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Aside from her college education, Mrs. Reed is a graduate of the Missionary Training School of New York City, and in the Borough of Brooklyn.

They chose to suffer the affliction of our people in the Fatherland than to enjoy the luxuries and privileges in America. After being saved with their two children, Walter and Florence, from the Galveston flood, in which city Dr. Reed was holding pastorate, they labored for a while in Arkansas, and then with the children, Dr. and Mrs. Reed sailed for the Black Republic, where they have spent more than nine years laboring in school and church under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Within a few years he and his wife will again sail for Africa, leaving the children in America to pursue their studies in a boarding school. They are to return to that country as educators; and as principal, Dr. Reed is to establish an industrial school for the Government of Liberia, modelling it after the best of its kind in America.

Dr. Reed in Ebenezer.

Under the auspices of the Ministerial Alliance of the two Kansas Cities, the Methodist clergymen, under the leadership of Dr. J. R. Ransom, and through the graciousness of Dr. W. C. Williams, Dr. W. H. Thomas, and others, the Ebenezer A. M. E. Church tent on Monday evening was the scene of a large and representative gathering which listened to one of the most remarkable lectures that has been given in recent times. Dr. Reed was the speaker, and the subject of his discourse was "World Empire—Its Relation to Backward Races." The speaker told how the great continent of Africa, which contains one-fourth of the entire area of the earth's surface, had become the bone of contention for many nations, and of how it had been divided, subdivided and even the 35,000 square miles that had been allotted the Liberian or Black Republic, had been sliced even in recent years in the greed by two of the great nations of the world, and he told of the kindly protection of the United States. The speaker declared that it seemed strange, but nevertheless true, that a government which permits burning and lynching of its own citizens at home, dares to give protection under its flag to those of the same people in Africa.

Concluding, he declared "Africa will be redeemed. She will take her place on the scroll of nations. 'Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch forth her hand unto God.' It was a wonderful meeting.

Dr. Ransom presided. Rev. Williams of Wichita, Rev. W. C. Williams, the pastor in charge, Dr. W. H. Thomas, Dr. McDonald and other prominent clergymen were seated with Dr. Reed on the platform, and many of them took part in the services.

During their stay here in the West, Dr. Reed and his family found a cordial welcome in the hearts and homes of many of the people. But they were anxious always to get back to Africa.

August 27 not even daunted by the war cry. They left for New York City on Thursday, followed to the depot by many of those who learned to love them as some of the best of all the people the writer has ever met.

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It has been discovered also that not enough rightly-directed attention has been given to the type of men brought into the service and that a few without principle were bringing discredit upon the many who were giving their best energies to the company and the public. To remedy these evils the general officials have decided that a closer relationship and a better understanding must exist. To this end a series of meetings were called the second week in August at the Chicago Y. M. C. A. for colored men. The officials from the general offices had heart-to-heart talks with the 1,365 porters that were in attendance, showing them that the interests of all were linked together. These meetings introduced many of the men to the magnificent Association building, who have since become members, and was so successful that the company decided to hold similar meetings whenever the Young Men's Christian Association had, or soon would give, accommodations for such.

Saturday, August 22, J. A. Davis, Chief Services Inspector, with J. B. Elliott, Superintendent of the Kansas City district and other local officials, held the second meeting at the C. M. E. Church across the street from the Y. M. C. A. building now nearing completion. There were present several officials of the local office, more than a hundred porters and a number of professional and business men of the city. Mr. Davis strongly impressed the men with the fact that a new day had dawned for the porters. He told of many new rules which are calculated to add to the men's comfort and well-being. Among them—the old system of penalizing the men, which worked a hardship on their families; had been modified; that each man would have a loose-leaf book that held full instructions as to what a man could and could not do; also of the sick benefits and retired list and of the reward to be paid for suggestions that benefit the service. Already several men have made suggestions that have been approved. One porter has just recently received \$200 for a helpful idea.

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Prof. J. M. Marquess made a pointed response that was heartily received by all. Rev. J. R. Ransom and Rev. W. H. Thomas, in a few well chosen sentences, spoke very enthusiastically of the proposed reforms, declaring this to be one of the greatest steps for the benefit of the Negroes ever instituted in this country.

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MOBERLY, MO.

Mr. Jno. M. Hughes has been ill for several days but is much improved at this writing. Mrs. Susan Terrel has been ill. Miss Mary Lee Jackson of Glasgow, Mo., spent a few days in the city visiting Mrs. Geo. Evans. The delegates to the Grand Lodge from the city returned home Sunday and report having spent a very pleasant time at the session. Rev. J. G. Hayes, pastor and members of the Second Baptist Church, are entertaining the North Missouri Baptist Association and Women's Home and Foreign Mission Board. Rev. F. D. Avant, pastor and members of the Franklin Street M. E. Church, are entertaining the District Conference and Sunday School Convention. Both of these meetings are having great success in their business sessions. Rev. J. G. Register of Kansas City spent Sunday in the city and preached for Rev. Ponder. The Magic City Cornet Band presented Prof. J. M. Hughes, their instructor, with a \$65.00 horn of which Mr. Hughes is very proud. Prof. H. C. Vaughn is beautifying his home on Fort street. The sad news of the death of Rev. G. B. Abbott came a gloom over the people of Moberly. This good man's friends were numbered by his acquaintances. Mrs. S. A. Graves has been on the sick list for several days but is somewhat better.

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