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THE MIGHTY NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION IN SESSION

ATLANTA, GA., IS CARING FOR THIS HOST OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS

MANY PROMINENT LEADERS PRESENT.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 5.—Religious fervor predominated at the opening of the 37th annual session of the National Baptist Convention (Unincorporated), which was called to order at ten o'clock this morning in the Friendship Baptist Church, by the Rev. Edw. P. Jones, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss., the president of the Convention, who, in a few remarks, called on Rev. J. W. Wilder, one of the stalwart sons of Georgia, Rev. R. J. Moore, of Alabama and Rev. T. C. Phillips, of South Carolina, to conduct the devotion, the theme being "The Gospel for the whole world." At eleven thirty o'clock President Jones announced the appointment of the committee on credentials and finance, after which the convention went into a brief recess for the purpose of enrollment.

There are Baptists here from every quarter of the globe and the personnel of the Convention at the morning session showed a varied complexion in representation. One little city in Illinois sent in nine delegates, while from far off California, Oregon and the extreme west, the delegates came with the same precision as from nearby states. The banner delegation, however, already known up from Georgia, the Peachtree state. Other states with large delegations are Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Illinois, South Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas, North Carolina, Kentucky and Ohio, stated one of the leading men of the Convention.

The convention re-assembled at two thirty o'clock this afternoon. Devotions were led by Dr. Price, of Kentucky, Dorroh of Florida and Caldwell of Mississippi. About the only business considered in the afternoon was the report of the committee on enrollment and credentials. This took up the better part of the afternoon. President Jones stated he was determined not to have a single session of the transaction of a particle of business until the convention was properly organized.

At seven thirty o'clock was music by the national chorus. Devotions were led by Revs. Dunand of Missouri, Fields of Tennessee and Woods of Oklahoma. After the devotion, the president of the convention delivered a very touching eulogy on the objects and purposes of the Convention. He touched the hearts of hundreds of hearers that filled the magnificent Friendship Church to overflowing, as the delegation was present from every state in the Union. Following his remarks the program provided for the following: Welcome on behalf of the state by his Excellency, the Governor of the State of Georgia; His Honor the Mayor of the city of Atlanta. On behalf of the Baptist Churches, the Rev. P. A. Bedford, D. D.; on behalf of the Methodist Churches, Dr. R. H. Singleton; on behalf of the Woman's Convention, Dr. G. R. Dwellie; on behalf of the Y. M. C. A., Prof. J. B. Watson, International Secretary; on behalf of the fraternal, Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson. All of these addresses were responded to by Rev. H. M. Williams, D. D., of Galveston, Texas, whose witicism captivated the entire audience. The local committee, styled as the citizens' committee on entertainment consists of the following: J. C. Ross, banker, W. S. Cannon, Secretary of the I. B. C. A. F. Herndon, H. H. Pace, Secretary Standard Life Insurance Co., S. W. Walker, manager of the Pilgrim Insurance Company, W. S. Penn, physician, L. B. Palmer, physician, J. B. Watson, International Secretary Y. M. C. A., Lewis Wright, physician, Moses Amos, pharmacist, T. H. Slater, E. T. Howard, undertaker. These augmented by the ministerial committee left no stone unturned and tonight the fruits of their labors are being seen on every hand.

The program for the week provides for the following:

Thursday—Morning Session.
9:00 a. m.—Devotional: Revs. C. H. Sharp, Ga.; P. T. Washington, La.; J. E. Haywood, Ill.
11:00 a. m.—Report of Foreign Mission Board. Introduction of speakers by Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. E. W. Moore, D. D., Columbus, Ohio.
Sermon or Address on Missions, Rev. D. W. Ovar, Denver, Colo.
Report of the Board by the Corresponding Secretary, R. Kemp, S. C. Appeal for contributions follows.
11:30—President's Annual Address.
Recess.

Thursday—Afternoon Session.
2:00 p. m.—Devotional, Revs. J. H. Earle, J. Wesley Carter, Ohio; J. H. Holder, Ind.
2:30—Report of Officers.
Report of Committee on Permanent Organization.
3:30 p. m.—Report of Home Mission Board. Report and offering.
5:00—Recess.

Thursday—Evening Session.
7:30—Devotional: Revs. T. H. C. Messer, Pa.; G. H. Daniels, Mo.; A. Nelson, N. C.
8:00—Sermon, Rev. B. J. Prince, D. D., M. D.; alternate, Rev. C. J. Smith.

Friday—Morning Session.
9:00 a. m.—Devotional: Revs. Fannin, Ga.; J. C. Calhoun, Tex.; M. L. Porter, Ky.; Dr. L. V. Collins, La.; Wm. Clark, Texas.
9:30 a. m.—Reports of Committees.
10:00-11:00—Report of B. Y. P. U. Board.
11:00-12:00—Report of Publishing Board.
Offering.
Recess.

Friday—Afternoon Session.
2:00 p. m.—Devotional: Revs. L. H. Ingram, Ala.; P. H. May, Fla.; A. Hubb, La.
2:30 p. m.—Introduction of Fraternal Representatives.
3:00 p. m.—Report of the Educational Board and Rally.
Recess.

Friday—Evening Session.
7:30 p. m.—Devotional: Revs. I. W. Crawford, Miss.; W. B. Reed, Conn.; G. W. Woodbey, Cal.
8:00—

Saturday—Morning Session.
9:00 a. m.—Devotional: Revs. T. H. Fannings, Ga.; J. S. Steele, Ark.; T. T. Timberlake, Ky.; A. J. Wimberly, Ga.
9:30—Session of Laymen's Missionary League.
10:30—Report of Evangelical Board, Dr. B. J. Prince, Ill., Chairman, presiding. Remarks by Dr. E. W. White, Texas. Reading of report by Jas. S. Anderson, Corresponding Secretary.
11:00—Report of Church Extension Board.
Recess.

Saturday—Evening Session.
7:30—Devotional: Revs. R. F. Friar, Ohio; B. F. Ferrell, Ind.; T. W. Stephenson, Okla.
8:00—Sermon, Rev. R. H. Bowling, Va.; alternate, Rev. H. A. Alfred, Tenn.

Sunday—Morning Session.
9:00—Sunday school.
11:00—Sermon, Dr. E. P. Jones; alternate, Dr. F. H. Cook.

Sunday—Afternoon Session.
Foreign Missions Mass Meeting. Ten thousand people are expected to attend this meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions. Addresses will be delivered by Dr. C. P. Madison, Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. G. M. DeBaptist Ashburn, President of the Women's National Baptist Convention Auxiliary and returned missionary from Africa.

Sunday—Evening Session.
7:30—Devotional.
8:00—Sermon, Dr. J. W. Hulse, Mo.; alternate, Rev. Allen, Kan.

Monday—Morning Session.
9:30—Devotionals: Drs. M. E. Robinson, Texas; H. W. Knight, Illinois; Chas. W. Lewis, Ind.
10:30—Report of Benefit Board.
11:30—Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
Final reports of all committees.
Bible study each morning from 8 to 9 o'clock. Drs. Johnson of Virginia, and Wm. Hicks, Miss.

CHIEF BARTHEL ACTS AND QUIET REIGNS.
Saturday, September 1st, a committee of citizens composed of Hon. J. C. Napier, Hon. J. W. Grant, Prof. H. L. Keith, J. W. Work and W. H. McGavock waited upon Chief of Police Alex Barthel, relative to the riotous conduct of the soldiers in the transfer station. Two nights these soldiers stirred up a deal of trouble with the Negroes who have changed to pass through the station. One woman was insulted and struck and one young man was badly cut about the head and face. In other cases Negroes were attacked and cars were stoned and it looked as though Nashville was certain to have serious trouble. However, the reception accorded the committee and the consideration given their report, indicated that all trouble would be avoided in the future. True to his promise, to give the Negroes relief, Chief Barthel took up the matter in a most determined and purposeful way, as he always does and as a result, the station is now patrolled by guards, and all is quiet and peaceful.

ATTENDED THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN LOUISVILLE, KY.
Mrs. A. J. Bennett, of 8 N. Hill St. and Miss Elizabeth Cummings of Shelbyville, Tenn., have just returned home from Louisville, Ky., where they attended the National Association of Colored Graduated Furses. Mrs. Bennett having received a special invitation from the Pres. Mrs. Thomas. The session was a success-

BETHEL A. M. E. CH. BALTIMORE, MD.

DR. W. SAMSON BROOKS RAISES \$15,000.00

LARGEST SUM EVER RAISED—WHITE PEOPLE GIVE \$8,415.

Baltimore, Md., September 5. Bethel A. M. E. Church has raised \$15,000, which was used to pay off the second mortgage last Saturday. There now hangs a debt of \$60,000 over the congregation.

\$7,000 was raised by the colored people of Baltimore, a group of interested whites gave \$8,150 and a smaller number of whites contributed \$255. The rally netted the biggest sum ever secured by a local colored congregation in one effort. Rev. Dr. W. Sampson Brooks, the pastor, planned the mammoth campaign. He is now taking a well-earned vacation at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

City Councilman Harry S. Cummings is critically ill at his home, 1318 Bruid Hill avenue. He is 51 years of age, and was educated at Lincoln University and in the law school of the University of Maryland in 1904 he delivered one of the speeches seconding Roosevelt's nomination for the presidency and served as attorney general for the Odd Fellows of the country from 1911 to 1915.

John H. Murphy, publisher of the Afro-American, is spending a few days at Atlantic City. Monumental Lodge of Elks is already beginning to make preparations for entertaining the 1918 session of the Grand Lodge of Elks.

Warner T. McGuinn is making a contest against two colored men for the position of State Central Committee man from the Fourteenth Ward.

The Trustee Aid Board of Bethel A. M. E. Church met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parks, Tuesday, September 4, 1917. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Everett Curtis, and was opened by singing "A Charge to keep I have."

Prayer was offered by Mr. Oscar Stokes. The minutes were read by the Secretary and adopted. Afterward a paper was called and all members responded with Biblical verses and dues.

Very encouraging remarks were made by different ones of the club, after all business had been transacted the members were led into the spacious dining room, where they were served a two course menu. The club was also favored with a lovely solo by Mr. S. F. White which was highly enjoyed by all. The club is progressing rapidly and we are urging all members to get ready for the trip around the world which is to be Monday, September 17, 1917.

ful one in every way. Many helpful papers on the cause, prevention, treatment and cure of disease, were read, and discussed. Mrs. A. J. Bennett read a paper on "The prevention of Tuberculosis," which was so much enjoyed that she was asked to appear the second time on Program.

We are proud of Nashville's talent. The meeting adjourned to meet in St. Louis the third week in August, 1918. While in the great city of Louisville as the guest of Mrs. Ether Barrans and sister, Mrs. Bennett and Miss Cummings were the recipients of many social functions, receptions, dinner parties, house parties and auto drives over the city, they were also given a trip to Mammoth Cave, Ky., which was quite enjoyable. The ladies report a very pleasant trip and a real good time.

Mrs. H. L. Scott, reporter.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

In one of its regular meetings the Church Aid met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimbro, Wednesday, September 5th at eight o'clock p. m. The meeting was opened by the President, Sister Selma Jarrett. Song was led by Rev. Sam Bryan and prayer was offered by Bro. Clarence N. Perkins.

Regular order of business was despatched after which an interesting discussion was led on the Sunday school lesson, led by Rev. Sam Bryant. An interesting program was rendered and a palatable menu was served all present. Collection and verses. Doxology by Sister Bryant, prayer by Bro. Barrett. The meeting adjourned to meet at the Church Friday, September 14th at eight o'clock p. m. The meeting was planned and will be entertained by Brothers Geo. S. Davis and Clarence N. Perkins the purpose of allowing every member of the church to attend a meeting once.

Every member of the church is a member of the Aid and you are expected to be present. The most interesting program ever will be rendered.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Church Aid met at the home of Rev and Mrs. Sam Dillahaunt, Friday evening, August 31. The meeting was opened at 8 o'clock by Bro. Silas Perkins. Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Bro. Meritt Barrett. The regular routine of business was had after which the following program was rendered:

Duet, Sister Mary L. Elsberry and C. Cayle Daniels.
Paper, Sister Julia Hite.
Address, "Unity," Bro. Geo. S. Davis.
Review of Reviews, Bro. L. W. Cartwright.
Response, Rev. Sam Dillahaunt, Song, Aid.
Discussion of Sunday school lesson led by Bro. Clarence N. Perkins. Collection and verses.
After rendition of the program the guests were served a delicious menu

THE WORK OF GEN. G. S. C. ARMSTRONG

FOUNDER OF THE GREAT HAMPTON INST.

FROM A SLAVE TO A GENERAL—A FIRM BELIEVER IN CHRIST

By Irvin S. uCrry.

In the small island of Hawaii, one of America's greatest citizens was born, a babe who was to redeem a backward race, which had been in the bonds of slavery for two centuries.

Gen. Armstrong grew strong and steady for the great task that was waiting for him. At the age of 20 Gen Armstrong came to Williams College at Williamstown, Mass. He struggled hard for the knowledge he craved to receive. The generous President of the college no other than President Mark Hopkins, helped him in every way that opportunity could afford.

After Gen. Armstrong graduated from college, his war clouds began to hover and he was at once appointed commander of the 9th Regiment, colored at Boston, Mass. The great work that Dame Fortune had in store for him began to blossom. After the great American disaster of the days of '64-5, a new race was coming in power, it was a backward race, it was not mentally efficient to stand the test that was before it, and all seemed to be a disaster to the ex-slaves of America. They were doomed, yes, doomed to destruction, nay, not so, for as Christ saved the world from sin, so the babe that was born in the islands of Hawaii would save the eager black race from destruction.

The broad mind of Samuel Chapman Armstrong began to work, he realized the fact that college education alone would do nothing to prevent the fast coming disaster.

Gen. Armstrong realized that industrial education must be associated with a literary education, and in the year 1867, the American Missionary Association purchased this campus known as Wood Farm and temporary school buildings were constructed at once and in the year 1868 school was started with fifteen ex-slaves as students with Gen. Armstrong as president, America's premier institution was thus begun.

After many years of grueling hardships, the hours of the Negro race, other than Dr. Washington thriving after higher things presented himself at Hampton, for admittance, he was penniless, but nevertheless the broad heart of Gen. Armstrong remembered the days when he was struggling for education and he gave young Washington a chance and he made well of it, after a hard struggle and after graduation from Hampton, Dr. Washington realized the conditions of his race in the black belt of Alabama, \$200 was borrowed from Gen. Armstrong to make the first payment on Tuskegee and in the year 1881 school was started.

The General took a great interest in Tuskegee until the year 1893 when the whole nation was shocked by his speech, Dr. Washington through his calm lamb-like expressions became a power among his people I shall not name the great deeds he has done for they were planted like giant oak trees in the minds of men at his demise.

The public can plainly see why industrial education is of value if the trade school has saved the Negro from disaster, why not keep it?

Gen. Armstrong realized that we must start at the bottom and climb for as the General said, "After freedom a public office was sought more than a home, we did not know trades." Since we are advancing please do not try to cast the trade school on its side from which our advancement first began, and let us keep the General's watchword in sight.

"Labor," said General Armstrong, "next to the grace of God in the heart, is the greatest promoter of morality, the greatest power for civilization, Character is the out come of the labor system. It is not cheap, but it pays."

Gen. Armstrong said, "Let us put God and Country first, and selves afterwards."

HAMPTON NOTES.

Hampton will not suspend intercollegiate athletics, as it has the best drilled battalion in the east.

"Big Red" Dabney may not be seen on the line this year as he is in training camp.

"Boss" Dorsey, "Red Lizzie" "Ole Jelly" "Big Pack" and "Sham" Harvey will be ready for Howard Thanks giving day as usual.

The Tennessee boys who are spending the summer at Hampton this year, are Mr. Gayle Peters, of Cleveland, Tenn.; Mr. W. Hobart Shand, of Bristol, Tenn.; and Mr. Irvin Cury of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Pearl High School.

Mrs. W. J. Hala of State Normal attended the 17 summer school and her presence was enjoyed by the Volunteer state trio.

In courses, Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Doxology by Bro. Davis, and the meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimbro, Wednesday, September 5th at eight o'clock p. m.

MEDICAL DAY AT FT. DES MOINES

MEHARRY DAY AT IOWA CAMP LAST WEEK

PRESIDENT GEO. W. HUBBARD, THE GUEST OF HONOR

Dr. Geo. W. Hubbard, President of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., paid his respects to this great U. S. Army Fort on August 30th. He was more than pleased to find out of the sixty-five commissioned Medical Reserve Corps men here, Meharry represented about fifty per cent of that number. A special committee headed by First Lieut. J. H. Leach and First Lieut. J. A. Kennedy, by which President Hubbard's visit was made very pleasant and delightful. On his arrival he breakfasted with Dr. Hill one of Des Moines' wealthy white physicians. Dr. Hill owns a beautiful sanitarium here in the city of Des Moines, known as the Retreat. Dr. Hubbard and Dr. Hill were escorted over the grounds and through the various buildings of the Fort, where he was both astonished and delighted with the great work that is being accomplished. Arrangements were made by the Meharry Committee for an address at the Y. M. C. A. tent for the benefit of those who could get in hearing distance of this great man who has given the best years of his life for the progress and education of colored American in the south. The many hundred men who heard his address were delighted with his words of encouragement.

A banquet was given in honor of President Hubbard by the Meharry men in which the remainder of the Medical Corps men were invited guest. There were many great speeches made from various representatives of medical colleges. We have men here from Howard and all the various colleges of the north and east. A group of all the Meharry men with President Hubbard was taken, also a group of the entire Medical Corps to be used as a front piece in the Des Moines Medical Journal. It is the Meharry men who are leading the Medical Reserve Corps, which was selected from men all over the U. S. of the highest medical efficiency. They are doing great work and making good.

There are three men of Class '16, 1st Lieut. L. Rogers, 1st Lieut. J. A. Owens and 1st Lieut. J. A. Kennedy and a number of others from 1916-1900. Dr. Hill gave the entire Medical Reserve Corps a picnic September 1st at his beautiful sanitarium in which he showed them through his many beautiful and modern equipped buildings and grounds. A very excellent menu was served, interspersed with music and short pointed addresses by the medical men. Prof. Kelley Miller of Howard University, Washington, D. C., addressed the camp Sunday at 4:00 p. m. This college ranks first in the opinion of the officers training camp, they are fine young men making good as officers.

GRAND WORTHY COUNSELLOR AT DAWSON SPRINGS.

Special to the Globe.
Dawson Springs, Ky., Sept. 1.—Mrs. C. E. Burke of Knoxville, Grand Worthy Counsellor of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, is here for a much needed rest. She is the recipient of much social attention. Many questions are being asked in her honor. She will leave Friday to visit relatives in Louisville. Mrs. Burke in addition to being one of the leading fraternal women of her state is also very prominent in Women Club Circles and in religious affairs.

country of the grievances of the race, the twenty-first annual session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention came to an end at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Friday evening of last week. Many of the visiting ministers filled local pulpits Sunday.

Rev. W. H. Stokes was the entertaining pastor. The next session will be held in Rocky Mount, N. C. The features of the concluding session included a ringing appeal by Dr. Ernest Lyon, of Baltimore, for interest in the welfare of Liberia, which is suffering from a lack of the necessities of life; a plea by Dr. A. M. Moore, of Raleigh, N. C., for aid in the work in the educational and missionary work that the convention is now doing in Haiti and a report on State of the Country, submitted by Rev. C. C. Somerville.

RACE RIOTS CONDEMNED.

The report not only strongly deprecated such outbreaks as have recently occurred at Chester, East St. Louis, Houston and other places, but asserted that the unfair treatment of the Negro by the white South was largely responsible for the great migration northward. Colored people were advised to keep out of riots as far as possible.

Rev. Abraham Tyler, gave an illuminating recital of his thirty-seven years of experience as a missionary in Liberia.

The annual address of the president, Dr. Calvin S. Brown, of Winston, N. C., told of the great need for greater missionary efforts in the present world crisis, and reviewed present conditions as they affect the race.

DR. ALEXANDER'S REPORT.

The annual report of Rev. Dr. William M. Alexander, of Baltimore, corresponding secretary of the convention, showed that \$11,000 had been raised during his past year. The women's auxiliary met Thursday with Mrs. L. A. Hope presiding. The report of the corresponding secretary,

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARMY POLICY TO BE MADE

TREATMENT OF COLORED TROOPS TRAINING DISCUSSED SECRETARY OF WAR BAKER

COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL INFLUENCE.

MRS. PORTER RETURNS TO THE CITY.

To the Globe:
Mrs. Nannie P. Porter has returned to the city after an absence of three days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ross Sr., on the Murfreesboro Road. Mrs. Ross is an ideal hostess and she and her husband know how to make their guest realize that life is worth living in a suburban home.

On Sunday morning we drove over to the Baptist Church near Bryant Town arriving there before Sunday school dismissed. Remaining for the 11 o'clock service, Rev. Mr. Frierson preached quite an inspiring sermon from Paul's letter to Timothy, subject "Preach the Word."

Returning from church we were invited into the dining room where all the delicacies of the season were placed before us. We ate until our appetites were appeased. Ice cream and cake were eaten until we could eat no more. Late in the afternoon we wended our way across the meadow to the pike then across the pike to the Central Tenn. Hospital for the Insane.

Here we found the lawn dotted here and there with a variety of flowers, well kept drive ways and beautiful buildings. The exact number of colored inmates was not given but we were told that about 40 females were there and in passing through the colored male's ward we estimated about 25 or more being their number.

Words can not describe the cleanliness of the halls, stairways, rooms and beds. Each bed had a white counterpane on it and a clean pillow case on top pillow.

The matron was asked how the floors were kept so clean, and her reply was "With soap and brush."

The state is doing much for the unfortunate inmates there. We found more cream and cake to be eaten when we got home.

Monday morning Mrs. Porter accompanied by Mrs. Ross visited Mrs. Ross' mother, Mrs. H. M. Simmons of Una, Tenn. There a watermelon feast was spread before them. She like her daughter, extends hospitality to friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Porter returned home Monday afternoon thinking that time had passed too quickly while on her visit. Master J. D. Chavis, son of Prof. and Mrs. Chavis of 1st Ave. S., is spending several days with Master William Ross of the Murfreesboro Road.

PROF. E. L. KINZER IN CENTREVILLE, TENN.

Prof. E. L. Kinzer, the popular teller of the People's Saving Bank and Trust Company, spent a part of Sunday and all of Labor Day in Centerville, visiting old friends and former pupils and also witnessed the opening of the Centerville Normal and preparatory school of which he was principal for 3 years. The many friends made his visit exceedingly pleasant and all seemed glad to see him. He was the special guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bailey with whom he boarded when he taught the school here. The Centerville Normal and preparatory school had a splendid opening. They have a fine new school building now and well furnished with also a large campus. Prof. F. W. West of Lincoln University is the new principal and Miss Ruth Upshaw of Nashville, Tenn., is the assistant. After the school was organized Monday morning, the principal, Prof. West called upon Mr. H. C. Bailey, one of the school trustees to present Mr. E. L. Kinzer, which he did in well chosen words, expressing the pleasure of the citizens and pupils at having Prof. Kinzer visit them at this time. Prof. Kinzer made a few timely remarks and other speakers on the program were Dr. C. Ira Watson, Messrs. Wm. Robertson, Wm. Easley and Mack Gray. Principal West expressed his pleasure of having those present as well as the many other visitors who were on hand. The prospects for a successful school year are very promising. Both the principal and the assistant are quite efficient and have the ability to make things go. The patrons will co-operate this year as never before to make the school a success. The teachers and visitors enjoyed a watermelon feast Sunday night at the parsonage after services. This was the hospitality of Rev. Hunt, the pastor of the A. M. E. Church and Dr. Watson the physician of the town.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Ewing and Sixth Avenues, the Rev. E. M. H. Wright, Priest in charge. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7 a. m. Morning Prayer (Matsins) and sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. A sacred concert will be rendered by some of the musical talent of the city, beginning at 6 p. m. The choir is also making special preparation for this occasion. The Rector will preach at the 11 o'clock service on "The Fundamental Purpose of Labor." You are cordially invited to be present at these services.

Mrs. Anna L. McGuinn, of Baltimore, detailed the activities of the women during the year.

All of the old officers were re-elected.

The past ten days have marked the coming and going of many distinguished men and women in the Nation's capital. The race problem has occupied the foreground of consultation and debate throughout this period almost to the exclusion of other topics, aside from the routine war program, now so well in hand as to cause little or no argument. The movement of troops, cantonment preparations, activities of the various commissions and bureaus are proceeding with clock-like precision and it is only a matter of time when the word "ready" will be sounded from the commanders-in-chief of the American forces in the field. But—that's another story than the one we have uppermost in mind.

The race problem has held the center of the stage during the current week and the discussions have taken wide range—covering every phase of this intricate theme from our status in the war preparation to migration from the South and Negro conditions since the voyage of Noah's Ark. Indication as to some of the conclusions reached may be placed before the public through the dailies before this letter reaches the general eye.

AS TO TRAINING CAMPS FOR COLORED TROOPS.

The deplorable episode at Houston, Texas, has given the military officials and the people at large no end of concern as to what is best to be done about training camps for colored troops. Can Negro soldiers be trained along with the whites of their respective states in the cantonments of the South? One element says "Yes; the safety of any kind of an American soldier should not be a matter of question anywhere the stars and stripes wave. Every section of the common country should be taught to respect the national uniform. The South should be permitted to get used to seeing dusky faces behind army muskets and Negro manhood clad in battle array." Another element pleads for a change of soil, with a view of avoiding all possibility of racial clashes among the hot-heads of blacks and whites and to prevent outbreaks that may lead to greater friction everywhere.

This question was brought to the direct attention of Secretary of War Newton D. Baker a few days ago by a committee of national influence, and representing the highest intelligence and loftiest patriotism of both races.

Two of the most prominent members of the delegation were Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the New York Evening Post, and George Foster Peabody, known far and wide as an exponent of education and civic righteousness. After a long interview between the committee and Secretary Baker, presumably as to the future policy of the Department with reference to the training of colored troops and the location of probable Negro camps, neither the Secretary nor his callers would indicate to reporters the result of the conference.

"Our opinion was unanimous," was the cryptic statement of the Villard, and he could not be induced to say more. He refused to state whether the committee had recommended the training of colored troops in separate camps or whether in the North or in the South. It is known, however, that a vigorous protest was made against any species of segregation that would lead to a distinctly different treatment of colored and white troops in the camps, and that there was no strenuous objection to the location of colored camps in the North, if such a course would lessen the danger of race riots and tend to produce a better feeling in general among the people with whom the army had to deal. They agreed to co-operate with the Department in any just movement looking toward an elimination of possible friction in or about the cantonment camps in which Negroes were quartered. It is expected that Secretary Baker will shortly issue a statement concerning the policy to be pursued with reference to colored troops and it is also believed that the announcement will be agreeable to the committee. This statement is awaited with much anxiety by the millions of colored people throughout the country.

The colored members of the committee which called at the War Department were Dr. R. B. Moten and Emmett J. Scott, of Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Bishop G. W. Clinton, of the A. M. E. Zion Church; Dr. A. S. Jackson, educational secretary of the A. M. E. Church; Dr. J. E. Moorland, of the Y. M. C. A. work; Prof. N. B. Young, of the Florida State Agricultural School; Prof. W. T. B. Williams, of Hampton Institute, Prof. John Hope, of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., and others. Among the white members, in addition to Messrs Villard and Peabody, were: Bishop W. P. Tirkield, Dr. J. H. Dillard, Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Prof. E. C. Branson, of the University of North Carolina; Dr. H. Paul Douglass, of the American Missionary Association, and L. Hollingsworth Wood, of the National League on Urban Conditions Among Colored People.