

## Resolutions Introduced By Julius F. Taylor and Adopted by The Big Meeting at Bethel Church Last Sunday Afternoon.

Be it resolved, by the members of the Bethel Literary Society and other citizens herein assembled in Bethel church, this Sunday afternoon, July 8th, 1917.

First, that the time has now arrived to separate that class of cowardly and cringing, so-called leaders of the Colored race, who are loud in preaching the most destructive of all the doctrines that the Colored people must be content to forever remain the "hewers of wood and the drawers of water." That "they should have no higher ambitions in life, than to occupy menial and servile positions in all the affairs of this country."

From those, who firmly believe, that inasmuch as the Colored people have in a very large measure assisted in every way to cause this country to bloom and blossom like the rose in June, that they have filled the forests, drained the marshy bottoms, brought forth the cotton and the tobacco crops and labored hard for more than two hundred and fifty years without compensation to make this country one of the greatest nations on earth.

Therefore, the twelve million Colored people, scattered throughout the length and the breadth of this broad land, are freely entitled to enjoy all of their rights guaranteed to them by the constitution of the United States.

Second, that some immediate action should be taken by the Colored citizens of Chicago and throughout the State of Illinois, in severely denouncing and condemning the civil and military authorities at East St. Louis, Ill., for permitting anarchy and bloody assassination, mob and lynch law to hold forth in that city the first of the past week, at which time more than two hundred innocent and law abiding Colored men and women and children were shot down in cold blood or horribly massacred by the cowardly anarchists and law defying element residing in that city; that the homes of the Colored people were destroyed by the lighted torch as well as their scant belongings that men and women almost ninety years of age, as well as the suckling babe at its mother's breast, were murdered in the most horrible and ruthless manner; that it was the greatest massacre of innocent and inoffensive human beings without a just cause that has ever occurred in the savage or civilized world.

Third, that Victor A. Olander, secretary of the Illinois Federation of Labor and one of the members of the State Council of Defense should be held up as one of the most despicable individuals in this country and strongly condemned for publishing it to the world that the "Colored men of East St. Louis, Ill., were patiently waiting until all the white men in that city had departed for the war and then they, the Colored men, could easily assault the white women." Mr. Olander does not seem to realize the fact that the slave holder's rebellion held forth in this country for four years; that all of the able bodied white men of the South were away from their homes fighting to keep their slaves in chains; that their wives and daughters were left at home under the care of the protecting wings of their slaves and there is not one case on record where one Colored man attempted in the slightest degree to assault the white women left in his charge. Yet the secretary of the Illinois Federation of Labor, who is full of race prejudice clear through to the backbone would like to have the American people to believe that at this late day that all the Colored people have transformed themselves into wild ungovernable beasts; that they have no higher ambition than to assault white women.

Fourth, that the twelve million Colored people in this country should express their everlasting gratitude to that great and patriotic statesman, dashing soldier, who is one of the world's greatest characters, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who stood up in Carnegie Hall in New York City, Friday night, and boldly and courageously thundered forth against the unspeakable crimes perpetrated upon the Colored people at East St. Louis, Ill., at the same time crossing swords with Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who attempted to defend the actions of the blood thirsty mob; that Rev. W. D. Cook, the eloquent and honorable pastor of this church, Sandy W. Trice, president of Bethel Literary Society and its secretary, are

hereby instructed to prepare and forward a letter to Col. Roosevelt highly commending him for the noble and manly stand which he assumed in relation to the twelve million loyal Colored American citizens and that they are ready and willing to follow in his footsteps to the end of the earth.

Fifth, that the Colored people have freely poured out their blood on every battle field from the Revolutionary War down to the late war with Mexico; that well on to two hundred thousand Colored men fought in the war of the Rebellion for the preservation of the Union; that more than forty-four thousand of them were killed on four hundred and forty-four battlefields; that the Colored soldiers have never permitted Old Glory on the land or on the sea to trail in the dust in dishonor; that the Colored people in general are far more entitled to freely enjoy their civil and political rights in this country than the ignorant hordes who flock to these shores from the European countries.

Sixth, that the Colored people residing in this community have not held any mass meeting recently authorizing Louis B. Anderson, Edward H. Wright, Editor S. B. Turner, Editor Robert S. Abbott, B. H. Lucas, A. J. Carey and others to represent the two hundred thousand Colored people scattered throughout the State of Illinois in any capacity whatever, nor requesting them to set forth their sentiments which appeared in the Chicago Tribune, Saturday, July 7th, in relation to establishing all kinds of Jim Crowism and segregation for the Colored people residing in this city; that men who give expressions to such sentiments should not be permitted to pose as the true leaders of the Colored race.

Seventh, that the immortal Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and the father and the founder of Democracy on this continent, on one occasion exclaimed: that "He trembled for his country when he remembered that God is just and that one hour of slavery or bondage was fraught with more misery and suffering than whole ages of our Colonial oppressions; that more than four centuries before the Christian era, Alic damas, a pupil of Gorgias, taught that the Gods had sent forth all men free and equal; that slavery will in time bring down the judgment of Heaven on a country which tolerates it, as nations cannot be rewarded or punished in the next world, they will be in this by an inevitable chain of causes and effects, for God punishes national sins by national calamities." The words uttered by Mr. Jefferson at that time were true for the Gods of war have punished this country in connection with the freedom of the slaves, that unless the vast majority of the American people refrain from their lawlessness that it is only a question of time until the Democracy founded by Thomas Jefferson will be blotted out in a whirlwind of mob and lynch law, anarchy and bloody revolution.

Eighth, that the Colored people are sadly in need of new bold and courageous leaders, like unto Toussaint L. Overture, Christophe or Dessalines, to teach them bravery and heroism and to lead them out of the land of Jim Crowism, disfranchisement and segregation into the land of commercial and industrialism, civil and political freedom then they will be able to claim in the language of the immortal Patrick Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death!"

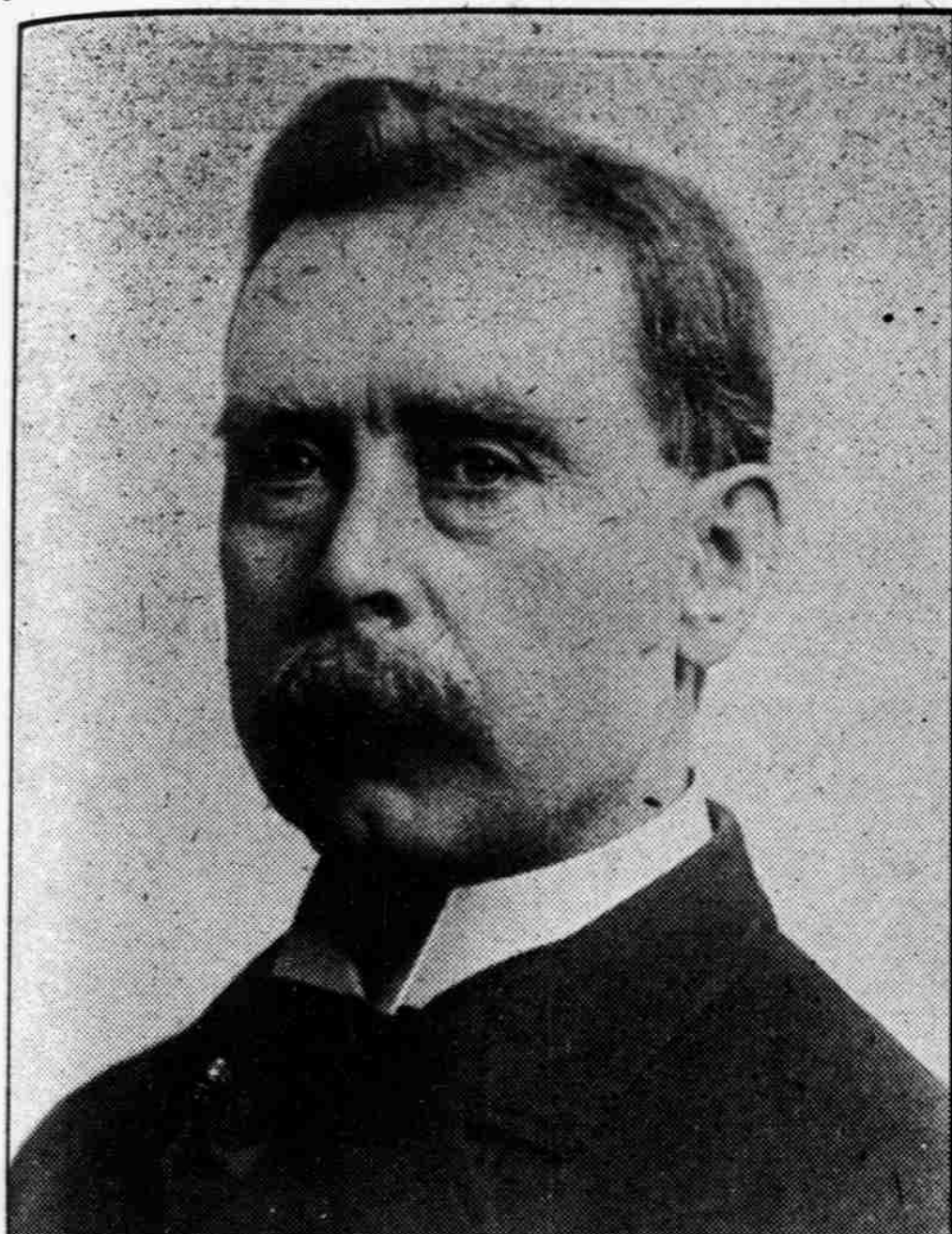
### THE ELITE NO. 1, SPORTSMAN'S CLUB WILL GIVE ITS FIRST ANNUAL OUTING.

Monday, July 16, the Elite No. 1, Sportsman's Club will give its first annual picnic at Leafy Grove, Willow Springs, Ill.

Special features will consist of fishing, running and jumping races; also fat men's race and other games of sport.

To reach Leafy Grove, take 31st or 35th street cars, transfer to Archer avenue, go to the end of that line then take Joliet Electric car, which will take you directly to the gates of the Grove.

J. H. Whiston, (Lovie Joe) head of the Sportsman's Club will be on hand to greet his many friends.



HON. THOMAS CAREY

President of the Carey Brick Company, millionaire real estate owner, who does not hesitate in letting it be known that his first and best boss down in Massachusetts was a Colored man. He is a true friend of the Colored race, and he firmly believes that Colored people are entitled to the same protection of the laws as the white citizens.

### PUNISHMENT FOR JACKIES PICKING NEGRO QUARRELS.

Bluejackets at the Great Lakes Naval training station who pick quarrels or offer unprovoked insults to Negroes, either in Chicago or on electric cars on the north shore, will be arrested and punished if complaints are made to the naval authorities at the station. A statement to this effect was forthcoming from Capt. W. A. Moffett.

Negroes who bluejackets have encountered on the cars have been ordered in some instances to get off, Capt. Moffett said, and offensive remarks made to them.

Negroes employed at Fort Sheridan as cooks at the training camp complain that they have been attacked on the cars lately by bluejackets, and in other instances have been taunted and threatened with ropes. Negro women claim they have been insulted. —From the Chicago Tribune, July 9, 1917.

In connection with the memorial address which appeared in the columns of that Negro hating sheet Saturday morning, July 7th, it is useless to comment on the above item.—Editor.

Hon. S. W. Green, Grand Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias throughout the world, arrived in this city last evening from New Orleans, La., and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. T. Watkins, 3332 Calumet avenue. He will leave this evening for a short business trip to New York City.

Dr. D. E. Burrows, 3231 S. State street, highly ranks among the most popular M. D. in this city, for he is on the go all the time looking after the interest of his many patients.

### ATTORNEY W. E. MOLLISON RETURNS TO THE SOUTH TO LOOK AFTER SOME IMPORTANT LAW BUSINESS AND TO DELIVER SEVERAL PATRIOTIC ADDRESSES.

Monday evening, Attorney W. E. Mollison, who recently located in this city from Vicksburg, Miss., left for that city where he will transact some important law business and on Wednesday evening he delivered a patriotic address at Sunflower City, Miss., which he was to deliver on July 4th, at which time a great barbecue was held, which was participated in by both white and Colored folks. He also delivered addresses at Greenville and Mound Bayou, Miss., the last named city being the largest city in the United States controlled entirely by Colored people.

Mr. Mollison will return to this city Monday morning.

Rev. T. B. Jones of Peoria, Ill., is in the city on business.

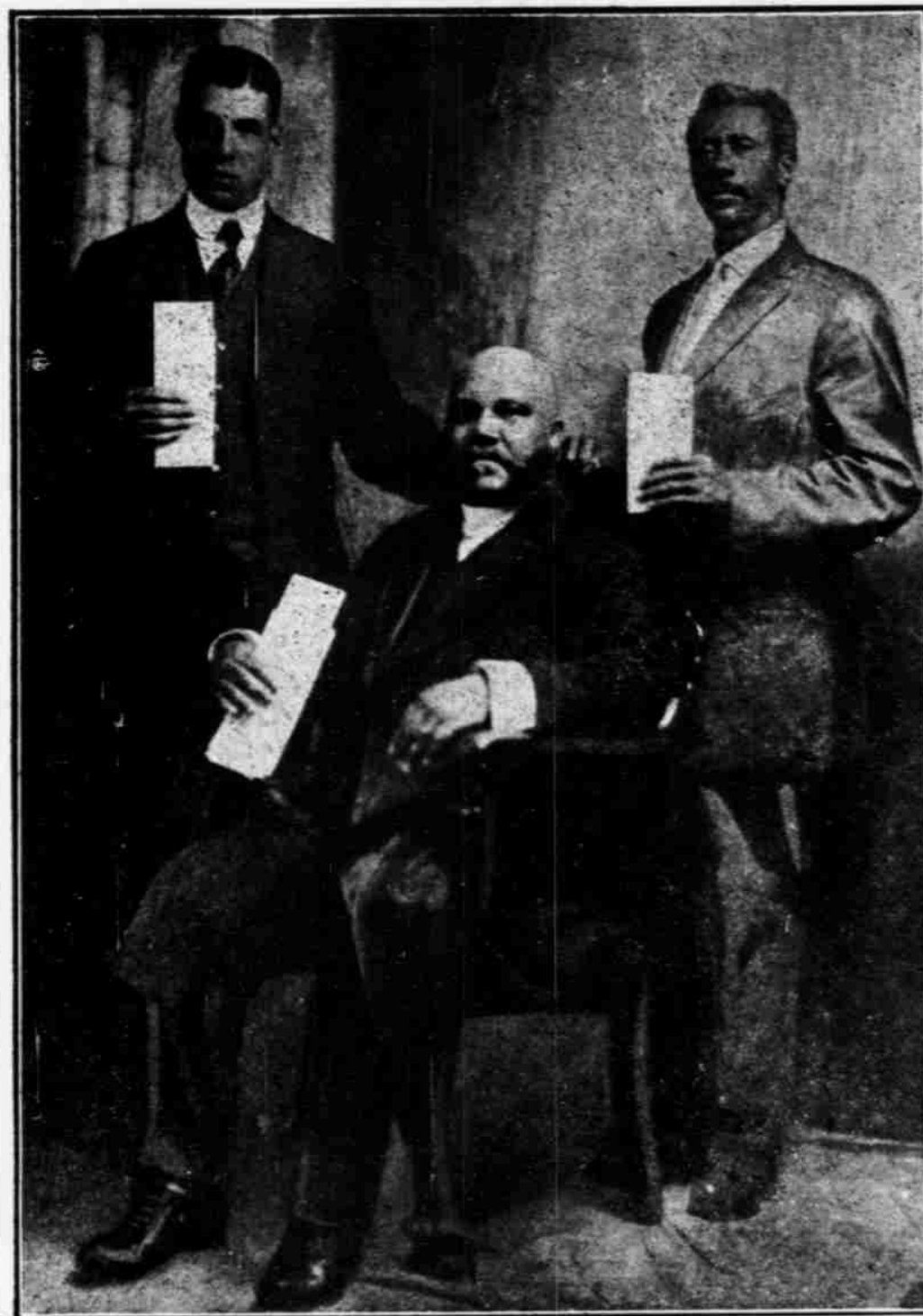
Bethel Literary will be addressed Sunday, July 15th by the following eminent speakers: Mr. A. L. Williams, Dr. M. A. Majors, and Attorney Martin L. H. Barclay. The subject to be discussed is Home the Sub-Strata of the Church. Every one cordially invited. Literary begins promptly at 4 p. m., good music. Rev. W. D. Cook, D. D., Pastor, Sandy W. Trice, Pres., J. T. Weenly, Sec.

This evening, the members of the Apomattox Club, 3441 S. Wabash avenue, will indulge in progressive whist from 8 to 12 o'clock. David A. McGowan, president, B. F. Mitchen, corresponding secretary.



HON. EDWARD D. GREEN

Author of the anti-mob law of Illinois. The people residing in Springfield in 1908, who had their property destroyed at the hands of the mob, collected in damages more than \$200,000. The Governor, under his anti-mob law, has the right to remove any sheriff of any county who fails to do his duty in the way of suppressing mob and lynch law. On Monday evening, July 2nd, Mr. Green left this city for Springfield and on Tuesday morning, July 3rd, he held a conference with Governor Frank O. Lowden, and two hours from that time the Governor and Mr. Green were on their way to the scene of the riot at East St. Louis, Ill. Mr. Green can always be found on the firing line, looking after the interest of the Colored race.



DR. SNELSON, PASTOR PRESENTING "NEW DEED." A. D. Cecil, Trustee Exhibiting "Old Mortgage," F. W. Clark, Steward Showing "Notes Cancelled," St. Mary's A. M. E. Church, Chicago, June 26, 1917.

### BISHOP H. B. PARKS' TRIBUTE TO ST. MARY'S A. M. E. CHURCH.

By William H. Ferris A. M. Author of "The African Abroad."

A large audience assembled in the St. Mary's A. M. E. Church, the Rev. Dr. Floyd Grant Snelson, F. R. G. S., Pastor, on July the Fourth, at the Grand Reunion Banquet and Thanksgiving Feast. Dr. Snelson, backed by a loyal Church on Sunday, June 24th raised \$1,687.25 in his rally, wiped off the first mortgage of \$1,500.00, cleared the Church of all trustee indebtedness and left a balance in the Trustee Treasury. But this finished Dr. Snelson's splendid work of last year, when he paid off the second mortgage of \$3,600.00.

The tables were tastefully set and a delicious menu of roast chicken ham, English peas, macaroni, beans, potato salad, custard pie, strawberry pie, sweet potato pie, assorted cake, ice cream, fruit and coffee was served.

Little Miss Arnetta Snelson, the ten year old daughter of the popular pastor recited the Episcopal letter of Bishop L. J. Coppin and Miss Lillian Whitfield, rendered the Episcopal letter of Bishop C. T. Schaffer, Mr. Gerald Young read an original poem praising the work of Dr. Snelson, Mrs. Sadie Lytle, Captain of the Indiana Club, which brought in the next highest amount to Dr. Snelson's Club; Mrs. Mary Freeman, Captain of the Kansas Club, No. 3, Mrs. A. B. Fannins in charge of the Cradle Roll; Mrs. Carrie Oliver, Captain of the Indiana Club, No. 1; Mrs. Mattie Norris, Captain of the Busy Bee; Mrs. Delia Strodder of the Deaconess Board, who represented the Palm of Victory Club; Mrs. D. P. Wilder, Treasurer of the Palm of Victory Club; Mrs. Emma C. Robinson of the Golden Star Club; Mrs. Hannah Thomas of the Hero Club; Mrs. Evalene Coston, of the "New" Club; Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, the hero leader of the Lily White Club; Mrs. Venetia Holeman, of the Lily White Club; Mrs. Nellie Piper, Secretary of Silver Star Club; Miss Letitia Ballenger of the Alabama Club; Mrs. Jane Moore, one of the Mothers of the Church; Mrs. Clara Little, one of the founders of St. Mary's Church; Mrs. Blanche Ward Snelson, Pres. of the Pastor's Club; Theodore Lee, the Preacher's Steward; Brother J. H. Bias; Brother Hawley, of the Berean Baptist Church and Brother Irving. All paid tributes to Dr. Snelson's splendid work.

Mr. W. E. Givens, in an eloquent speech said that Dr. Snelson's ambition was insurmountable. He paid a fine tribute to Mrs. Blanch Ward Snelson, the pastor's wife, who is a brilliant leader among the ladies of the Church, and he recited the poem entitled, "If God has given thou me, dear heart, The whole round world cannot keep us apart."

The real climax of the evening's program came when Bishop H. B. Parks was introduced amidst vigorous applause. The Bishop, whose pulpit eloquence has made his name a household word in African Methodism, paid a tribute to r. F. G. Snelson, which

will be long remembered. He spoke of the magnificent temple they would ultimately build, in which they would build character, transform lives and make happy homes. He referred to Dr. Snelson, the splendid leader, under whose magnificent aegis they had marched to victory. "In every great crisis", continued Bishop Parks, "God has raised up a leader to meet the emergency. In Dr. Snelson, you have found the 'Man of the Hour,' who enabled St. Mary's A. M. E. Church to cross the river Jordan and take possession of Jericho. You should rejoice that God has given you this splendid leader, whose indomitable spirit could not be surpassed, whose accomplishments could not be excelled. When the greatest man African Methodism has produced, with the possible exception of Richard Allen, (I refer to Bishop Henry McNeal Turner) desired some young man of fervent faith and crusading zeal to go to Africa, twenty-one years ago, the intrepid and gallant Floyd Grant Snelson, then a young Minister of the Gospel said, "Here am I, send me." And in Africa he built two splendid churches and opened several progressive Missions which are at work, even to this day."

I have lived in Chicago part of the time Dr. Snelson has been here and I have seen him grow in the favor of the citizens of Chicago. When he came to Chicago about two years ago, he was regarded as an erudite scholar and profound thinker. His wiping out the first Mortgage of \$3,600.00 in his first year here demonstrated the fact that he was something of a financier. But during the past year, he has won new laurels as a gifted and versatile preacher of the Gospel. His Quarterly Meeting Sermon on "Judas Iscariot" in St. John's A. M. E. Church, the one on "Health," in the Institutional Church and the one in Quinn Chapel made a profound impression upon the hearers. Some regarded the sermon on "Judas Iscariot" as the finest analytical study of the betrayer of Christ that had ever heard. Then too, in his own Church, Dr. Snelson preached a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer, which proved to be helpful, instructive and illuminating.

Both as a preacher, pastor and financier, Dr. Snelson has been courageous, capable and energetic. His faith, optimism, geniality and generosity have been reflected in the spirit of his members, which makes St. Mary's Church seem like a cheery and pleasant home. Dr. Snelson might well exclaim in the language of the Apostle Paul, "I am thankful that I have not been disobedient unto the Heavenly Vision."

Mr. Ira O. Guy entertained a number of friends at dinner Thursday evening at 5105 State street in honor of his uncle Jas. L. Guy of Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Walsh, 5258 Emerald avenue, are home again after a pleasant vacation trip to Benton Harbor, Mich. For many years Mr. Walsh has been one of the best deputy coroners of Cook county and he and Mrs. Walsh are both steadfast friends of worthy Colored people.