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Public School Athletic League

If the efforts of the committees in charge of the formation of a Public Schools' Athletic League mean anything at all, athletics in the public schools will soon play an important part in the system. At the meeting of the Board of Education held October 19 permission was granted a teacher in the physical training department to organize a Public Schools' Athletic League. This league will be a brand new affair in connection with the public school system of Washington, and it is looked upon as the greatest organization yet established which has in mind the physical betterment of the child. The plans of the organization will be formally launched at a meeting to be held in the assembly hall of the M Street High School on Monday, November 7, at 3:30 o'clock. All men teachers, building principals, supervising principals and interested teachers in the colored schools are requested to be present. Assistant Superintendent Bruce has been asked to preside temporarily.

It is likely that one of the best plans to strengthen the amateur athletic life of Washington is formulated in the formation of a Public Schools' Athletic League. The cities of New York, Cincinnati, Cleveland, New Orleans, Seattle and others have proven the strength of the movement. General Wingate, president of the New York P. S. A. L., remarked in his annual address: "Our work in the schools has now become an important part of the educational system, and its value is recognized by all, both in and out of it. In fact, it is about the only new thing affecting many that I can recall which has not met with opposition from one source or another."

It is a matter of record that improved school discipline, scholarship, better individual health, increased vitality and a practical hygienic improvement of the individual has resulted. The playground movement has become more effective. Play of adolescent boys, heretofore directed against the necessary life, limb and property rules and regulations, finds an outlet through the channels of organized sport. The recreation of the family has improved. School loyalty, that effects organization and solidification, makes the school a unit for scholastic and ethical management, which later has a bearing on the loyalty of the individual to civic and national government and enterprise.

The Public Schools' Athletic League comprises two sets of members—those that govern and plan for athletic activity (regular members of the teaching corps), and athletic members (the boys who actively engage in athletic training and competition). An Executive Board, and Elementary Games Committee, the High Schools Games Committee, a Finance and Publicity Committee will provide for and control games and sport. Each division will be governed by an athletic league, which shall conduct games among the schools of such division, and in case of a baseball tournament the arrangement for games between the champions of each division will be the work of the central league. For

the present year basket-ball, baseball and field and track training and competition will be carried on. During another year the intensive form of athletics will be encouraged. This is the sort of athletics in which a boy trains to reach different standards of athletic ability, and receives a prize button in reward for his individual attainment. The records to reach are only those capable of being made by a normally strong and healthy boy of classified weight or age. In this way athletics will appeal to the masses of boys.

By beginning with grade-school boys the high schools will receive boys of more highly developed and resistant physiques. The city will produce a higher grade of athletics. Through personal contact with the male teachers of the grades in other than school work boys will be greatly benefited. For all such work done it is certain that the sum total of results will be a better citizenship and a greater happiness for future men and women.

Prof. Kelly Miller is leading a fight for colored men to officiate in football games where Howard University teams contend. In past years colored men have officiated without pay and in interest of the sport during minor games of the season, but have been dropped or relegated to minor positions whenever Lincoln or Hampton teams were factors. White men have been obtained to officiate, and receive sums of from \$15 to \$30 and expense money for their services.

It is claimed by contending schools that the few colored officials are too likely to be incompetent or partial, and white men are probably neither.

This supposition is not correct or just. Some colored teams are coached by white men whose salaries depend upon the success of the team as a winning eleven, and it is presumed that such a professional coach will do much to insure his team to win. On quite a few occasions throughout the South a personal friend of a white coach has officiated to prevent defeat by the other team.

I have officiated in games alongside white men whose decisions I have repeatedly held up as decidedly wrong. Many players on Howard teams can remember occasions where white officials were in error. Many instances have occurred under my personal observation on the field of play that prove false the idea that white men are more desirable than colored men as officials. That there are but few competent colored officials is true. The job is a thankless one, and its rewards have been simply the appreciation of the winning team. The task requires such careful study, hard work and personal qualifications, and in important games so severely taxes the nervous make-up of the official that men are paid up to and beyond \$100 in many big games in the country for their services. To make the job appreciable, and to increase the number of competent officials, colored men as well as white should be paid. If impartiality is desired, and no local men will do, it is far the better plan in my judgment to send South or North for competent colored men, pay their expenses and a reasonable charge for services than to pay a white man of equal or less competency \$30 and expenses to the field of play.—Edwin B. Henderson.

Mr. W. Preston Bayless of THE FORUM staff will visit Wilberforce, Ohio, next week for politics and pleasure.

WANTED

Ten good, wide-awake young colored women to act as agents for HAIR VIM CHEMICAL CO., Inc., (Successor to Columbia Chemical Co., Newport News, Va.)

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PLYMOUTH NOTES

Dr. A. C. Garner, Pastor, 493 T Street, N. W.; Miss Gussie Harrod, Edress, 1145 Fifteenth Street.

Rev. Dr. George W. Moore, superintendent of Southern church work under the American Missionary Association, is conducting revival services at Plymouth Congregational Church, corner 17th and P streets, every evening at 7:45 P. M. Dr. Moore is able and experienced, and for 10 years prior to his present position he was pastor of Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church. He and Dr. Garner cordially invite their friends to help in this work.

Rev. Moore is delivering a series of addresses on "Out of Egypt" and kindred themes. Good speaking, hearty singing, and a warm welcome to all.

Plymouth was represented by pastor and one delegate at the Mt. Pleasant Congregation Church on Friday evening, November 4, at the installation of Rev. F. J. Goodwin.

The fair committee is working faithfully, and it is hoped that every member will assist them.

Rev. A. C. Garner was District of Columbia commissioner for the Appalachian Exposition. He took down a fine exhibit from Washington, which took first prize as a miscellaneous exhibit. He gives chief credit for this honor to Dr. W. Bruce Evans of Armstrong Manual Training School; Miss Charlotte Elizabeth Hunter, the District's foremost kindergartner; Howard University, the Library of Congress and Mr. Thomas E. Barton. These were the heaviest contributors. There were many individuals who were leaders in their line. Rev. Dr. Garner and Mrs. Mary Church Terrell made addresses on important days, and Col. Theodore Roosevelt, when he visited the exposition October 7, spent more time in the Negro Building than in any other building, and pronounced the exhibits fine and expressed himself as "delighted." The District was fortunate in having Dr. Garner as its representative. In all, seven prizes come to Washington.

The Mayor of Boston gave a dinner at Young's Hotel to the colored congregational clergy attending the National Council of Congregational Churches. The guests were Drs. H. H. Proctor, A. C. Garner, Geo. W. Moore, Revs. W. H. Halloway, W. N. De Berry, Spencer Snell, W. A. Clark, H. S. Barnwell, W. L. Cash, E. A. Harris, M. D., A. J. Tate, A. T. Clarke, S. A. Brown, Clifford Miller, President G. A. Gates, principal, Washington; Secretary Scott, Prof. Wm. Pickens, Rev. Dr. Henderson, E. E. Brown, W. H. Lewis, Samuel Courtney, M. D., Mr. Williams, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Ridley, et al.

Mr. and Mrs. Macon Booker of Brooklyn, N. Y., were the guests of Miss Gussie Harrod last week. Mrs. Booker was formerly Miss Ella Murray of Georgetown, D. C.

The subject for discussion at the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church last Sunday was "The Work of Our Denomination in Foreign Lands." Mr. John Ewing gave a very interesting and graphic description of the work of the Presbyterians in foreign missions. He stated that in one particular country the inhabitants are so lacking in religion that they kill off all of their female babes. Missionaries are doing much, he stated, to relieve this horrible situation. A feature of the afternoon was the piano selection by Miss Brent. The Christian Endeavorers regretted that it was impossible for Rev. F. J. Grimke, their pastor, to be present.

Messrs. J. Sherman Hunnicutt and E. L. Burns leave Saturday, November 5, for Ohio to go to their respective homes, Zanesville and Mt. Sterling, to cast their vote and spend some time with relatives and friends.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. Milton Waldron, Pastor, 1334 V Street, N. W.; W. H. Scott, Church Editor, 1503 Pierce Place, N. W.

The anniversary exercises of the week were continued on Wednesday night, October 26, which was known as sister churches' night. Ten ministers, representing their respective churches, were in and about the pulpit, many of whom had something to say encouragingly to the church. It was the first time that such a night had been set apart, and it was a rare treat.

On Thursday night we had the pleasure of listening to an excellent sermon by Rev. J. A. Brown, the new pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Arlington, Va. Though the fame of Rev. Brown as a pulpit orator and a good pastor had reached us, we were nevertheless agreeably surprised. Miss Maria Morgan, the daughter of one of the founders, read a brief but interesting history of the first 37 years, and Mr. Wm. H. Henderson of the last 10 years' life of the church. The audience listened with intense interest and pleasure at the many facts and incidents which were related for the first time to most of those present.

The crowning event of the good things of the week came on Friday night, October 28, when a large and appreciative audience listened to one of the finest lectures delivered in this city for a long time. Dr. Gilbert's subject, "Christianity, the Solution of Race Problem," is one of the foremost questions of the age, and he has given it deep thought and study. It was indeed a gem, and those who had the pleasure of hearing it will not soon forget the occasion.

Mr. John A. Miles and his corps of associates had prepared an excellent program of addresses and musical numbers, which were rendered before the lecture was delivered. Representatives from the C. E. societies of the Nineteenth Street, Third Baptist, Zion Baptist and Lincoln Temple and other churches took part in the exercises of the evening.

Last Sunday, October 30, was Woman's Day, and right well did they act their part. They did everything but preach the sermons, and many believe they could have done that with credit, but they seemed to prefer that the honor might go to the invited guests. At the morning service Mrs. Mary C. Dismond, the chairman of the Board of Deaconesses, presided, assisted by Mrs. Florence Glowe and Mrs. Alice Carroll. The sermon was delivered by Rev. I. N. Ross of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, who took for his text, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them;" John 13:17. He spoke for an hour, and yet so interesting was his discourse that it seemed but half that time.

At 3:30 P. M. a mass-meeting was held, over which Mrs. Mary C. Dismond also presided. The principal address of the meeting was delivered by Mrs. M. Faneil of the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Va. Professor Brawley of Howard University also delivered a most excellent address. The musical numbers, with the exception of a quartet, were furnished by the ladies, one of whom, Mrs. Mary Tignor, presided at the organ.

The evening service was a continuance of the good things of the day, and Mrs. M. M. Waldron was the presiding officer. She was assisted by Mrs. Clara Lee and Mrs. Mary Payne Jackson. Rev. Walter H. Brooks of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church preached the sermon of the evening. Though aware that he was to preach, he said he had not prepared a special sermon for the occasion. During the day, however, he said while visiting his eye had caught sight of this verse of Scripture: "She hath done what she

could," Mark 14:8. From that text he delivered one of the finest sermons on woman that we have heard for a long time. He mentioned many occasions where women had ministered to wants of the Savior, to the disciples and to the church in general, and their many opportunities for doing good. Mrs. Jennie Kelly Armistead favored us with a beautiful solo, "Rock of Ages," which was most beautifully rendered.

The final event of anniversary week was the annual supper, which was celebrated on Tuesday night, November 1. The chairman of the supper committee was Miss Sarah Price, a member of the Ushers' Association, who was elected by the church for that important position. And well did she perform her task. She was ably assisted by the members of the Ushers' Association and its president, Mr. Samuel Frost. Great credit is also due to many other members of the church who contributed many of the necessities, and their labor as well, to make such an event a success.

Preceding the supper a short service was held in the main auditorium, over which the pastor, Dr. Waldron, presided. He had much to say of the church and its future; of the plan for wiping out the debt of the church, and of mission work in the home and foreign fields.

Reports of the work of the past year were read by Mrs. Mamie A. Jackson for the Board of Deaconesses; Mr. John A. Miles, of the C. E. Society; Mrs. Matilda Harris, the Sunday-school; Miss Katie Kemp, the Sacrifice Club; Miss Josephine Carroll, the Missionary Society, and Mrs. Pocahontas Donoho, for the Temperance Society.

Among the special guests to the supper who partook with Dr. and Mrs. Waldron were Mrs. B. K. Bruce, Rev. J. H. Randolph and Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Mary C. Dismond, Revs. Walter H. Brooks, W. J. Howard, J. A. Brown, J. A. White, Mr. James A. Payne, Mr. William Lanier, Mr. John A. Miles and W. H. Scott.

We are pleased to welcome to our fold again Mr. and Mrs. Kinslow and Miss Lottie Perkins, who have been spending the summer in Maine.

NEWLY ELECTED PASTOR MAKES GOOD

Raises Large Sum of Money in Rally

Perhaps at no time in the history of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church has there been so much money collected in a general rally in so short a time as that collected in the rally just closed.

Five weeks ago, the pastor, Rev. J. H. Randolph, inaugurated a plan by which he divided the entire membership into 25 clubs, giving to each club a leader, and designating Sunday, October 30, as the day to report. By a systematic canvass on the part of the leaders, and a generous response on the part of each individual member, each club was enabled to report a large sum, totaling \$1027.66.

Rev. Randolph, who was installed as pastor of this church on the fourth Sunday of the past July to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Rev. Dr. J. C. Dent, brings to his new field of work all of the leading characteristics that distinguished his highly-successful pastoral career in Portsmouth, Va., and made him so widely known and the recognized leader of his people in that section of the State. He seems to be especially adapted for organizing and carrying into execution many novel plans for the successful management of his church.

In view of the fact that Rev. Randolph is supported by such an efficient corps of officers and trustees, coupled with his natural executive ability, his breadth of information and his past experience as a financier, it is predicted by his many friends that his work here will be

a lasting monument to the denomination.

The following is a partial list of those who contributed so largely to the success of the rally:

Club No. 8, led by Mr. J. E. Epps, reported \$103.50; club No. 5, led by Mrs. Laura Cooper, reported \$81.66; club No. 9, led by Miss Celia Dogans, reported \$72.66; club No. 14, led by Mr. James Thompson, reported \$69.75; club No. 20, led by Mrs. Emma Lucas, of which Mr. W. Perry took such an active part, reported \$58.00. Mrs. Marcella Hart reported \$33.80 for club No. 24. Other clubs that reported large sums were club No. 1, led by Mr. Geo. Curtis; club No. 2, led by Rev. W. H. Underwood, club No. 3, Mr. French Johnson; No. 4, Prof. Isaiah Johnson; No. 6, Mr. Louis Patteric; club No. 7, Mrs. Georgianna Chunn; club No. 10, Mrs. D. L. Fowler; No. 11, Mrs. Matilda Matthews; club No. 12, headed by Mr. W. Cooper, greatly assisted by Mrs. Laura Edwards; club No. 13, led by Mr. John Fountain; club No. 15, Mr. George Mason; club No. 16, Mrs. Mollie Gaines; club No. 17, Mrs. Sarah Patterson; club No. 18, Prof. G. W. Smith; club No. 19, Mr. James Ross; club No. 21, Mr. Robert Brisco; club No. 22, Mr. W. H. Henson; club No. 23, Mr. Hillary Middleton; club No. 25, Mr. John Curry, superintendent of Sunday-school.

The pastor gives great credit to each member of his church, and says without such a hearty co-operation on the part of each individual member his work would be impossible.

At some future time THE NATIONAL FORUM hopes to give to its readers a full account of Rev. Randolph's lifework.

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Halloween Entertainments

A very pretty Hallowe'en party was given at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. William Reed, 28 N street N. W., Monday evening, October 31. Enjoyable games suitable for the occasion were participated in on the second floor, and music and dancing on the first. In the contest of guessing the names of the masked persons, Mr. Walter Grimshaw received the prize. A three-course supper was served, after which the guests parted for their homes, declaiming Mr. and Mrs. Reed charming host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy gave a beautiful Hallowe'en party Friday night, when their youngest daughter, Nettie, entertained a few of her friends. Those present were Misses Minerva Freeman, Margaret Lemos, Anna Hackley, Christina Young, Alice and Rachel Waddleton, Margaret Wilkinson, Ellen Dixon, Alice and Carlotta Peters. Refreshments were served by Master Clifton Hardy, masquerading as a ghost. The dining-room was lighted by candles in pumpkin heads, ears of corn, etc. Nettie, as the witch, proved herself a most pleasing entertainer.

A very prettily-appointed Hallowe'en reception was given in honor of Miss Fletcher Howe of Hampton, Va., at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Ray, 1929 6th street N. W., Saturday evening, October 29. An enjoyable evening was spent in dancing and playing whist. An excellent musical program was rendered and a very toothsome luncheon was served.

Prof. and Mrs. Kelly Miller entertained at a Hallowe'en party on Monday evening. Those present were Misses Ida Mitchell, Lula Allan, Edna Gray, Jennie Robinson, Annie Jones, Dr. Eva Ross and Miss Proud; Messrs. Jay Cox, Ernest Marshall, Maurice Clifford, Cruso Stanton, J. D. Cabiness, Prof. Naval Thomas, Dr. Tignor and Hon. Jas. A. Cobb. A real Hallowe'en supper

was served, and the evening was spent delightfully.

On last Monday evening the home of Mrs. Shippen, 1316 V street, presented a very attractive appearance, the beautiful autumnal leaves, the luscious red apples suspended from cords in doorways, the huge bunches of grapes and nuts reminded one that it was the night for "ghosts and goblins" to pay their yearly visit.

Miss Bessie Shippen entertained several of her friends at a Hallowe'en party, in which the charming hostess had arranged so dexterously and artistically for an evening of pleasure. The evening was begun with the favorite game of "whist." The first prize was won by Miss Lucille M. Nooks. The "booby" prize was won by Miss Hattie Butler. Next was a guessing contest, in which Mr. Norman Butler carried off the honor. After tripping the "light fantastic" they proceeded to the dining-room, where the black cats and Jack o' lanterns reminded the party that the midnight hour was rapidly approaching and that the uninvited guest would probably enter unannounced. But after having a peep at the table no one would volunteer to "keep watch." The hostess thoughtfully added an extra plate, so that instead of frightening guests away, that it, too, should also partake of the elaborate supper. Fortune telling and ghost stories were freely told. Those present were Misses Clara, Eliza and Carrie Shippen, Hattie Butler, Lucy Lumkins and Lucille M. Nooks; Messrs. Charles Hill, Robert and Norman Butler, Richard Johnson and Mr. Harvey and Mr. Richardson.

M street high school football team will play Storer College team at Harper's Ferry Saturday afternoon, November 5.

Hon. W. L. Houston spent several days in Niagara Falls, Buffalo, N. Y.; Philadelphia, and visited his family in this city over Sunday. He left on Monday for Chicago, Ill.

Misses Lula Allan and L. Blanche Wright, who formerly resided at 1314 V street N. W., now live at 453 Florida avenue N. W.

Mrs. Wilbur E. King, wife of Hon. Wilbur E. King, the assistant prosecuting attorney of Franklin county, Columbus, O., is spending several days in the city visiting Mrs. Harry A. Lynch, 1344 T street N. W. Mrs. King will also visit in New York city before returning to Columbus, O.

While in Ohio Prof. J. Sherman Hunnicutt, at present a clerk in the Bureau of the Census, will spend several days at Wilberforce University visiting his parents and assist in coaching the "Varsity" football team. Mr. Hunnicutt was coach three seasons, 1905, 1906, and 1907. The boys will welcome his coming with a lusty cheer and a cordial "howdy, Honey, howdy."

Judge F. L. Barnett of Chicago was in the city a few days this week, representing the State of Illinois in the prosecution of a defrauder.

Besides the examination for a teacher of German in the colored high schools of this city, an examination will also be held for teacher of Latin on November 11 and 12, according to information received from R. N. Mattingly, secretary of the Board of Examiners for Colored Schools. Circulars of information may be obtained from the secretary at the Armstrong Manual Training School, Washington, D. C. This examination is open to all graduates of accredited colleges.

Mr. John N. Goins of the Goins Printing Co. is very much pleased with the new location of their printing plant at 1344 You street E., where they have more space and increased facilities.

Mr. John T. Rhines, the prominent undertaker of the city, who has been ill, is very much improved.

Mr. H. P. Slaughter, the recently elected editor of the Odd Fellows' Journal, is in Philadelphia, Pa., for a few days.