subscribed to associations. Up to the campaign pitched in Cincinnati a little while ago, Madam Walker, formerly of Indianapolis, was the one woman who had done what no other had dared to do and subscribed and paid \$1,000.00 to the Indianapolis association, but along came the Cincinnati campaign which resulted in a \$1,200.00 subscription from one of the fair sex of that city. It is possible and quite probable that there are at least one or two women in Nashville who can surpass this amount and be none the worse off by it. Probably the one reason this has not been done before is that the appeal such as is now being made to the women of Nashville has not had the attractiveness about it such as is true now.

One of the ladies present at the meeting last Sunday actually raised the question as to the soundness of the title of the abstract of the Y. M. C. A. property on the grounds that there was so much in both quantity and quality for so little money. That question can be satisfactorily answered. Any one having further doubts has absolute access to the records in the Court House in this city. People who have certainly have a right to ask any question concerning the property that is not clear to them. People who are paying more and are hesitating on the ground that they would like to have some matters cleared up on the deed will be given every possible consideration. The Association attorney, Judge Pitts, is one of the most eminent in the city and will be pleased to see any well meaning inquirer.

The meeting for Monday night is for ladies exclusively. Of course members of the Committee of Management and Advisory Board and captains of the various teams will be expected to be on hand to be of whatever assistance possible to the ladies.

SUNDAY MEETING AND BIBLE CLASS.

Despite the condition of the weather, the meeting last Sunday was well attended and the enthusiasm was high. There will be another meeting next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock to which are invited men and boys.

A communication was sent last week to all the workers who took

MR. J. BROWN PASSES AWAY

WELL KNOWN FLORIST FOR YEARS

Funeral Services Largely Attended--All Citizens Mourn Demise--Floral Offerings Numerous

Joe Browne, age 55, owner of the Lischey Nurseries and green houses died at his home corner Lischey and Mile End avenues, Thursday morning at 1 o'clock after a long illness. While it was known that he was a very sick man, his death came wholly unexpected.

Preparations were well under way for a Florida trip, with the hope that he might do him good, he was to leave this week. Death has changed all this. The funeral services will be conducted at his late home tomorrow morning at 10:00 o'clock by Elder Preston Taylor, in remembrance in the family burial lot at Spring Hill Cemetery. Honorary bearers are Hon. J. C. Napier, Prof. H. A. Cameron, Dr. J. A. Lester and Dr. E. B. Jefferson. Active pall bearers will be his trusted employees, Messrs. John Smith, George McLain, John Haynie and Willis Harris.

Joe Browne was one of the south's leading florists, having been engaged in that business all of his life. He gave the attention that the business deserved, with the result that it grew and flourished. His popularity was attested when it was known that he was dead by the vast throngs both white and black, who came with words of condolence for the bereaved ones, and to take the look at the kindly face which they had seen so many times. He was truly a man of generous impulses and every body was his friend. His grand and loving to the community were excellent. His word was as good as gold at all times with all men. A wife, mother, two sisters and a brother survive him. Letters and telegrams of sympathy have been received by his wife from all parts of the country. Taylor & Co. have charge of the funeral. A more extended account will appear in our next issue.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES WEBSTER.
Mr. and Mrs. James Webster, of 221 Overton street, entertained in honor of Rev. Green, pastor of St. IM. Primitive Baptist Church, Sunday, Jan. 21. The dinner was a delightful one and was highly enjoyed by Pastor Thompson and the following ministers and members of the church: Revs. Harvey Butler, Dock Ekins, Albert Cooper and Rev. Larry. Members present: Mrs. Mary Rhodes, Laura Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Haffner, Mrs. Lena Jones, Mrs. Martha Williams, Tonia Woods, Lena Booker, Lu Ella C. Emma Overton, Francis Mays, Jennie Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Caruthers, Mr. Sandy Gregory and Miss Julia Webster.

PAYETTEVILLE.
A very enjoyable time was spent a few evenings ago when the Pink Rose Social Club entertained elaborately at the Odd Fellows' Hall, 117 West College street, in honor of Miss Celeste D. Stiegal of Dayton, Ohio. At 8 o'clock entertainment began with a song by the guests. The guests began to arrive and in a short while the hall was filled with pretty girls. About 9 o'clock the crowd was pleased by the arrival of the beautifully gowned honored guest.

MORE INDORSEMENT FOR UNINCORPORATED CONVENTION.
Shubuta, Miss.--Delegates returning from the extra session of the Association of this district bring the news here that the Association went on record as favoring the unincorporated side of the National Baptist Convention. This extra session was called to determine how this association would stand with regard to partitioning and supporting the various boards of the two conventions. The matter had been much discussed since the recent state convention, which was held at Lumberton, Miss., at which Rev. Sutton E. Griggs and Henry A. Boyd were the principal speakers. It was stated that both sides had been heard and that the churches of the association were in possession of all the facts pertaining to or ad to do with the separation or split in the National Body. Much time was given in the extra session to the matter itself. When the final vote came sixty churches through their representatives voted to continue their cooperation and support with the National Baptist Publishing Board, R. H. Boyd, secretary, the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. R. Kemp, D. D., Charleston, S. C., secretary and the National Baptist Convention unincorporated, of which Rev. E. P. Jones, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss., is president. This it is said, resulted in a complete victory for the unincorporated convention, as it was known there were only two churches, or rather two pastors, that opposed the National Baptist Convention unincorporated and the operation of the board, the chief of which is the National Baptist Publishing Board at Nashville.