

## Buckner's Jubilee Singers, 2d Baptist Church, Friday, Apr. 30. Admission 25cts.

### DR. J. EDWARD PERRY BANQUET

Foremost Surgeon and President of Pan-Missouri Medical Association Royally Entertained by St. Louis Physicians.

(By Dr. G. Henry Harkins.)

St. Louis, Mo., (Special.)

The Mound City Medical Society with its total of twenty-seven members banqueted Dr. J. Edward Perry Tuesday night at the Silver Grill, the fashionable pleasure Mecca of H. S. Ferguson. The eminent Kansas City surgeon was here at the invitation of the local medical society and his sojourn was one of pleasure and profit to all concerned. Dr. W. P. Curtis, president presided and toasts were responded to by Dr. Chas. Henry Phillips, Jr., J. T. Caston, T. A. Curtis, Gordon, Stafford, Mansfield, Benson and McElroy of Kansas City. After these gentlemen the brilliant Kansas Cityan was introduced to deliver the speech of the evening. Dr. Perry in his address of over one half hour reviewed the struggles of the early doctor and traced his efforts to the well known triumphs of today. He showed the advantage under which the Negro doctor labored and closed most eloquently with a plea for unity and cooperation and a strict observance of the "Golden Rule" as the best guide of all physicians. He brought greetings also from the Kansas City brethren and urged the physicians of St. Louis to attend the May meeting in large numbers. His address was loudly and frequently applauded. The supper consisted of seven courses and was elegantly served. Those to enjoy the happy occasion were Dr. J. E. Perry, of Kansas City, guest of honor; Dr. McElroy, of Kansas City, and the following doctors: dentists and pharmacists of St. Louis: Drs. W. P. and T. A. Curtis, Phillips, Stafford, Benson, Caston, Cheatham, Key, Craddock, Jackson, Stewart, Patterson, Herriot, Gordon, Harkins, Haskell, Hancock, Mansfield, Lewis, Breedlove, Hurt, Green, Bell, Harris, Horton, Douglass and Brabham.

### WATLINGTON DRILL CORPS.

Here is the list of U. B. F. and S. M. T. that will help the Watlington Drill Corps to secure their uniforms. What will you give Address your communication to Joseph Parent, 1609 E. 13th street or Neal Range, Jr., 1407 1/2th. Make checks payable to Watlington Drill Camp.



**CAPT. NEAL RANGE, JR.** who was unanimously re-elected president of the Watlington Drill Camp of the U. B. F. Under his leadership this is destined to become the leading semi-military organization of this city.

### \$490.00 By May.

The following have contributed: Mercy Temple ..... \$10.00 Justice Lodge ..... 10.00 Gates Ajar Lodge ..... 3.00 Fred Douglas Lodge ..... 22.50 B. K. Bruce Lodge ..... 5.00 E. A. Walker ..... 5.00 Peaceful Path Lodge ..... 15.00 Progress Temple ..... 5.00 Ezekiel Lodge ..... 10.00 W. M. Saunders Lodge ..... 5.20 New Hope Temple ..... 20.00 St. Stephen's Lodge ..... 3.00 Lilly of the Valley Royal House ..... 2.00 B. K. Bruce Lodge ..... 5.00

The Camp meets every Monday night at Garrison Square, 5th and Troost avenue. You may send your donations there if you desire.

### AN APPRECIATION.

(By P. C. Crews.) Will the Sun kindly permit me to say that it was my privilege to be in Chillicothe ten days to witness the closing of the earthly life of Rev. C. H. Crews, my brother who died April 9, at 2:30 p. m. He died in peace and almost without a struggle. He said "I am trusting in the Lord; I am longing on the everlasting arms." Words of praise can never tell the many deeds of kindness to him by our sisters and sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna Sanders and Mrs. J. H. Crews, who stood with me day and night at his bedside. And also the good people of Chillicothe will never be forgotten for kindness.

The nurses graduation of the Wheatley-Provident Hospital will be held on Thursday evening, May 26th.

### "Sparks" by Starks

The black man might observe: If "war is hell" what is this Democratic administration?

#### Literary.

Prof. Isaac Fisher has quite a reputation for winning prizes in essays on deep literary subjects. Sometime ago he captured a prize on "What I know about rum in America." Are we to understand that he secured his information in a practical way?

#### A Shot.

While gazing into the display windows of Muller-Thym & Company at the statues of Saint Benedict the Moor and Iphigenia (which are now peacefully resting in St. Monica's church) a white man thinking to have some fun at my expense, stepped up beside me and exclaimed: "Ha, I see we have some black saints here." "Yes," I replied, "We need some good ones, as the white ones don't seem to be doing much these days."

#### The Pleasant Way.

Standing out on the street the other day with the sun shining rather intensely, we stepped in the shade to avoid its rays. This act was natural. Millions do it when occasion demands, but significant as it may appear to be there is a deep underlying principle in the same, namely, men seek always what strikes them as being the pleasant side of life or action. The apparently pleasant may not always be exactly right. But they seek it. Still, how frequently does the right moral way seem to lead by the scorching sun, through the blushing winds and down the stumbling valley in order that the full radiance and beauty of day might be fully appreciated. It is thus because it is the human way of learning the truth.

#### Charity and Love.

Simple charity is spontaneous—impulsive or forgetful love is ever kind and lasting. Charity pitches the coin to the beggar or gives it to the Church. But love takes up the object of pity, supplies, nourishes and instructs. The first is essentially ephemeral the other is necessarily lasting, the same forever.

#### A Business Hint.

Learn to take care of the customer who brings you the nickel every week or day rather than the nice talkative person who gives nothing more substantial than a little praise.

#### Joyous.

He sang quite beautifully of the stars so bright, And gazed with rapture the azure sky, Though you could see in his face a happier light, When he was eating his apple pie.

#### APPOINTED ENROLLING CLERK.

Rev. J. B. McCrary, S. T. B. of Metropolis, Ill., editor and publisher of the Metropolis Weekly Gazette has been appointed Third Assistant Enrolling and Ensigning Clerk of the Illinois Senate by Senator S. W. Latham, of Eldorado, from the 1st senatorial district. This is the first time a Negro has ever received such an honor in Illinois. The position pays \$5.00 per day. Senator Latham is a Republican Mayor of Eldorado and one of the best physicians in the Southern part of the state. He feels proud over the fact that he was able to land a considerable sacrifice to himself, to land this position, for Rev. McCrary in recognition for the support received by him and his paper and the loyalty of the race, in supporting him last November. Rev. McCrary and the Gazette stood four square for the senator and the Republican party. This is Senator Latham's first term but he is every whit a whole souled man and believes in helping the Negroes to keep courage. Rev. McCrary was appointed Senate Committee Clerk by Hon. D. W. Helm, ex-senator of Metropolis in 1905, and in 1908 was appointed deputy game warden of Moeas county by Governor Chas. S. Deane, the Negroes' friend. These places were opened for the first time in Illinois for Negroes by J. B. McCrary. He is a recognized orator of much ability and influence and is well liked by both white and Colored. Rev. McCrary was born in Johnsonville, Tenn., and reared in Metropolis, Ill., receiving education in the Metropolis public schools, and the Southern Illinois Normal at Carbondale, Ill. He is a Baptist, being pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Belgrade, recording secretary of the Baptist General Association and Mt. Olive Baptist District Association Sunday School Institute conductor; superintendent and secretary of the Livingston Normal Industrial Institute, Metropolis; D. G. Master of Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Ill., and jurisdiction ex-Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer and Past Grand Patron of Eureka Grand Chapter O. E. S., of Illinois and jurisdiction. He has a wife and two sons who have charge of the Gazette. The sons are both graduates of Dunbar high school of Metropolis and George is a graduate of Barnes' Embalming school, Chicago, 1915.

### ST. BENEDICT "THE NEGRO" FRANCISCAN LAY BROTHER.

St. Benedict was a native of a little town near Messina, called San Fradello. His parents, descendants from African slaves imported into Sicily, were persons of exemplary piety. The children of their union, like themselves, were destined for a life of slavery; but their master consented to bestow freedom on the first born, who was Benedict.

Under the training of his pious parents, Benedict passed a peaceful and innocent childhood, loving above all prayer and solitude. When he was scarcely 10 years old he was called the "Holy Moor" by the people of Messina. His young companions used to ridicule him on account of his color and the humble condition of his parents, and even went so far as to insult and scorn him. This ill treatment served to turn his thoughts to Heaven, and to scorn the world forever; and God gave him happiness amid all sufferings.

At the age of 18, being now freed from slavery, he followed the call of his Master to a more perfect state of life. In the year 1547 Benedict retired to a hermitage near Messina to sanctify himself by self-denial and prayer. Several companions soon joined him in his solitude, and by the sanctity of their lives these hermits became the edification of the neighboring country; the austere life of our Saint especially was a continual example of every virtue, which God crowned with many miracles. Benedict was chosen Superior of the hermits, and his conduct in the direction of his brethren often proved that the holy folly and ignorance of the disciples of our Lord crucified surpass the pretended wisdom of the prudent of this world.

In 1562 Pope Pius IV. directed the hermits to join any of the religious orders then existing in the Church. Benedict and his pious brethren submitted at once to this desire of the Sovereign Pontiff. They left their place of solitude and penance to enter on a new path of holiness. Going to the Franciscan monastery, Benedict

choice of his superiors. His government was based on love and mildness for his brethren, and severe penance for himself. Leaving to God the temporal care of his community, the trusted solely in Divine Providence, and was only solicitous to maintain the spirit of St. Francis among his brethren and to excite them to true piety, hence he often reminded them of the words of Our Lord: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice, and all things shall be added to thee."

On many occasions God rewarded this filial confidence of the Saint by great miracles.

After three years Benedict was released from the office of guardian, and requested that he be sent again to the kitchen. This wish was granted, and he was extremely happy to find once more in that humble employment as cook the life of obedience, the hidden and obscure life which was always the object of his desires.

To his profound humility the Saint added true piety and constant prayer; the man of God well knew that the activity of Martha, even when imposed by charity, can become dangerous for religious unless it be sustained and accompanied by the recollection of Mary. Hence he spent in prayer all the time left free from the duties of his charge and the works of charity. The great mysteries of the Passion of Our Lord and the Divine Eucharist were the constant subjects of his meditations and devotions.

During the course of the year 1583 Benedict fell seriously ill and learned that the end of his earthly career was at hand. He even kne w the day, the hour, and the circumstances of his death. He received the last Sacraments with profound devotion, and on April 4 he calmly expired, having raised his eyes to Heaven and uttered the words of our dying Savior, "Lord into Thy hands I commend my spirit." He was about 63 years of age.

The Saint was interred in a vault of the convent. There was a great concourse of people at his tomb, many sick persons were cured and even the dead were raised to life; the fame of

Mathew was led to the grave, and praying fervently in the name of Jesus, he raised the child to life again. Full of joy and gratitude the king and his whole family believed in Christ, whose disciple had such power, even to restore the dead to life. He was baptized by St. Mathew and became a protector of the Church. The example of the good king was followed by most of his subjects who all embraced the Faith so that the Church made rapid progress in Ethiopia under the guidance of St. Mathew. The piety of the royal family was evident from the fact that the eldest daughter of King Egipha, named Iphigenia, solemnly and publicly promised to keep unblemished her baptismal innocence and to live in perpetual chastity. The pious King Egipha died and his brother, Hirtacus, succeeded him to the throne. Hirtacus, who had not the virtuous character of his deceased brother, wished to take his own niece, Iphigenia, in marriage. The holy virgin would not, of course, consent to this, hence the new king requested St. Mathew to induce her through his influence, to comply with his wish for marriage. As the apostle refused to do this, and rather urged the holy virgin Iphigenia to remain firm in her promise to God, the king was enraged and ordered the apostle put to death. At the same time finding all efforts to win the affections of Iphigenia fruitless, he ordered the execution of the holy virgin. Thus this princess of Africa was crowned with the virgin's and martyr's crown.

St. Iphigenia is represented with a burning house in her hand, to indicate the manner of her death. The house in which she lived was burnt, she also becoming a victim of fire.

### ANOTHER WOMAN KILLED.

On last Tuesday night Mrs. Daisy Smith of 1620F crest avenue was shot through the abdomen by Martin Dale, one of the best known men about town, and died the following morning at the hospital. Our reporter was unable to learn the cause of this unfortunate affair and at the time of going to press Dale has not been apprehended.



THE STATUES OF THE SACRED HEART AND ST. ANNE ON EITHER SIDE WERE GIVEN BY THE LATE MRS. ANNA WIRTHMAN. THE STATUES ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CENTRAL FIGURE ARE THE NEGRO STATUES GIVEN BY W. T. JOHNSON, WHICH WERE BLESSED SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

pleaded to be accepted by the Friars Minor, and he was admitted as a lay brother in the monastery of St. Mary near Palermo. He was then 38 years of age, seventeen of which he had already spent in severe penance. His superiors sent him to the monastery of St. Anne of Juliana, but after three years he was recalled to Palermo where he remained until his death.

He was first employed as cook, this work being well suited to his desire to a life "hidden with Christ in God." The kitchen was transformed by him into a sanctuary whence the incense of prayer rose up unceasingly to Heaven. With great virtue he managed to combine the active life of Martha with the sweet repose of Mary. He took delight in a life wholly spent in piety and penance, hoping to escape entirely the notice of men, but it pleased God to glorify him. "He hath exalted the humble." (Luke 1:52).

In 1578 the Friars' Minor of Sicily held their chapter at Palermo, as guardian of that convent they selected the humble cook, Benedict the Moor, a poor and ignorant man, who had been despised by the world as the son of a slave, who, according to his biographers, could neither read nor write. This position involved the governing of a large community of religious, men of virtue, wisdom and learning. Nevertheless his superiors, guided by the spirit of God rather than by the light of human wisdom justly deemed that the eminent holiness of Benedict, his supernatural wisdom and well known prudence, would amply compensate for the want of acquired knowledge. He begged and implored, he pleaded his natural incapacity, his ignorance on every subject, the impropriety of placing him at the head of other religious; but his resistance was overcome by the precept of holy obedience, and the manner in which Benedict filled this office fully justified the

the Saint was spread to all the countries of Europe. Three years after his death his body was taken out of the common burial place and found incorrupt. It was placed in the chapel to be exposed to the veneration of the faithful. Pope Benedict XIV. beatified him in 1743, and on May 20, 1807, Pius VII. enrolled him in the catalogue of the Saints. The body of St. Benedict the Moor now reposes in the church of St. Mary near Palermo, his feast is observed on April 3.

The statue of St. Benedict represents the Saint as a Franciscan lay brother, the baker of fruit HRDLLE, the basket of fruit which he holds in his hands should represent his office of attending to the needs of his brethren.

The simple life of St. Benedict the Moor clearly unveils to us the meaning of those mysterious words of our Lord: "I thank Thee, Father, because Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent of this world, and has revealed them to the little ones."

### ST. IPHYGENIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR.

St. Iphigenia lived in the first century of Christianity, and was one of the first converts of the great apostle and evangelist, St. Mathew. The exact date of her birth and death are not known. The apostles being commissioned by Jesus to "go and teach all nations," assembled at Jerusalem to divide the world, so to say, among themselves, and begin their task of converting all to God. St. Mathew was consigned to Arabia and Ethiopia. There lived in Ethiopia at that time a king well loved by his people named Egipha. As one of his children was taken seriously ill the king sent for the apostle of God, hoping that he could restore health to the child. Meanwhile, however, the child died.



MRS. NELSON C. CREWS Whose beautiful Japanese booth won the first prize at the recent County Fair held at Allen Chapel and which elicited much admiration from all who saw it. She was ably assisted by Mesdames Lizzie Green, Hughes and daughter, Verena Rice, May Hill, Millie Jett, Hayes, G. W. K. Love, G. M. Hill, Misses Aline Johnson, Bertha Miller, E. C. Cotton, and invaluable services and suggestions were rendered by Mrs. John Lange and Mrs. C. H. Calloway, for all of which she is sincerely thankful.

**BUCKNER'S JUBILEE SINGERS.** The coming of Buckner's Jubilee Singers to the Second Baptist church, Tenth and Charlotte streets, Rev. S. W. Bacote, D.D., pastor, Friday night, April 29, marks a distinct epoch in musical circles in this city, and will doubtless attract the largest and most brilliant audience that has ever attended a like entertainment in this city. Dr. Bacote's success in entertainments of this character is proverbial, and the list of assistants which he has selected speaks success from the very start. The church has been divided into sections, of which Mrs. Back and Miss Rosson have section 1; Mrs. Brown and Mrs. King, section 2; Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Berry, section 3; Miss Gray, Miss Ruth Price and Miss Julia Johnson, section 4. Any of these ladies will be pleased to furnish you tickets, and the general reservation for all will be 25 cents.

### OBITUARY.

Rev. Charles H. Crews was born 72 years ago in Fayette, Howard County, Missouri, the third son of Jacob and Joanna and the fourth of fourteen children. He professed a hope in Christ during the Civil War and for more than forty years has been a minister of the Gospel, filling many charges in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Missouri. After a long and painful illness he entered into rest on Friday, April 9th, at 2:30 p. m., at his home in Chillicothe, Mo. He was married some thirty-five years ago to Miss Mary J. Higgins, but she preceded him into the Kingdom twenty years ago. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Anna Sanders, Chillicothe, Mo.; Mrs. Nancy Murray of Des Moines, Iowa; and four brothers, Rev. P. C. Crews, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Columbia district of the North Missouri Conference; Smith Crews of St. Joseph, Mo.; Jas. H. Crews, the oldest letter carrier in point of service in Kansas City, Mo.; and Nelson C. Crews, Grand Master of Masons of the Missouri Jurisdiction; also many nieces and nephews and other relatives to mourn his loss. He was cheerful throughout his long illness and when Mrs. Jas. H. Crews, his sister-in-law, came to remain with him during the last days of his illness, he asked her if she had come to stay until the end and when she replied in the affirmative, a smile passed over his face which seemed to bring him rest from his pains. At the bedside when the end came were his brother Rev. P. C. Crews, his sister, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Jas. H. Crews. The funeral services were conducted by his life long friend and former Presiding Elder, Rev. Martin H. Bryant of the St. Joseph district, assisted by Revs. D. A. Sawyers, Talley, Burbridge, Longion and Harris. Interment was in the family cemetery at Chillicothe, Mo.

### BLIND BOONE'S CONCERT.

Negro Pianist Appears Before Large Audience at Central Church. Before a large audience at Central Church of Christ, Blind Boone, the Colored pianist, gave one of his characteristic programs Monday night. The program was similar to that presented last season at the Methodist church, and pleased the audience immensely. At the close of his program Boone extended the usual invitation to his audience for any one to play a number, which he would repeat from ear. Miss Lea Scheeler complied with the request, and gave Moskowski's "Valse de Concerte," opus 32. Boone was able to play snatches from the difficult selection, showing that he had grasped the theme, and displayed the rhythm and changes nicely. He also gave a harmonic analysis of the selection that was quite wonderful. Boone complimented Miss Scheeler very highly upon her rendition of this number.—Marshalltown, Ia., Times Herald.

### Lincoln School May Festivities.

Lincoln School will hold its annual Patrons Day and May Festival of Drills and folk-dances at the school on May 6. The principal announces that the exhibit of hand work as well as regular class work will surpass all previous efforts. The drills and folk-dances will reflect the work of the year in these lines. The domestic science department, under the management of Mrs. Adaline Groves, will have a big display of work and the cafeteria will be in operation for the inspection of visitors. L. A. Knox, Esq., Attorney at Law practices in all Courts, wills and legal papers drawn. Office: 1419 E. 18th Street. Bell phone Grand 1413.

### A Great Recital

A GREAT RECITAL. The recital by Mme. Anita Patte Brown at Ebenezer Chapel Thursday night was one of the most successful affairs of the season, more than 1,000 persons being in attendance and a program of extraordinary merit was rendered. The local talent assisting was of the highest order and Dr. Williams has a right to feel proud of the talented young people in his congregation. After the program an elegant banquet was served in the church parlors and about 200 including Mme. Brown enjoyed this feature of the evening.

Toasts. T. B. Steward, Toastmaster. "Our Guests".....Hon. Nelson Crews Response.....Dr. S. H. Thompson "The Singer and His Song".....Mrs. Abernathy "Popular Music".....Miss Lela Warrick "Sweet Concourse".....C. A. Franklin "Negro Expression in Melody".....Hon. W. C. Hueston "Woman and Song".....Mrs. Roberts



MR. JOSEPH A. WILSON, Kansas City's pioneer Negro jeweler and one of the most intellectual and eloquent men of the race.

The Kensington Art Club desires to thank its many friends for making their exhibit on April 5th, more than a success. At their last meeting the following sums of money were donated to the different institutions of Kansas City: Paeo Y. M. C. A. .... \$ 5.00 Douglas Hospital ..... 7.00 Through the Colored Federated Charities Old Folks Home ..... 15.00 Field House (Plano fund) ..... 5.00 St. Simon's Nursery ..... 9.00 Wheatley-Provident Hospital ..... 10.00 Children's Home (on Vine St.) ..... 5.00 Women's League ..... 5.00 Total ..... \$51.99 MRS. M. G. BROOKINS, President. MRS. FRANKIE GIVENS, Secretary Pro Tem. Mr. P. Randolph and son, 124 West-park avenue left Saturday night for Dublin, Mass. to visit his father, Charles Randolph who is ill.