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STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. Annual Gathering of Missouri Pedagogues. Sessions Largely Attended.

The colored teachers of Missouri met in their eighteenth annual session in the First Baptist church in St. Louis, Monday, Dec. 29th, and remained in session three days.

FIRST DAY, AFTER NOON SESSION.
The programme opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Prof. Charles H. Brown, chairman of the local committee. The hymn "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung by the delegates. Rev. E. C. Cole, pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered the invocation, which was followed by the singing of "At the Cross".
Ex-President J. W. Baldwin, of Kansas City, called the convention to order and announced the president's annual address. President Shelton French was given a hearty welcome by the delegates as he took the platform to deliver his address, was an epitome of the past work of the association and an optimistic picture of the possibilities of the future. He paid a tribute to the local committee for the lavish arrangements for entertaining the delegates and expressed the wish that this meeting, which was already a decided success, might prove a pleasant memory to all and result in much good for the cause of education in Missouri.

Miss Anna O. Parram of the Banneker school presented a class in primary reading, in which the method of teaching reading in the first quarter of the first grade in the St. Louis schools was shown. Ten little children vied with each other in demonstrating the meaning of action words as rapidly as the teacher introduced each word on the blackboard. The exercise elicited much interest and comment from the visiting teachers. Miss Jeannette I. Mack of the L'Ouverture school next gave a similar illustration of the method of teaching arithmetic in the primary grades, and the quickness of the children in their work, as well as the scope covered, excited frequent applause.

Miss Estelle Winfrey, of Chillicothe, rendered a piano solo, after which President French announced the committees.

EVENING SESSION.
The evening session opened with increased attendance. The large auditorium was filled with teachers and spectators long before the opening hour. The first number on the program was a welcome address by Supt. Louis F. Soldan, of St. Louis, which was well received and frequently interrupted by outbursts of applause. His address was responded to by Dr. J. H. Garnett, of Lincoln Institute, who paid a high tribute to the great educational system of St. Louis and her able corps of teachers. Dr. Garnett was followed by Hon. Walter M. Farmer, Dr. D. P. Roberts and Prin. R. H. Cole, of St. Louis. The last number on the program was an address by Pres. B. F. Allen, of Lincoln Institute, his subject being "Lincoln Institute a Factor in the Solution of the Race Problem". The address was an excellent production and was well received by the large audience and the speaker was many times interrupted by outbursts of applause.

THE SECOND DAY.
The convention opened with the singing of a hymn. Rev. R. E. Gillum of Centennial M. E. church offered the invocation. "Questions Confronting the Negro Teacher" was the subject of a paper by J. B. Coleman, of Columbia, and was an

exposition of the difficulties and obstacles that hamper and obstruct the efforts of the negro teacher. T. B. Burris, of Macon, also read a paper on the same subject, in which he laid great emphasis upon the building of character.

An essay on "Modern School Discipline" by Miss Arsanita Williams, head grammar assistant of the Dumas school, was an argument in explanation of the modern theory of school government by securing self-government by the pupil through constant appeals to his self-respect. "How to Overcome the Tendencies of Lawlessness" was the subject of an address by Prof. C. G. Williams, of Boonville. During the course of his address he read personal letters from the governors of a dozen states upon this subject, the consensus of whose opinions was that correct education of the masses, accompanied with mild, but certain, punishment for crime, is the best remedy. The discussion of this topic was quite spirited, and was participated in by Dr. J. H. Garnett, of Lincoln Institute, Joe E. Herriford, of Chillicothe, Rev. James L. Madison, of St. Peter's A. M. E. church and others. The morning session concluded with a solo, "The Holy City," by Miss Georgia Harvey of Sumner high school. Miss Harvey was rewarded with an encore and rendered "I Love You".

When the hour or the noon intermission arrived the delegates accepted the invitation of Prof. Richard H. Cole to visit the Simmons school, the largest and finest colored school in the city, where they were met by the eighteen teachers of the Simmons corps, who acted as ushers, conducting them through the building. The trip terminated in the kindergarten, where the visitors were surprised with a banquet, served by the teachers and the ladies of the Simmons patron's alliance. The table, which was made up of kindergarten work, tables was laid for 100 covers, and set in the form of a Roman cross, with a decorated Christmas tree in the center.

The afternoon session was devoted to the reading of papers, as follows: "Geography," Prof. E. S. Williams, principal of the Desalines school of this city; "Reading," Prof. G. H. Nelson, principal of the Douglass school of Webster Groves; "Reflex Action of School Upon Home Life," by Prof. J. W. Baldwin, of Kansas City, and "Helps and Hindrances in Teaching," Prof. Charles H. Hunter, of Joplin. The general discussion of these topics was taken up by Dr. Enos L. Scruggs D. D., A. M., president of the Baptist college of Macon, and Prof. William White, of Newport, Ill.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.
The session opened with prayer by Rev. William P. Brooks, of Moberly. The first hour was devoted to the discussion of "How to Teach the English Language in Negro Schools", which was participated in by President Shelton French, of Sedalia, Prof. Highgate of St. Charles; Charles S. Hunter, of Joplin; Joe E. Herriford, of Chillicothe and T. B. Burris, of Macon. "How to Secure the Growth of Teachers" was the next subject, and was discussed by W. W. Yates and Mrs. J. S. Yates, of Kansas City; Prof. A. D. Langston of St. Louis and Prof. T. B. Burris. Prof. N. C. Bruce, of St. Joseph, read a paper on "The Function of Books in Higher Education."

Prof. C. G. Grisham, principal of the Lincoln high school of Kansas City, in a general discussion on the morning topics, advanced the idea that the time was ripe for special supervision of the negro schools of Missouri; that a state supervisorship should be created for the purpose of harmonizing the methods to be practiced in the education of negro boys and girls.

Prof. H. L. Billups, president of George R. Smith college, of Sedalia, read an able paper on "Why the Negro Should Get a Business Education." He cited the following statistics: "The total

net resources of the race," he said, "are \$600,000,000 including 150,000 farms and 130,000 homes". He pointed to the millions of negroes in our insular possessions that await the coming of negro business men from the states, and predicted a brighter future, full of promise and opportunity, for the negro equipped with a business education.

The committee on time and place of meeting reported in favor of St. Joseph as the place for the nineteenth annual session, in December, 1903. The committee on nomination next reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year, which was declared to be the choice of the convention, by a rising vote: J. H. Kenner, of Marshall, president; Charles H. Brown, of St. Louis, vice-president; Kay Kyles, of Brookfield, treasurer; J. B. Coleman, of Columbia, recording secretary; Miss Mary Wallace, of St. Charles, assistant recording secretary; Miss Anna H. Jones, of Kansas City, corresponding secretary; C. G. Williams, of Boonville, statistician; Joe E. Herriford, of Chillicothe, editor; Mrs. J. Silone Yates, of Kansas City, superintendent normal division; R. H. Cole, of St. Louis, superintendent of high school division; Martin Lewis, of Hannibal, superintendent intermediate division, and Miss Ida Thompson, of Higginsville, superintendent primary division. At the conclusion of the morning session the delegates adjourned to take a trip to the World's Fair grounds.

EVENING SESSION.
The closing session was devoted to the discussion of papers on "Compulsory Education," by W. H. Dixon of Palmira; "Reflex Action in the Schoolroom," by Prof. Peter H. Clark, of the Sumner high school of this city; "The Art Ideal; Its Relations to Negro Education" by Miss Anna H. Jones, of Kansas City, and "The Equipment of the Teacher," by Mrs. J. Silone Yates, of Kansas City. All papers were well received and commanded the close attention of the large audience at a late hour.

Pres. French called the newly elected officers to the rostrum and introduced them to the association and presented the gavel to the newly elected president, Prof. J. J. Kenner, who after making a few very appropriate remarks, declared the most successful session ever held in the history of the association, adjourned.

Snap Shots at the Teacher's Association.

St. Louis teachers proved themselves to be the most hospitable people in the world.

Prof. Chas. H. Brown, chairman of the local committees was certainly the right man in the right place.

The session would have been incomplete without the presence of Prof. W. W. Yates.

The treasury of the association was never in better condition. Prof. Kay Kyles well deserved the compliment paid him by his reelection. Prof. Kyles was also mentioned for president of the association.

The teachers will never forget the reception given them at Simmons school by Prin. R. H. Cole and his excellent teachers.

The association could not have made a better selection than Prof. J. H. Kenner for president. Prof. Kenner has always devoted much time to the work of the association and has contributed much to its success.

St. Joseph will have to get up and hustle if she comes up with St. Louis, for St. Louis certainly gave Kansas City a back-seat.

MARRIED.

Williams—Williams. In Columbia on Jan. 1st, 1902, Mr. Moss Williams of Columbia and Miss Effie Williams of Mexico. Rev. J. A. Grant, officiating.

Starks—Samuels. Mr. William Starks and Mrs. Jennie Samuels, both of Boone county.

The Professional World extends congratulations to both couples.

Teacher: "Johnnie, this is the worst composition in my class, and I'm going to write to your father and tell him." Johnnie: "Don't keep if you do; he wrote it for me."

Capital City Notes.

Prof. Mebane spent a few days visiting friends in the city before attending the State Teachers' Association.

Prof. Charles Brooks, the enthusiastic school worker spent a few days in the city.

Mrs. Herald, of Keytesville, was in the city the guest of Mrs. M. E. Goins.

Mrs. Lina Barbour, of Buncheon, was in the city on business.

Prof. R. L. Logan passed through the city on his way to the State Teachers' Association.

Prof. J. Silone Yates, Harrison, J. H. Garnette, A. Reynolds, Morton, J. W. Danel, President Allen, Prof. and Mrs. Murry, attended the State Teachers' Association.

Prof. E. L. Anthony spent the holidays with his family.

Miss M. E. Grimshaw spent the holidays in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Ed North was painfully burned about the face and hands from the explosion of a can of beans.

Miss Nettie Caves is on the sick list.

Dr. Enloe's little son, Robert, is dangerously ill.

Rev. Caves spent the holidays with his family.

Prof. Walter H. Harrison and T. Moore were in the city last week.

Mr. Harvey Renfro was in the city last week.

Auxvasse Notes.

A festival and Christmas tree was had at our church on Christmas eve. Many handsome presents were received and an enjoyable time was had.

The members of the sewing circle made our pastor a very handsome present after services Christmas day.

A nice little collection of \$2.50 was raised for our competent teacher, Miss Mayme Woods, and given her as a Christmas gift.

The public school children rendered a very interesting program on the 24th in the afternoon and all received a nice treat from their teacher.

A debate was had at the church on Friday evening between our pastor, Rev. Young and Mr. Chas. Henderson, subject "Resolved, That The Sun Does Move". Rev. Young taking the negative side and Mr. Henderson the affirmative side of the question; both gentlemen made good talks and brought out some interesting points. The ladies, who acted as judges gave Rev. Young 91 points and Mr. Henderson 84 points.

Miss Gertrude McKim, of Fulton, came out and made us a pleasant visit Xmas. She returned to Fulton the 27th and was accompanied by Miss Mayme Woods.

Several of our young men who have been in Illinois at work spent Xmas at home.

Mr. Anderson Logan, of New Bloomfield, made a business trip here during Xmas. While here he was the guest of his brother, Henry Logan, and his sister, Mrs. S. M. Bradley.

A Successful Callawegian.

Thomas Nexins, who was born and reared near Guthrie, Mo., in Callaway county, is making a record for himself and reflecting credit upon his parents and the community in which he was reared. Thomas hustled out to Lincoln Institute and secured an education, but as he did not like the profession of teaching, he went to St. Louis and began working for a private family, after working a few years and saving the greater portion of his meager salary he discovered he had enough money to begin a little business. He invested his amount in a stock of groceries to which he has added constantly. He now has a first class grocery store at 2800 Laclede avenue and is doing a good business. Other boys can do likewise, why not?

Owing to an encounter between a postman and a vicious dog at Trenton, Mo., recently the authorities have passed a ruling that a carrier is not compelled to deliver mail at houses where vicious dogs are kept.

Columbia News.

Miss Lucy Foster, of Miami, spent a few days in the city.

Miss Laura Douglass who was ill at Wentzville, was able to spend the holidays at home.

Miss Naoma Smith, of Lincoln Institute, spent the holidays with Miss Laura Farris and Miss Mildred Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farris entertained at their home in honor of Miss Naoma Smith.

The Oxford Club gave two successful balls during the holidays.

Mr. Alonzo Buckner, who has been ill for some time, is much improved.

Miss Eulalie Douglass, of Joplin, spent the holidays at home.

Mr. Wm. Groves is able to be out again after an attack of grippe.

Prof. R. L. Logan was taken ill suddenly in his school room at Huntsville last Monday and was for a while unconscious. The attack was that of nervous prostration, resulting from over work during the past month. He was able to be in Columbia this week, however, looking after the Professional World.

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Mrs. G. B. Richardson and Miss Mary Lammie entertained a few young people from 3 to 6 Thursday afternoon.

DIED:—Tibbs—At her residence in Columbia, January 1st, 1902, Mrs. Margaret Tibbs of consumption. She leaves a husband and two sons as follows: Mr. James Tibbs and Daniel and Oscar Tibbs; four sisters as follows: Mrs. Charlotte Williams, Mrs. Sallie Williams, Mrs. Addie White and Miss Emma Diggs. Rev. Adams conducted the funeral from the Second Baptist church last Sunday. Mrs. Tibbs was a member of the Second Baptist church and also belonged to two secret organizations.

The Board of Curators of the State University will ask the legislature to make an appropriation to publish the history of the University, recently written by Hon. W. F. Switzer. The curators regard it as a contribution to the history of the state which makes a very valuable document.—Maryville Democrat.

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