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BELIEVES IN PROGRESSIVE BAPTISTS

Rev. J. P. Robinson, A. M., D. D., LL. D., Pastor of the First Bapt. Church of Little Rock, Ark.--President of the Progressive Bapt. State Convention Visits Nashville

LEADS ONE OF THE LARGEST CONGREGATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY

After spending a very busy stay in Nashville this week, the Rev. J. P. Robinson, of Little Rock, Ark., left Wednesday morning for his home in the Arkansas capitol. While here Dr. Robinson was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Boyd, of Heiman street, and Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Clark, of Jo Johnston avenue. For eighteen years Dr. Robinson was chairman of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention. Retiring after eighteen years of service, he was again called back and is now serving in that capacity, being the chairman of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, unincorporated. In addition to this he is a member of the National Baptist Publishing Board of this city

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and usually comes over to their Board meetings. His trip att his season was, it is learned, for the purpose of conferring with some of his denominational leaders in Tennessee relative to the coming Sunday School Congress that is to be held in Nashville June 13th-18th, and the National Baptist Convention that is to be held in Atlanta, Ga., next September.

In his own state Dr. Robinson is regarded as one of the undisputed leaders. Form ore than thirty years he has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Little Rock, which is said to be easily the largest congregation in the state of Arkansas.

For a number of years he was a trustee of the Arkansas Baptist College, from which institution he graduated from the college as well as the theological department. He is at present the president of the Progressive Baptist State Convention of the state of Arkansas and a prominent factor in the business world of the Arkansas capitol. In speaking to a Globe representative before leaving the city, Dr. Robinson said:

"You may put me down as an apostle of the progressive ideas as the Negro Baptists see them. I believe in going forward and not backward. I believe in building up rather than tearing down. I am not opposed to any man who has spent his life in building up an enterprise or institution even though that enterprise or institution may not be operated according to my personal liking.

"It is often that the fellow on the outside who has not had to do with the management of affairs of a particular institution knows nothing about what it takes to make that concern succeed, and yet that fellow may criticise, and criticism is easy, the very policy that has made the institution a success. I am not envious. Everybody in my state knows I have contributed in my feble way to whatever has been begun in Arkansas that would be for the betterment of the Negro, irrespective of denomination, and that I have spent the better part of my life sacrificing for my own denomination. Our state work embraces every department of our convention in Arkansas. It is standing solid with the progressive leaders in Tennessee and I mean by that that they are supporting the National Baptist Publishing Board in the operation of its plant. We will stand by them as long as there is a pea in the dish. We are going to bring the largest delegation to Nashville in the history of Arkansas to attend the Sunday School Congress, and then following this, we are going to carry a special train from Arkansas to Atlanta. I want to congratulate the people of Nashville for the loyal support they have given Dr. Boyd and the Publishing Board."

It was learned after Dr. Robinson left the city that he expects to return to Nashville even before summer. While here he visited Roger Williams University, the A. & I. State Normal and Fisk University, and at the same time took in other points of interest in the business section of the city.

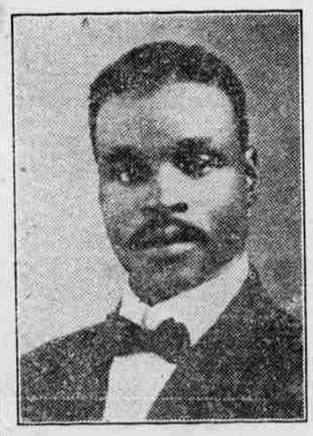
MR. JOSEPH COLE DEAD

A Civil War Veteran and Pioneer Citizen--Funeral Largely Attended

A Man Among Men, His Life An Open Book, His Good Deeds Will Live Forever

Joseph Cole, a civil war veteran and pioneer citizen of Nashville, died Wednesday at his home on Ninth avenue, North, after a lingering illness. His death removed one of the best known and most uniformly popular men and citizens in Nashville. Though he had reached an advanced age he carried his years remarkably well and retained both the appearance and activity of a much younger man. He had been many years a conspicuous figure in the plumber business and social life. Mr. Cole was one of the highest moral worth and in every way a type of the good citizenship. Mr. Cole always impressed those who knew him as a very sincere man. There was no sort of affectation of false pretense about him, and it was safe to place implicit reliance in any promise that he made. He was a genial man with a large acquaintance and treated every one with unaffected courtesy. As a business man and leading citizen Mr. Cole stood high and everybody spoke well of him. He was always ready to do a kindness and was liberal in his charity. Few men have lived in this or any other community more generally liked than he was, none more kindly remembered. Mr. Cole was married to Mrs. Myra Brown of Nashville and had one son, Harrison Cole, by this marriage. Those who survive him are Mrs. Myra Cole, wife, and son, Harrison Cole, of Nashville; Miss Susie Cole, Mary Cole, Vina Holmes, sisters, of Nashville, H. E. Cole, Ernest Cole, Charlie Mitchell, newphews, of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. Wm. Cole, of Louisville, Ky.

The funeral was held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Friday afternoon. Many friends came to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed. The church was nearly filled at 2:00 o'clock, the time for the services arrived. Rev. J. A. Brown told in a few impressive words of the life and



MR. T. H. CANNON,
Assistant Chief, of Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church.

work of such a citizen who had been suddenly called away on Wednesday, February 21st. The following old soldiers took charge of the body and mourned the lost of their comrade: Messrs. Mat White, Ed Hudson, Geo. Copeland, Austin Polk, John Cocks, Dock Davis, Rev. Jones and James Degraffenried.

His home was open to preachers without expense or charges. Following the services the body was carried out to its last resting place at Greenwood Cemetery. The pall-bearers were chosen from among the old soldiers from the civil war.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST NASHVILLE.

The revival services which have continued for two weeks will close tonight. Many souls have been blessed and saved. The attendance has been large. Rev. Ellington will occupy his pulpit Sunday at 11:00 a. m., and 3:00 p. m., the Lord's Supper will be administered and the doors of the church opened for new members.

The Pastor's Aid Club, Dorcas Aid, Ladies' Drill Corps and Young People's Progressive Club will begin their regular weekly meetings. Splendid results are anticipated. The Sunday school, under the leadership of Mr. H. L. Fite, is preparing to begin a membership campaign.

METOKAS AND GALEDAS ORGANIZE

Young Men and Young Women of the Baptist Sunday Schools of Nashville Form a City Union--Plans for the Coming Sunday School Congress

An Entertainment to be Furnished Visiting Representatives

The organized Sunday school class work received a mighty boost last Sunday afternoon at the Pleasant Green Baptist Church when the Metokas and Galedas from the various churches of the city met and perfected an organization that is city wide, at which representatives from those classes already erected as well as those that are to be erected later on, are to take part. The plan and purpose of the meeting, which was called by Miss L. U. Chambers, the national secretary of the Galeda Department and editor of the M. & G. Magazine, and Dr. J. A. Sharp, the superintendent of the teacher-training work and superintendent of the Metokas and Galedas, was set forth in a brief talk made at the opening of the meeting by the Secretary of the Sunday School Congress. The coming together and the forming of the organization is to be known as the Buffalo Hunt. This unique plan was worked out through the national secretary of the Galeda Department, and each class from the several churches will be given Indian names. These names when anglicized or interpreted in English will have a different meaning.

The meeting opened with a song by the congregation, "Blest be the tie that binds." There was Scripture reading and prayer by Mr. Marshall of the Pleasant Green Baptist Church, then the Metoka and Galeda song led by Mrs. C. J. White was sung. There was a short address and then "Christian Soldiers Marching" was sung in such a way as to work up the meeting to the highest possible religious fervor. The meeting was then turned over to Miss Chambers, who, in turn, introduced Dr. Sharp, who afterwards presided until the officers were elected. Dr. Sharp had hardly taken charge of the meeting when the house was thrown into the greatest possible enthusiasm by the entrance of the Metokas and Galedas from the North Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, perhaps a hundred, marching in single file led by their pastor, Rev. A. W. Porter. As they entered the church the congregation began to applaud, and before they were seated the cry of "What's the matter with the Fifteenth Avenue Church" and "What's the matter with Porter" was taken up and for about three minutes this was continued. The chairman stated that the officers would have to be elected but that each officer would have to be named in accordance with Indian names, which resulted in the following:

Mr. Thomas Marshall, of Pleasant Green Church, was elected as Chief. Mr. Thomas Cannon, of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, was elected Assistant Chief. Mrs. C. J. White, of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Squaw, Corresponding Secretary. Miss Laura Brooks, of Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Tomahawk. Recording Secretary. Mrs. Octavia Elkins, of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Wampum, Treasurer.

Then the following Sunday schools with their several classes, which is only a partial list, made up the tribes: Foster Chapel will be known as the Chickasaws, which when interpreted means Restless, or Equal Citizenship. North Third Avenue Baptist will be known as Aztecs, which means "Builders." New Hope Sunday School will be known as Pawnees, which means "Men-of-War." The Hopewell Baptist Church Sunday School will be known as Crocaws, which means "Peace and Industry." The Second Baptist will be known as Narragansett, which means "Ready at any time." The Fifth Avenue Baptist will be styled as Pequod, which means "Union and Strength." The Mt Zion Sunday School will be the Appalachee, which means "Every Member Active." The Tabernacle Baptist will be known as The Sioux, which means "The Troublers." The Mt. Nebo force will be Chippewa, which, when interpreted means "The First, Best, or the Braves." The First Baptist, East Nashville, will be he Creeks, which means "The Uprisers, Members Defense." The Pleasant Green Baptist will be the Cherokees, "The Fighting Tribe." The Fifteenth Avenue Baptist will be the Algonquin, which means "Every member present, or the Winning Tribe." The Mt. Olive Baptist will be known as the Iroquois, which means "Strong in Number, Confident of Victory."

The selecting of these names for the various organized classes, which represented twenty-six in all with their announcement, was received with much applause. Chief Marshall then took charge of the meeting and delivered a splendid address. The officers were all installed by the secretary of the Sunday School Congress, after which refreshments were served by a committee consisting of lady representatives from each Sunday school. The various meetings will be known or styled as wigwams, and the next one is to be held at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church on the second Sunday in March, while the third meeting will take place at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in March, at which time the teacher-training classes will be given their diplomas.

WRITES ON DEATH OF REV. T. J. LEWIS.

The death of Rev. T. J. Lewis, superintendent of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church Sunday School, was read by one of the boys of Nashville who is now attending school at Hampton Institute and who is a member of Mt. Olive Sunday School. The young man writes the following:

"Adj. Gen. Henry Boyd, of the A. A. Cadets, Nashville, Tenn.:

"Dear Sir: I regret to hear of the death of my Sunday school superintendent, Rev. T. J. Lewis. Our church, the Mt. Olive, has lost a great leader, but as the Great God seemed pleased to call him we should go on and have this for our motto 'Aim high, aim far, your aim is the sky, your goal the stars,' and take the life of Rev. Lewis as a guide and you will succeed. I shall never forget how Rev. Lewis labored and struggled with you in an eort to get our boys off t othe Sunday school Congress when it met in Birmingham, and I am glad to say that the military training I receivedf rom the A. F. Cadets has enabled me to go through the major training we receive at Hampton so easily. When school is out I intend to aid Captain Bosworth in this work, it must not fail, itm ust go on. In our battalion here we have over six hundred boys and the military discipline is as rigid as if you were at West Point. May God bless you and my class, which is No. 11, taught by Mr. G. H. Binkley.

"Yours in the name of the Stars and Stripes,

"IRVIN S. CURRY, (Private)
"Hampton Battalion, Hamppton Institute."

CARNEGIE LIBRARY'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

End of First Year's Work Marked With Appropriate Exercises

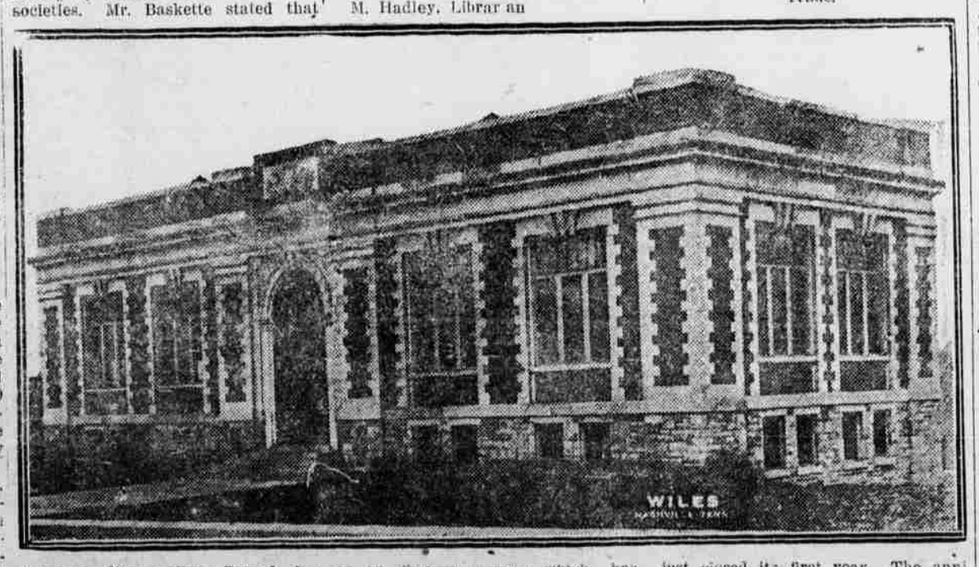
A large number of the patrons of the Colored Branch of the Carnegie Library, situated at the corner of Twelith avenue, North and, Hynes street, attended the exercises held Tuesday night to celebrate the close of the first year's work of this popular institution. Men of prominence made addresses and a report of the first year's work was made by Miss M. M. Hadley, librarian .r M.A.bgs M. M. Hadley, librarian. Mr. A. N. Johnson, president of the Board of Trade, presided as master of ceremonies.

Mr. G. H. Baskette, President of the Board of Directors, addressed the gathering on "The Library as a Civel Factor." In his address he stated that the patronage and support given the institution by the colored population of the city was a splendid tribute to its civic value. It is estimated that one hundred thirty-four meetings of a civic nature had been held in the club rooms of the library by various organizations and societies. Mr. Baskette stated that this spirit of promotion among Nashville's colored publication is probably not equaled by any other city in the country.

Miss Margaret Kercheval stated that 26999 Negro men, women and children had enjoyed the books in the library. She paid a high compliment to the efficiency of Misses Hadley and Watkins, Librarian and Assistant Librarian, respectively.

An interesting part of the program was the musine under the direction of Prof. J. W. Work. He was assisted by the Pearl High School Glee Club. Mesdames Chavis of Walden University, and D. W. Berry had excellent papers. Short talks were made by Rev. J. C. Fields and Prof. G. E. Haynes. The following program was rendered:

Music..... Pearl High School
Invocation, Bishop C. H. Phillips, C. M. E. Church
Remarks, "Our Obligation to the Library," Master of Ceremonies
Report of Year's Work, Miss Mariam M. Hadley, Librarian
The Library as a Civic Faster, Mr. G. H. Baskette, President of the Board of Directors
Music, led by Prof. J. W. Work, Fisk University
Symposiumm—The Library as an Asset (five minutes)
To the Home, Mrs. D. Wellington Berry, Nashville
To the School, Mrs. M. C. Chavis, Walden University
To the Church, Rev. J. C. Fields, Pleasant Green Baptist Church
To the Public, Prof. G. E. Haynes, Fisk University
Music, led by Prof. J. W. Work, Fisk University
"The Outlook of the Negro Public Library," Miss Margaret Kercheval Head Librarian
Music, Rise, Shine, for the Light Has Come
Benediction, Rev. H. L. P. Jones, St. Paul A. M. E. Church
Master of Ceremonies, Hon. A. N. Johnson, President Board of Trade.



Carnegie Library Negro Branch, located on Twelfth Avenue which has just closed its first year. The anniversary of the Library was celebrated on Tuesday night, when a number of prominent citizens served on program.

DR. W. S. ELLINGTON IN ANNUAL SERMON

"The Prodigal Son" Subject of a Discourse by Nashville's Well Known Minister Attracts Large Crowd—Hundreds Turned Away Auditorium Packed

TO PROCURE A LARGER TABERNACLE THAN THE PRESENT ONE IN THE FUTURE

Those who heard Dr. Ellington last Sunday in his celebrated sermon on "The Prodigal Son," and hundreds of those who could not gain admittance into the building are said to have come to the conclusion that the disciples came to on the Mount of Transfiguration. While it is not believed that they want to build three tabernacles as did the disciples after they had seen Moses, Elias and Abraham, but it is said that it seems to be the concensus of opinion of all that a larger tabernacle than that of the First Baptist Church in East Nashville should be procured or built if the citizens of Nashville who desire to take advantage of this occasion to hear the scholarly discourse by the pastor of the First Baptist Church, are to be accommodated, for it was

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evident even at 10:30 last Sunday that the First Baptist Church, East Nashville, located at the corner of Stewarda nd Mark streets, would be entirely inadequate for the mammoth concourse of people who were going to the church from every direction to even get within sight of the door. So immense was the crowd filling the street cars going to East Nashville that the street car officials declared that practically every car from 10:30 until near noon emptied its contents at the getting off place for the First Baptist Church. They were compelled to run double cars to accommodate the church-goers and admirers of the distinguished divine. One of the things that helped to attract to the meeting Sunday was the fact that a revival was in progress and the Rev. Mr. Burns, who had been assisting Dr. Ellington, had been preaching powerful sermons and many sinners had been brought to Christ. Excerpts of Dr Ellington's sermon of last Sunday were taken, who said in part:

"I will arise and go to my father." Luke 15:18.

The parable of the prodigal son is the pearl of the parables; and yet there is nothing so extraordinary about the conduct of the prodical. He left home and wasted his substance with riotous living; thousands of young men are doing that every day. The downward road is an interesting study because so many people are traveling it. May the Holy Spirit help us this morning to learn some valuable lessons as we sit, as it were in the house by the side of the road and watch the sons of men go by in search of worldly pleasures.

Satan never shows the sinner the end from the beginning. If the young man who is about to take his first drink could see depravity and death lurking in the intoxicating cup, he would throw the cup away ere it touched his lips. Most drunkards took their first drink with no evil intentions; they were simply looking for a good time. The young woman who permits a libertine to dance with her at a fashionable ball does so with no desire of becoming like him in character. She has a horror for a life of shame. She dances with the stranger perhaps as ignorant of his real character as an infant is of a loaded pistol. When she finds him out it is too late, she has already been caught in the meshes of his well-laid plan. Most people go astray like sheep with no evil intentions. Satan charms the youth with the promise that it is "good to make one wise," while he conceals the flaming weapon of death.

The prodigal did not love and respect his home as he should. Perhaps wicked companions had filled his mind and poisoned his imagination with pictures of sin. He was beside himself. To Adam paradise was home; to us home is paradise. The highest evidences of manhood and civilization is an enlarged capacity for enjoying the pleasures of a well

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS WINS SUIT

Decision Handed Down Wednesday-Rejoicing Over Victory

Supreme Court Decides in His Favor--Warm Contest Over Property

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28.—Benjamin Jefferson Davis won his case in the Georgia Odd Fellow fight when the supreme court handed down a decision in his favor. The Georgia Odd Fellow fight has been one of the fiercest and most hotly contested among the Negroes of this state, or perhaps of any state in the Union. It involved approximately a half million dollars of the jurisdiction of Odd Fellows in the state of Georgia. Much has been said through the press of the country about the contest which begun several years ago when Mr. Davis, the Grand Secretary of the Georgia Grand Lodge, refused to obey certain orders or mandates from the B. M. C., they claiming in so refusing that it was a strict violation of the chartered rights granted to him under the state of Georgia. For this cause he, the Grand Master, and a number of others from the state were suspended, and finally the S. M. C. attempted to revoke the charter of the Georgia Grand Lodge, of which Mr. Davis was the secretary. The fight became more intense when a number of the Baptist preachers, especially in this city took opposite view, because of the Baptist fight. The decision, therefore, of the supreme court today in favor of Mr. Davis brings a halt to the operation of his enemies, and at the same time places him in a position to do a more constructive work.

Lined up in wefense were Grand Master Ingram, Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Ex-recorder of Deeds of Washington, Dr. E. R. Carter, Dr. Ernest Hall, Mr. Harry H. Pace, Mr. H. E. Perry and a number of Georgia's most substantial citizens. It is predicted that there will be a general celebration here tonight and that the Roof Garden of the Odd Fellows' Hall Building will be the scene of the affair.

MR. B. J. DAVIS.

The Supreme Court of Georgia on Wednesday vindicated the magnificent four-story Odd Fellow Hall Building and the magnificent Auditorium as shown in the above cut. This property and the buildings located on Auburn avenue, Atlanta, Ga., is estimated at present to be worth one-half million dollars. The buildings were erected by the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in the State of Georgia under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Jefferson Davis whose cut is also shown in the above illustration. It is regarded as the most magnificent piece of property owned by Negroes in the United States. It is in the center of Atlanta and stands as an evidence of Negro activity. The victory of Mr. Day's is regarded by his friends of Nashville as being complete in the vindication of his position and contention.

THIRD ROUND CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Lawrenceburg, March 31 to April 3. West Point, 7-8. Lewisburg 14-16. Farmington, 13-15. Waynesboro, 21-22. Clifton, 28,30. Savannah Ct., May 1-3. Selma, 5-7. Lexington, 12-15. Mount Pleasant, 19-21. Mansfield, 26-27. Paris, 24 and afternoon 27. Springville, June 2-3. Dover, 2-3. Cumberland Furnace, 9-10. Dickson, 16-17. Annis, 16-17. Franklin and Spring Hill, 23-24.

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