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**DOCTOR WALTER N. THOMAS SUCCESSFULLY HAN-
DLED MANY PNEUMONIA AND "FLU" CASES
LAST WINTER, AND THIS FALL SO FAR HE HAS
NOT LOST ONE PATIENT SO AFFECTED.**

**MRS. JULIUS F. TAYLOR FEELS VERY GRATEFUL OR
THANKFUL TO HIM FOR SAVING HER LIFE.**

**REV. I. N. DANIELS, PASTOR OF ST. JOHN A. M. E.
CHURCH, AND ITS MEMBERS OFFERED UP
PRAYER FOR THE RECOVERY OF MRS. TAYLOR,
WHO DESIRES TO EXTEND HER EVERLASTING
GRATITUDE TO HER MANY WARM AND STEAD-
FAST FRIENDS WHO SO LOYALLY STOOD BY
HER DURING HER SEVERE SPELL OF SICKNESS.**

Friday afternoon, October 24, Mrs. Lottie Carter, who is the best and dearest lady friend of Mrs. Taylor in this city, who with her husband, Mr. Edward Carter, reside in their own lovely two-flat building at 5423 South Wabash ave., hurried to the bedside of Mrs. Taylor and remained with her until that evening which seemed to make her feel much better and when Dr. Thomas arrived that evening we reminded him that the twenty-four hours had passed on into history and that she was still alive and after carefully examining her he intimated that he was able to detect a slight indication that she would survive her hand to hand fight or struggle with the black angel of death and the only thing to do was to continue to pour the medicine into her and also the hot whisky toddy; that her fever was just a fraction over one hundred. Later on, on that same Friday evening, Miss Jennie Collins, sister of Mrs. Lottie Carter also one of Mrs. Taylor's best and warmest friends, entered our home accompanied by Miss Martha A. Cuff, a trained nurse graduate of the Provident Hospital Training School of the class of 1916, and for the next eight or ten days, aside from Dr. Thomas, she was in full charge of Mrs. Taylor and her word was the law in that respect. Miss Cuff who fell in love with Mrs. Taylor, is thoroughly trained, is up-to-date and understands her business in the minutest detail. Above all she is very practical and we take great pleasure in recommending her to anyone who need the service of a first class highly trained nurse. She resides at 4950 South Wabash ave.

Saturday evening, October 25, will long be remembered for after Dr. Thomas had arrived and examined her he began to smile with pleasure for the fever had been routed within 24 hours from a fraction over one hundred down to 92½ and Dr. Thomas declared that unless some new troubles unforeseen arose that she would pull through safe and sound and there was great rejoicing on the part of those who were present at that time.

Mrs. Lottie Carter was the only person to be apprised of the improved condition on Saturday evening and she was so overjoyed that she rushed out in the streets from her home that evening, bought a young spring chicken, stewed it to the queen's taste and on Sunday afternoon she brought half of it and a lot of real chicken broth out for Mrs. Taylor but as she was not permitted to eat anything solid it fell to our lot to cause the real chicken to disappear; Miss Jennie Collins and Mrs. Bessie Kemp, 5757 La Fayette avenue, also a warm friend of Mrs. Taylor, accompanied Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Kemp brought some grape fruit and oranges; those were the only three of her old friends who were permitted to appear by her bedside on that lovely Sunday afternoon or evening, Madam Bertha L. Hensley who sent Mrs. Taylor a dozen of fine fresh eggs; Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Alexander all three members of St. John A. M. E. Church were among those who called on that same Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Davis, who brought a bottle of grape juice called in company with Mrs. R. E. Cross, Rev. I. N. Daniels, Pastor of St. John A. M. E. Church, and Mrs. Martha B. Anderson, were among the callers shortly after Mrs. Taylor was on the mend.

Mrs. Carrie Wanser, 3822 Calumet ave., sent a beautiful bouquet of white and pink chrysanthemums, oranges and grape fruit. Mrs. J. Smith, one of our neighbors, presented Mrs. Taylor with a large bouquet of beautiful chrysanthemums and prepared a young spring chicken for her Sunday dinner, November 2, which she greatly enjoyed. That same Sunday, Mrs. Lottie Carter made her freezer full of delightful sherbert and she and Mrs. Bessie Kemp, lodged her freezer from her lovely home, clear out to the home of Mrs. Tay-

lor, who got away with it without saying once, "My dear, would you like to try some of it?"

Later on that Sunday afternoon, Rev. I. N. Daniels called and he informed Mrs. Taylor that on Sunday, October 19, Sunday October 26 and Sunday, November 2, that he and all the members of St. John A. M. E. Church had offered up prayers for her recovery which seemed to please her very much and before he withdrew from her presence he eloquently called on his Lord and Master to stretch forth His strong and helpful arms and restore her to health again. While praying and talking he cut around at the editor right sharp and one of our dear lady friends who was present and assisted to prepare the Sunday dinner, was completely carried away with the prayer and remarks of Rev. Daniels.

Sunday evening, November 2, Mrs. Thomas and her little four-months' old baby daughter, Miss Lorine V. Thomas accompanied Dr. Thomas when he called and Dr. Thomas informed Mrs. Taylor that he thought the baby might assist to cheer her up and he laid it on the bed right by her side and the little Miss Lorine kicked up her little feet and extended her arms to us to take her and then she clung to us much closer than she did to either her father or mother and we had the nerve to tell Dr. and Mrs. Thomas to go off and hunt up Dr. Stork and let him find their another baby that we would hold on to little Miss Lorine as we had fallen in love with each other, for she did not want to leave us to return home with her parents.

Monday morning, November 3, Mrs. Rogers, the head Deaconess of St. John A. M. E. Church, who is Rev. Daniels' right hand aid and who is one of the most motherly women that can be found in all Chicago, called on Mrs. Taylor and brought a lovely large bunch of California grapes and every day Mrs. Rogers runs in just to see how she is getting along and Sunday, November 9, Mrs. Daniels of Evanston, Ill., the dutiful and pleasant wife of the Pastor of St. John Church called with Mrs. Rogers and the visit of both of them was highly enjoyed by Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. David M. Manson, 4406 Grand Blvd., who is one of the noblest and most lovable women in this city, who is a warm friend of the Taylor family presented Mrs. Taylor with two big beautiful bouquets consisting of white and pink carnations and with some lovely oranges and in receiving them Mrs. Taylor declared that Mrs. Manson is the purest salt of the earth, that she is one of her very best and truest friends.

In conclusion Mrs. Taylor and the writer, will ever feel thankful not only to those who have been mentioned in these columns but to the others who in any way assisted us during her hours of deadly illness and we want our friendship to last to the end of time.

JUDGE HOLMES ADDRESSED THE AMERICAN LEGION.

Last Tuesday afternoon a great patriotic meeting was held at the Lake View High School Building. The meeting was held for the American Legion. In fact it was a home coming welcome to more than two thousand members of this new American order and Dr. Brown of the Grand Army of the Republic and Judge George B. Holmes of the municipal court were the leading speakers on that pleasant occasion.

The Virginia Society will hold its regular meeting, Wednesday, November 19, at Bailey's Hall, 3638 S. State street. All members are requested to be present and all Virginians welcome. Meeting third Wednesday in every month.



THE LATE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON
The father and founder of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, who closed his eyes in death the middle of November, 1915.

Harvey A. Watkins, the Successful Real Estate Broker, Treasurer of Bethel Church and the Leading Republican Candidate for Committeeman of the Second Ward.

For more than a month great pressure has been brought to bear urging Mr. Watkins to enter the race for Committeeman of the Second Ward and after carefully considering every angle of the political situation and response to the strong demand made upon him, he has decided to make the race and has cast his hat into the ring. Mr. Watkins is no doubt the best qualified man to represent the Second Ward in the County Central Committee. Few men have had his experience in dealing with the masses. He has been very active in political, civic, fraternal and church affairs for many years. His genius and success as an organizer is well known throughout the State. He is a Mason of high standing, being a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, St. George Commandery, Western Consistory and Mystic Shrine. He is an Odd Fellow, Knight of Pythias, U. B. F., and Grand Lecturing Knight of the world of the Elks. He is Grand Treasurer of the Masonic Temples of Illinois, Member of the Y. M. C. A., Urban League, N. A. A. C. P., and on the Advisory Committee of the Y. M. C. A. He is Treasurer of the Trustee Board of Bethel Church; Member of the Chicago Business Men's League and Member of the Executive Committee of the Regular Second Ward Republican Club.

For a number of years he has been actively engaged in the Real Estate Business and today he has a large and successful business second to none on the south side, with office located at 3510 Indiana avenue. He has incorporated the Real Security and Loan Association, with a capital of \$50,000 under State Supervision, of which he is President and has associated with him a number of prominent business and professional men in the community. He is also President of the Improvement and Protective Association, an organization with more than a thousand members. He is active in the establishment of a State Bank on the south side and has subscribed for a large amount of stock.

Mr. Watkins is a large property owner and tax payer and has the community at heart.

With these many qualifications it can be readily seen that he will make an ideal committeeman for the Second Ward. He is very popular and well liked by all and has many friends among all factions.

He will use the office to promote harmony between factions in local city and county politics and he has pledged himself not to use the influence of the office to gain personal appointment or elective office and will do everything

to advance the political interest of his constituents of the Second Ward. We take great pleasure in recommending Mr. Watkins to the voters of the Second Ward for the office of Ward Committeeman.

THE PHYLLIS WHEATLEY HOME

Enjoyed a Prosperous Year Under the Active Management of Mrs. Eliza Johnson.

The annual report of the conduct of the business of the Phyllis Wheatley Home, 3256 Rhodes avenue, from October 20, 1918 to October 20, 1919, which report was issued by the authority of the Board of Directors, lies before us and it is contended that it is the first time in the history of the Home that a printed report has ever been furnished to its members and to those who are greatly interested in its success.

Mrs. Eliza Johnson, President of the Home from October 20, 1918, to October 20, 1919, worked hard, early and late, at all times for its success and as chairman of the membership drive, she has the honor of securing more new members than anyone else connected with it; the annual report shows that Mrs. Johnson secured nine regular members and forty-one associate members, the new members secured during the year amounted to 141, and twenty-seven renewals, one regular membership was paid for 1920.

The report contains the following statement or announcement by the retiring President.

To Our Friends and the General Public:
It has been a great pleasure to serve the institution of the Phyllis Wheatley Home during the past year and it has been our endeavor to place it upon a firm business basis, so that the confidence of the public might be held permanently.

We feel that we have accomplished our purpose in a large measure, as will be shown by this annual report. One of our aims has been to eliminate the giving of the many small entertainments which has been the custom, and which reduce our receipts so materially on account of the large per centage taken by the cost of collection. As a result there has been but one entertainment given under the auspices of the Board of Directors of the Home. Our endeavors have been directed to the obtaining of funds from memberships and our annual Tag Day, which was brought to our attention by Mrs. Joanna Snowden-Porter, our Treasurer. Our receipts for the year fell off in the same measure as the Tag Day receipts. As this did not discourage us, as the report of the Treasurer of the Tag Day Association shows that this deficit in receipts this year was general, only three going over the top. Again, we were unable to have our Benefit Ball Game, so generously contributed by Mr. A. Rube Foster, before

the war. Mrs. Porter brought this benefit to us also.

Our Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ruth A. Smith, reports twelve sessions of the Board of Directors for the year, and two quarterly meetings of the Association. As the Treasurer also acts in the capacity of Financial Secretary for us, to conserve printing cost, the finances are recorded in the statement of the Treasurer.

Mrs. Minnie Collins has held meetings each month for the Board of Managers and just at the close of the year this board has succeeded in perfecting plans for installation of electric lights in the Home, thus meeting a long felt need. Receipts of meeting \$265.50.

Mrs. T. G. Mason deserves credit for her management of the Directors' Meetings in such a way as to bring success to the business of the institution. Receipts of meeting \$191.42.

The Welfare Department, under Mrs. Carolyn Knight and Mrs. E. Johnson, raised funds to carry on the department work and greatly relieved the work of the Superintendent in the care of charity cases in the Home and helped others who were not eligible to enter.

At the close of the year we find that we have been able to increase the Associate Membership from eight, as recorded last year, to 111 and our Regular Membership from thirty to sixty-two, associates becoming regulars at a later date and one paying twice.

We leave the coal bin filled and the fuel paid for. All outstanding bills have been paid and the mortgage of \$4,000 reduced to \$3,500 during the year. Bedding and table linen so long needed to make our residents comfortable and clean has been provided.

Our water taxes have been exempted for the main building and we turn over to the new administration the work on a sound business basis.

We especially thank Mrs. Joanna Snowden-Porter for having guided us through this administration to this point. We also thank all who have contributed in any way to the administration's success.

Mr. Charles S. Jackson, Mr. F. S. Harsh, Jr., and Mrs. Mollie Johnson, together with all who assisted us on Tag Day, May 26, have our deep appreciation for their services.

The Home Committee deserves special mention for the splendid way in which they entertained our residents on Christmas Day. May the good work go on.

Yours respectfully,
MRS. ELIZA JOHNSON,
President.

The annual report of finances for the past year shows that the Home is in a healthy financial condition and if the Home prospers and progresses as well under the present management as well as it did under the management of Mrs. Johnson and her associates it will richly deserve the highest praise of all of the colored people residing in Chicago.

THE MOVEMENTS AMONG THE AFRO-AMERICANS IN NEW YORK CITY.

Spicy News Items and Comments Furnished by The Newspaper Service Bureau, 305 Broadway, New York.

The United Civic League, New York issued the following statement concerning the election results of November the 4th:

"Bravo! We salute the voters of Harlem for one colored Assemblyman and two colored Aldermen!"

The big, windy city of the West can no longer boast that Aladdin's wonderful political lamp can only be rubbed in Chicago.

With Assemblyman John Clifford Hawkins re-elected to the New York State Legislature and Dr. Charles H. Roberts and Editor George W. Harris elected to the Board of Aldermen in the city of New York, Chicago must sit up and take notice and if she is not watchful New York will reach Congress first.

Our slogan is: "On to Washington in 1920: Carry our fight for human rights, political justice and industrial freedom into the capital of the nation!"

Our demand upon the Grand Old party should not be cut short of four Congressmen at least for the colored republicans' support in the presidential election of 1920. Insist upon it!

Madden of Illinois is all right—but what is the matter with a Race man from Chicago? One from New York, one from Philadelphia, and one from John M. Langston's old congressional district in the State of Virginia! In fact, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and Kansas ought to regenerate and rejuvenate themselves in our national political life.

With the combined influence and efforts of organizations like the United Civic League, the Federation of Colored Organizations for the Colored People's Interest, the Lincoln League, the League for Democracy, the National Federation of Women's Clubs, the Equal Rights League and the N.A.A.C.P., the lost, strayed or stolen franchise of the Race can be reclaimed!"

Let every Race paper, every magazine, every church and fraternal organization in the United States help pave the way to Washington for colored Congressmen—help urge upon the Republican National Committee to encourage and designate colored congressmen wherever our voting strength will warrant the same.

Though the pluck and courage of the United Civic League which has fought steadily for the last six years the Race has at last secured voice in both the State Legislature of New York and the Board of Aldermen in New York City, and what has been accomplished locally in Chicago and New York can also be accomplished in the nation.

Washington is not so far off and each ballot helps to buy a ticket for a congressman. Do not let us be excited or misled by a few jobs or a little money and thereby lose the opportunity to protect our families and families with representation at Washington. Let every colored man and woman write and talk colored congressmen for our presidential support in 1920. The United Civic League at 184 West 135th Street and, the Newspaper Service Bureau, 305 Broadway, New York City, stand ready and willing to furnish information and literature to any desiring to urge the subject anywhere in this country."

The surprise of last Tuesday's election was the heavy vote polled by the colored candidates on the Socialist ticket. A Philip Randolph in the 19th Assembly district although in a sick bed and not able to campaign received 1600 votes mostly from white districts and Miss Grace Campbell in the 21st Assembly district polled over 850 votes in a contest with John Clifford Hawkins, Republican, and J. Frank Wheaton, Democrat, both colored. Both the Socialist candidates are persons of character and excellent reputation for ability in the community.

Professor Herbert Cecil Millar, B. S., M. A., Oxford University, is visiting friends in Brooklyn, N. Y. The professor is an exponent of the art of extemporaneous elocution and contemplates rendering his sacred drama "The Resurrection" at one of Brooklyn's churches sometime before the January revivals.

St. Mark's M. E. Church is going to have its annual fair commencing the week of November 24th. The fair is of especial importance this year as funds are to be raised to defray the expenses of the removal of the church uptown.

In the Junior National Cross-country Championship held Saturday, No-

vember the 8th, at Van Cortlandt Park, the St. Christopher Club, colored, finished third in the team scoring to Syracuse University and the Finnish-American A. C. The order of the finish of the St. Christopher boys was J. Goff, 12th; S. Jackson, 13th; O. Mitchell, 15th; George Williams, 20th and W. Stokely, 24th.

The first grand re-union of the Butler Memorial M. E. Church was held Monday evening, November the 10th, at St. Mark's Hall. A fine crowd was present. The stars of the programme were Mr. Walter Hunter the famous baritone and Marie Jackson Stuart and Harold E. Simmelkjaer, the well known elocutionists.

The Clubmen's Beneficial League held a meeting on Friday, November the 7th for the purpose of stimulating enlistments in the 15th N. Y. Infantry. Speeches were made and resolutions adopted. Lt. Col. Charles Fillmore, Dr. E. P. Roberts, newly elected, Alderman Charles H. Roberts and Mr. Leon E. Mertins of the Newspaper Service Bureau were among the prominent speakers of the evening. Mr. Mertins and Dr. Roberts were appointed members of the committee of eleven to assist through publicity in helping out the recruiting.

Mrs. Bertha Banks, 31, of 133 West 140th Street, was held in \$2,000 cash bail on a charge of murder last Tuesday in the Washington Heights Court. Mrs. Banks, who is prominent socially, is alleged to have assaulted Elizabeth Hobson of 218 W. 141st Street with a blunt instrument, Miss Hobson dying in the Harlem Hospital a few days after the alleged assault. It is also said that the argument between the two women was over a prominent New York minister.

Mrs. Maggie Walker of Richmond, Va., head of the I. O. St. Luke's, visited Harlem last week to attend the convention of the order which was being held at the St. Luke's headquarters, West 130th Street.

Three Colored Republicans were elected to office in the recent political campaign. They were John C. Hawkins for the 21st Assembly District, George W. Harris for the 26th Aldermanic District, and Dr. Charles H. Roberts for the 27th Aldermanic District. Roberts and Hawkins are both Lincoln men while the alma mater of Harris is Harvard University. The surprising feature of the campaign were the defeat of J. Frank Wheaton, colored, by Hawkins, and the overwhelming vote cast by Negroes for James O'Malley on the Republican ticket for enrograte. They voted heavily for O'Malley in spite of his record against Negroes in the famous Benjamin Thomas case and showed an utter indifference in wishing to elect a man who was an avowed enemy of the race and whose only qualification being that he was on the Republican ticket.

The big attractions at Manhattan Casino on Election Day were the Alpha P. C. C.'s matinee dance and the dance and basketball games of the Spartan A. C. in the evening. Both were very well attended. The game in the evening was between the Spartan Braves and the Owls of New Jersey. The Braves after an exciting contest were returned the victors.

The play at the Lafayette last week was "The Invisible Poe" with Evelyn Ellis in the leading role. It played to fairly large houses being a melodrama of mediocre type which the best acting failed to completely save.

Mr. R. S. Abbott, owner of the "Chicago Defender" was a visitor to Harlem last week.

The N. A. A. C. P. held a public meeting at Salem Lyceum last Thursday evening. Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, editor of the "Crisis" and Mr. Walter White one of the field secretaries were the principal speakers. The meeting was for the purpose of arousing public sentiment in favor of the elimination of segregation in the government departments at Washington.

The new colored Y. M. C. A. opened or rather re-opened in a blaze of glory last Saturday. The previous opening had before the full programme was completed been postponed because of a strike of the electrical workers in the building. Sunday, November the 10th, Reverend C. T. Walker of Augusta, Ga., "The Black Spurgeon" who was the founder of the Colored Men's Branch in New York, spoke to a crowded house. (Continued on page 2).