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The Annual School Drill.
Heaven smiled upon a petulant sky and gave to the M Street High School and Armstrong Manual Training School a fine, clear afternoon. Gathered to witness this exhibition of skill in the noble art of war, were the finest people of our race in this city, fully 10,000.

The companies drilled in the following order: Company E drilled first, followed by Company C, and then Company A, which was succeeded in the field by Company D, afterwards came Company F, and closing the drill was Company B.

The skill displayed by these youths was something beyond ordinary skill put into the affairs of this life. I watched with care, with effort, to determine, if possible, any point of excellence, but the drills showed, all of them, an appreciation of the principles of the art, and indicated a thorough mastery of the rules of war.

The address which the young men handled the problems of the drill was such to win the severest military martinet, and the only special feature that I can mention is that Company B seemed to have a clearer understanding of skirmish fighting. It was all fine; very fine.

The two schools were enthusiastically represented by hundreds of strenuously earnest friends. But when the victory of Company A, of M Street High School, was announced, all rivalries were lost in oblivion and hearty cheers given to the victors.

When the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" the ladies arose, and men standing doffed their hats. We are good Americans, and that's true, who dares deny it?

Officer William Lester represented the dignity and majesty of the law in a most impressive manner.

Society And The Drill.
Having attended many drills and observed the people who composed the audiences, I was highly gratified to witness the evidence of an entire appreciation of this event by all. The varying fluctuation of the classes of our people were elegantly represented.

Among those well known to all, were the following: Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Horner, Rev. and Mrs. William W. Tunnell, Mrs. B. K. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe C. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clifford, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Dr. and Mrs. John R. Francis, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Francis, Major C. R. Fisher, Judge M. W. Gibbs, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Hines, Prof. and Mrs. John T. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Murray, Mrs. Anise Lovis Parker, of Spokane, Wash., and Miss Beatrice Lewis, Mrs. L. R. Pendleton, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Waldron, Dr. and Mrs. West, Dr. and Mrs. Williston.

Art In Our Schools.
Did you go to the Arts and Crafts Exhibit at M Street High School? I had the pleasure of spending an entire afternoon with Prof. Hunstler and his friends. I saw how children beginning in the elements of the arts and crafts develop and grow into the highest excellence, and keenest conception of art. The children begin in efforts to convey ideas of the seasons, festival days, the months and years. Going from this they develop into an expression of ability in freehand drawing, mental and textile work, clay and porcelain, including also leatherwork and raffia.

We can only mention an excellent centerpiece cut from leather by Minnie Wilson, and some exceptionally artistic metal work by Mr. William M. Buckner, who is taking the special course in drawing under the teaching of Prof. Hunstler. Mr. Buckner shows many exquisite specimens of mental work, besides an intense appreciation in all the forms of art. Mr. Buckner is promising; he leads us to expect things of him for the future.

The high school under the instruction of Mr. W. D. Nixon assisted by Mr. S. D. Milton exhibits many fine examples of freehand drawing, water color, textile decoration, sculpture and woodwork. "The Head of Mars" by Miss Cordelia Murdoch, "Phoebus and His Chariot," by Miss Lillian Burke, and "The Study of a Head," a freehand drawing by Miss Meek, show a fine conception of true art. There was much fine work in brass, punched, hammered and modeled.

The most interesting feature of the exhibit was the individual work of Prof. Hunstler. In the Assembly Hall there are a number of exquisitely painted embroidered tapestries, Egyptian, Greek, Arabesque, Japanese, historical and natural. The "Peacecock" panel stands above any of its class for conception and color. Prof. Hunstler is an appreciative portrait painter also. His portraits of Mr. and Mrs. M. Holland are very true to life and present the subjects in their best manner.

The art shown should arouse our highest art sense. They mean much. They herald the future of our boys and girls. Watch them, I say, watch them!

THE OLD CLERKS.
The proposition to pension the elderly clerks falls but lightly upon the colored clerks now in office, though there be a few brave good men who will come into the program for reward. When in the presence of time this plan is perfected and in complete operation there are many bright men who entered the service in the first flush of their young, zealous and have stood faithfully at their duties who will reap the reward of the work now being carried on.

All clerks, every clerk should make all possible efforts to make this Pension Bill a possibility.

ENEMIES IN AMBUSH.
Color prejudice in this city has developed to a science and though, in most cases, kept alive by ignor-

ance and hatred, it uses a skill of adjustment of means to end, a variation of causes and effect, that is positively wonderful. No place on earth is this practiced so artfully and cleverly exercised as it is here.

Three colored men of intelligence and good address, showing all the external indications of being gentlemen, went into a lunch room in our town not long ago. As soon as they had seated at the table, the proprietor came gracefully forward and making profuse apology, announced that it was impossible to serve these men. "But," said he, "I have a dining room back here that I will be glad to serve you in—it's just as good as this one. Now as for myself, I have no prejudice, but you see my patrons won't stand for it. I am very, very sorry."

He said this so frankly and seemed so sincere that two of the men were won over and agreed to go into the "back room." The third being of a more skeptical mind, said, "Wait a moment, boys." Then turning to the proprietor asked, "Are your prices the same in this back room?"

"O yes, certainly," said he. "I won't eat there," said the kicker.

"Men just as good as you eat there," replied the boss, a little warmly.

"That may be, but I look at this matter as a business proposition, and if I pay the prices marked on your bill of fare, I pay also for the privilege of sitting where I choose, and if you are to abridge my right of choice which I buy with the food, then I am unwilling to pay you the same prices, because you do not deliver all the goods, so if you confine us to this room and deny the right of choice which we are willing to purchase also, then you must make a discount. Reduce your bill about 20 per cent, and we will take dinner here."

There was no business done. We all must look at these things as a business proposition, nor permit our emotions, or credulity to induce us to accept goods or service which do not represent in themselves an equitable value—exchange for the money we pay.

There are many well meaning white people who try to make the discrimination they practice upon colored people as mild and painless as they can, these are men who have little or no prejudice, or are often friendly inclined, but have not the desire or courage to take a positive stand for justice, these may be counted as passive friends. But there is a class who assume a cheery interest in your welfare and unblushingly announce an everlasting interest in you and your racial embarrassments, the better to trim you, both coming and going. Merchants who own national restaurants, they come with a friendly smile and glazed over with excuses, every honeyed word of which is a subtle chain binding you closer into that degradation which these smiling enemies wish you bound forever. All of this is high art lore.

NOW THAT IT IS OVER.
Had the Sunday Schools of Washington, the colored schools I mean, been organized into an interdenominational association, they could have had a parade of their own on that Sunday after the fiasco, a parade that would have made the "other folks" open their eyes. They could have sung "Onward Christian Soldiers" with a greater fervor and a purer spirit and exemplified their people as their God.

Speaking of the Sunday School parade affair, I have heard a number of colored, as well as white people, ask the question, "Why should the colored people force themselves where they are not wanted?" In answer to this, it seems to me, that it is no question of "wanted" or "not wanted," but whether all Sunday Schools should participate in a World's Sunday School Convention, or only a part of them.

THE WALL CASE.
People seem to think that Messrs. Tunnell and Horner should have expressed an opinion in this case, should have stood on one side or the other. The question of the relative merits of the white and colored schools was not under consideration, at that time, and especially toward the Negro slave. He pointed out with detailed particularity that what over other cause might be assigned for the sake of convenience, the real cause of the war in the premise was Negro slavery in America. He showed how the Negro became a factor in the bloody equation more and more until he was finally permitted to take up arms and then it was declared Mr. Cromwell that he first had a chance to show that patriotism and loyalty that has ever since characterized his attitude toward his country and his flag. He praised the valor of the Negro soldier, and said that the memory of those living and the hope for those dead were elements that would forever keep alive the spirit of patriotism in the breast of every Negro in the land.

There were several other numbers on the program which deserve creditable mention, among which was the recitation of Lieut. Toomey, of Dunbar's "Colored Soldiers," which was rendered in his own inimitable and painstaking way and captured the hearers.

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BLOWS AND BLOSSOMS.
It appears to be easier for the ordinary individual to swing the hammer than to strew violets. We all must realize that it is hard to be and do right. For often the purest motives, the kindest feelings, the thought followed for the best for days and nights turns away and fails.

Of course, if you are the wise guy from the extreme and remote East and come swift and clean—never delayed and never had no mud on you when you did arrive—then you are the real Mr. Greatgood and you are excused. For the rest of us, let us be kind.

A PROGRESSIVE DENTIST.
Dr. Robert L. Peston, the surgeon dentist, enjoys the distinction of holding offices in the busiest street, being located in a fine apartment suite of rooms at 1223 Penn-

sylvania Avenue, Northwest. Dr. Peston is rapidly rising to the highest place among our professional men.

POLITICS IN WEST VIRGINIA.

West Virginia is just now experiencing one of the most general and widespread political revivals she has had in years. The contest between Senator Scott and Hubbard is conceded by those who are in close touch with the situation to be all in favor of the former. Up to date Mr. Hubbard has made but little, if any, showing on his own initiative. There seems to be a reticent understanding that ex-Governor Dawson may enter the race if Mr. Hubbard's political horizon does not soon clear up.

This, however, is no news to the following of Senator Scott. They anticipated this, and are no doubt prepared to meet just such a contingency. Again, such a move as this would only weaken Mr. Hubbard as well as the man who would attempt to step in his shoes, for it would clearly demonstrate the fact that machine politics were being played upon the people of West Virginia are not in any mood now to tolerate such a movement. Mr. Hubbard's hope, if he ever had any, seemed to have gone glimmering when he lost Ohio County to Senator Scott. The fact that Kanawha County did not exactly register her votes for Senator Scott, has not in the least dampened the ardor of the Scott followers. This being the home of ex-Governor Dawson and his lieutenant, Mr. Hall, it was expected that the prediction that some trouble in capturing that stronghold of Dawson and Hallism. This says but little detrimental to Senator Scott, for the great majority of the people of the State of West Virginia are with him and will so register their wish when the time comes to select men to go to the state legislature, which legislature will undoubtedly elect Senator Scott for the third time at its coming session.

The "Forum" after careful investigation made the prediction that Mr. Hubbard would lose Ohio County by a goodly margin. It shall keep closely in touch with affairs from time to time and give its readers the benefit of the progress of this political contention, but when all is said and done, from this far-off viewpoint, not on sentiment but on facts gathered and analyzed, we make the further prediction that Senator Scott will be the next senator elected from West Virginia.

Congressman Woodyard seems to have clear sailing if reports be true and the Fourth District will send him back to Congress in the coming election in November.

A cloud about the size of a man's hand, so far, in the person of Capt. Avis, son-in-law to ex-Governor F. H. Johnson, now judge of the Court of Claims in Washington, has arisen on the horizon of Hon. Joseph Holt Gaines. Just what this will terminate in remains yet to be seen. Mr. Gaines has made an excellent congressman, has served on the Ways and Means Committee during the formation of the present tariff bill, is chairman of Elections Committee number Three, has served his district with distinction and credit and that he has rather a hard task on his hands.

Hon. Geo. A. Sturgiss is not sure whether he is to have an opponent as yet or not, for the nomination, but there are distant rumblings that make him somewhat afraid that "all is not well." No doubt the next week will develop just what he will have to encounter along this line.

With all of the apparent upheaval and the scramble for a place on the Republican ticket, West Virginia may be depended upon to do her duty after the family quarrel is over and send back to Congress a solid delegation of Republicans, as she had been wont to do for years.

CHARLES SUMNER POST, NO. 9, HOLDS IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT HARMONY CEMETERY MAY 30.

The exercises at Harmony Cemetery on May 30, held by Charles Sumner Post, No. 9, were highly creditable. The exercises were opened by singing, after which an appropriate prayer was offered by Rev. I. N. Ross. The principle address was made by Hon. J. W. Cromwell, principal of one of the city schools. Mr. Cromwell dwelt at some length upon the history of the war, and the causes that brought it about and the nature of the sentiment that existed at that time, and especially toward the Negro slave. He pointed out with detailed particularity that what over other cause might be assigned for the sake of convenience, the real cause of the war in the premise was Negro slavery in America. He showed how the Negro became a factor in the bloody equation more and more until he was finally permitted to take up arms and then it was declared Mr. Cromwell that he first had a chance to show that patriotism and loyalty that has ever since characterized his attitude toward his country and his flag. He praised the valor of the Negro soldier, and said that the memory of those living and the hope for those dead were elements that would forever keep alive the spirit of patriotism in the breast of every Negro in the land.

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BISHOP J. W. HOOD.

Celebrates His Eightieth Anniversary At The Galbraith A. M. E. Church On Last Sunday Night—Great Gathering Witnessed The Occasion And Listened To Addresses From Some Of The Most Eloquent Prelates In The Nation's Capital—Rev. Sylvester P. Corrothers Presides With Grace And Dignity.

It is not often that there is gathered an audience of more culture, refinement and a sense for the higher appreciation of things than was assembled at Galbraith A. M. E. Church on 6th Street N. W. between I and M Streets last Sabbath evening. The occasion was the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Bishop J. W. Hood, Senior Bishop of the Zion A. M. E. Church. Promptly at 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Rev. Corrothers, in an impressive manner and after the rendition of a beautiful selection by the choir Dr. Corrothers stated the object of the meeting and prefaced his remarks with one of the many eloquent speeches of the evening. Rev. W. A. Ray, of the Zion A. M. E. Metropolitan Church was the first speaker. He caught his audience by his reference to the usefulness of Bishop Hood and held them with interest throughout his address. Dr. Corrothers next introduced Dr. I. N. Ross, the acknowledged pulpit orator of the A. M. E. Connection. Dr. Ross said among other things in the course of his address in making reference to the prejudice shown by the local Committee in eliminating the Negro delegates from the recent parade, the following:

"I say this in all kindness and with malice toward none. There is a criminal diplomacy, a curious conservatism, a ruinous socialism and a deceptive commercialism in Church and State, which unless checked, will destroy this Nation and wreck the Church of God. When the assembled Christians of the world will practically wink at, and in a sense condone an unchristian act, a wrong perpetuated upon over a hundred thousand people in one community, and in the name of the Cross hamper those whose race for reasons over which that race has no control and on account of conditions for which they are not responsible, and yet worse, to attempt to repair the wrong and further humiliate a race by conferring a merited honor upon one of America's noblest sons (and I call you particular attention to the two adjacent portraits and a portrait of the noblest son of the race) who are perpetrating such a wrong. Give to Dr. Washington's life membership in the World's Sunday School Convention. Yes, a thousand times yes. Ye may grant him by my vote if possible, a seat near the Great White Throne in Heaven for what he is himself. Lift him up, and let the world see the man from under the board walk, from a self-supporting student at Hampton to the world-crowned President of Tuskegee, make him a life member for what he has accomplished in general for humanity and for his race in particular but, for heaven's sake remove that golden wedge, American prejudice, out of the Sunday School Convention and for the sake of his son Christ, confess the concealment of that Babylonian garment, Colorphobia, and let the redeemed Church of Christ in this the morning of the twentieth century stand upon the prostrate form of that old serpent, the devil bathed in the radiant smiles of our benign Heavenly Father who asks: 'Where is thy brother?'"

Rev. J. Milton Waldron, of the Shiloh Baptist Church, was next introduced and took up the enthusiasm where Dr. Ross had left off and made a stirring address that delighted his hearers and reflected great credit upon himself as well. Dr. Waldron said he had prayed that Dr. Corrothers would be returned and if he had his way the good Dr. would be returned until he was made bishop. He declared if there was any agency whatever that would save the Negro and better his condition, it must be the preacher of the gospel, the profession of men of all classes to the contrary notwithstanding. Dr. Corrothers next introduced Dr. J. E. Mason as the man who could crowd more English words into one sentence and have them all in the right place than any man whom he had ever met. Dr. Mason made a speech pregnant with anecdotes and fairly carried his audience off their feet with his wit and humor. He paid a glowing tribute to Bishop Hood, and wished to

him a longer life for the influence that life might have upon the rest of the preachers of that branch of the church. Dr. Mason paid a glowing tribute to Bishop Smith, on the account of his power with the pen. Dr. Corrothers next introduced ex-Recorder of Deeds Hon. J. C. Dancy. Mr. Dancy spoke of his early knowledge of Bishop Hood. Told of how Bishop Hood was one of the members of the First Constitutional Convention in North Carolina. Spoke of how fearlessly the Bishop had championed the rights of the Negro in that State. Mr. Dancy's speech was rather replete with historic facts in reference to the life of Bishop Hood. He stated that the Bishop had been largely instrumental in the organization of the fourteen schools in that State for the purpose of higher attainments; that he organized the first Masonic Lodge in the State; that it was through Bishop Hood that the first Methodist Conference gave women the right to act as delegates to General Conferences and that during the 31 years of his service as a Bishop, not one year had passed in which he had not inaugurated some new move for the advancement of the race. Mr. Dancy created quite a ripple of laughter when he announced that because he happened to be contemporaneous with all of these happenings it must not be supposed that he was old, as when these things were happening he was only a lad in kilts. Presiding Elder B. G. Shaw of the Chicago District was next introduced, and while his address was short it was to the point and much appreciated by the audience. Mrs. Julia Mason Leighton next addressed the meeting and in her inimitable and characteristic way carried her audience with her. She spoke feelingly of the women's place in the church work and congratulated the Zion Church upon its policy of opening its doors to the women of the race for active service. She paid pleasing tributes to the wives of the two bishops and wished them future success. Mrs. Leighton's address took well. Dr. Corrothers next introduced Rev. Logan Johnson as the real senior preacher in the District of that denomination. Rev. Johnson said he had been commissioned by Bishop Hood and therefore had a warm spot in his heart for him. He said that Bishop Hood both found and dragged from obscurity into the limelight Messrs. Dancy and Smith and that was why they felt so grateful to him. He laid claim to the fact that the Zion Church has the best organized preachers association in the city. Dr. Corrothers next introduced the central figure of the occasion, Bishop J. W. Hood. Bishop Hood, bowed by the weight of his eighty years and with manner grave and impressive, arose and in tones not less penetrating delivered the following remarks and literature which we took them from his lips: "We have listened to all the good things you have said, and have fully appreciated your high eulogy to us tonight. We extend to you the gratitude of a heart full of love. Our heart is full of joy on this occasion. We feel grateful for your presence here and we thank you."

COLORED VETERANS.

Listened To An Address By Rev. I. N. Ross On Sunday Night Last At The Metropolitan A. M. E. Church.

Sunday night last witnessed somewhat of a departure from the ordinary form of commemoration on the part of the Colored Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies' Relief Corps of this city. Arrangements were made some time ago for an address by Rev. I. N. Ross to the old soldiers to be held in the Metropolitan Church on Sunday night, May 29th, and promptly at eight o'clock they assembled, some one hundred strong, old veterans, battle-scarred and feeble of step, yet light of heart and rich in memories and marched from the basement of the church upstairs to measured strains of music from the organist.

Dr. Ross was full of the subject and stirred the hearts of the old soldiers and moved many of them to tears. He counseled them that inasmuch as they had proven themselves brave men in some of the world's greatest engagements, and had answered every roll call and been discharged with honor that it behooves them to see to it that they be equally as vigilant in their battle with sin and that their records be as spotless in the great fight for human rights, and that they be on hand promptly to answer when the final roll should be called and the great army of Christ should march triumphantly into the eternal city. Dr. Ross took occasion to declare himself as being unalterably opposed to any policy in state or church that would destroy manhood, blight womanhood and unfit us for the enjoyment of every right under the constitution of the United States. He said he did not believe any question was settled right until it was settled

righteously; that he refused to sit at the king's table or to eat the king's meat when the policy of the king was that of the compromise of any right that belonged to any citizen under the laws of the land in which he lived. His peroration was eloquent in the extreme and captured his audience to the man. After the address the roll was called, and it was found that something like twenty-five of the "old boys" had answered the final roll call during the last past year. This part of the ceremony was indeed impressive. When the commander called the roll his subordinate officer replied "the soldier does not answer to his name" whereupon a lady of the Relief Corps, which organization marched up with the veterans in a body, would stop forward and reciting an appropriate verse would place a wreath of flowers on the altar in memory of the honored dead. After the ceremony a liberal collection was realized and donated by the organization to the pastor and trustees of the church. Chas. Sumner Post, Number 9, visited Harmony Cemetery the following day and paid a fitting tribute to the dead, while Frederick Douglass Post, Number 21, did likewise at Arlington. The two Ladies' Relief Corps ably assisted them in their respective missions.

GIANTS BREAK EVEN IN DOUBLE HEADER ON DECORATION DAY.
The Washington Giants, the best colored aggregation of ball tossers in the District, and, by the way, who are open to all comers, lost their first game of the season to the Rosebuds on May 30th. The Rosebuds are composed of the pick of some of the best white teams in the District, and therefore have a great deal of class to them when it comes to tossing the hog-hide over the little square rubber. The first game was a little more than a comedy of error, on the part of the Giants. Broome and Seminary were on the slab for the Rosebuds and Hampton and Akers for the Giants. The Rosebuds took kindly to Akers' shoots and benders and Manager Jones upplauded him with Williams, who, be it said, pitched good ball, but rec'd miserably support. The boys got off their stride somehow, and never quite recovered during the game. The best that can be said of the first game is that the Giants played far below their form, and it ended in a listless, uninteresting way. The second game however found Boitner and Kraft on the slab for the Rosebuds and Carroll and Hampton for the Giants. This was a battle for blood from the start. The Giants coming back strong to try and retrieve themselves, and right well did they do so. The game went twelve innings and during that time, there were some sensational, hair-raising plays made that brought the crowd to their feet in applause. Carroll's pitching was the feature of the second game. Too much credit cannot be given him for he certainly pulled himself out of some tight places and ugly looking holes with the assistance of the level head of his receiver, Hampton. The games as to scores stood as follows:

First game:
Washington Giants..... 4
Rosebuds..... 12
Second game:
Washington Giants..... 6
Rosebuds..... 5

FIELD AND TRACK DAY AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

May 30, at Howard University witnessed the Annual "Meet" of the trained young athletes of this city and several other schools. Society turned out en masse and lent its approval to the occasion. The showing made by all of the participants was of a most highly creditable nature. Judging from the aftermath, the decision of the judges was entirely acceptable to both the visitors and the vanquished. These events at Howard have come to stay and are doing much to popularize the athletic sports in that institution.

One very noticeable feature about the "Meet" was the nicety with which it was landed by those having it in charge. Everything went off without a hitch and the event goes down in history of athletics at Howard as a howling success.

The Ebenezer M. E. Church, 4th and D Streets, S. E. will hold a grand rally Sunday June 5. "Uncompromising Tribe" composed of 200 men hope to raise \$1,000 toward lifting the mortgage on the church.

Mr. Walter Franklin Jones visited our city for the purpose of seeing the High School drill. He returned to his home in Atlantic City Thursday.

The box party at Mrs. Jeters given by the Helping Hand Club, of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, was well attended.

The Prussian government abandoned its efforts to secure enactment of the franchise bill.

COUPON
THE MOST POPULAR ELK
I. B. P. O. E. O. W.
I cast this vote for
NAME.....
ADDRESS.....
The most popular Elk will receive a Diamond Elk Charm.

REV. SYLVESTER P. CORROTHERS GIVES OUT AN INTERVIEW.
While sauntering up Sixth Street some days ago with an ever ready ear and eye open to catch the current happenings of the day, we noticed, as we passed the Galbraith A. M. E. Church the door of the study slightly ajar. Peeping in, our gaze fell upon the form of a man, apparently deeply engrossed in study. Finally after some mauling, we struck the Doctor's nervening, we struck the Doctor's engaged in disposing of a pile of correspondence which had accumulated during his absence at Conference. With a keen scent of all news gatherers, counted on a nice story on the doctor's trip, but in this, we were disappointed. Finally after some mauling, we struck the Doctor's engaged in disposing of a pile of correspondence which had accumulated during his absence at Conference.

"What is one membership of the church?"
"Something like 900."
"Are you interested in the welfare of the Negro, other than through the medium of the church?"
"Yes, I am interested in his social, economic and political welfare."
"What affiliation have you with either of these phases, other than that of the church at the present time?"
"I am president of the Independent League of the District and vice president of the National Independent League."
"What is the probable outlook of the League at the present time?"
"We will hold a District convention some time in the latter part of June."
"What will be the object of the convention at this time?"
"It is our purpose to get together, men from different sections of the country, and discuss the present political condition of the Negro, and the best methods of extricating ourselves from the present condition."
"What do you think of the present political condition of the Negro in this country?"
"Decidedly discouraging."
"To what do you ascribe this condition?"
"In the first place the indifference on the part of the present administration toward the rights of the Negro; secondly, the Negro's disposition to blindly follow the leadership of certain men in the Republican party; thirdly, the Negro's lack of proper appreciation for the worth of the ballot."
"Do you think it is contemplated by the League that men will be sent out in the field, during the coming Congressional campaign?"
"It is probable that men will be sent out over the country with a view to the general betterment of the political condition of the Negro with reference to his political welfare."
"What would you offer as a remedy for this alleged evil, Rev. Corrothers?"
"Individual and collective independence in reference to voting and acting generally."
"Do you believe the moral status of the Negro is growing better?"
"Yes, do; but it is far from being satisfactory."
"Do you think that the Negro is proportionately accumulating more wealth now, than he was sometime ago?"
"Yes, I believe he is."
"Do you think this will have any effect upon his future political condition?"
"It will at least enable him to act more independently and put him in a position to do something for himself by reason of it."
"At this point a delegation called upon Dr. Corrothers and knowing that the interview was at an end we politely bowed ourselves out with profuse thanks for the occupation of that much of his time."

The Teeter Board.

"One thing I saw there that was new to me," said a man just back from the South, "was a teeter board. Ever see a teeter board? It's a plank fifteen to eighteen feet long, a foot or more in width and maybe an inch and a half in thickness and resting at its ends on supports that hold it about three feet above the floor."
"They set the teeter board up on a veranda or piazza, and maybe they paint it to match the house. You see teeter boards with the paint worn off along the middle section, as you might see the paint worn off the seat of a painted chair by long use."
"The teeter board is elastic, springy. The nurse may sit on the teeter board and there teeter gently to soothe the baby. Children sit on the teeter board and older people. In its way the teeter board serves in place of a hammock."—New York Sun.

SHORTHANDLED.

Gunbusta — "What are your charges?"
Gypsy Plamist — "I'll read your hand for one dollar."
Gunbusta — "You ought to do it for ninety cents; I've got one finger missing."—Judge.