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U. B. F.'S AND S. M. T.'S HOLD ANNUAL SERMON.

One of the most imposing scenes ever witnessed in Kansas City was seen at the Second Baptist church and at Allen chapel at Tenth and Charlotte streets last Sunday afternoon. The occasion was the annual thanksgiving sermon of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten. The order has grown to the extent that there is no colored church in the city large enough to hold the entire body at one time, hence the unprecedented happened and the organization divided, part of them worshipping at Allen chapel and the other part at the Second Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Hurse preached at Allen chapel and Rev. T. A. Wilson preached at the Baptist church. Mrs. Bertha Hayes, Princess of J. W. Hurse Temple, was princess of the day, and A. P. Brown, master of Fred Douglass lodge, was master of the day at the Second Baptist church. Mrs. Missouri Ford, Princess of Queen Beatrice Temple, and Paul W. Whitworth, master of Justice lodge, were the master and princess of the day at Allen chapel.

Both churches were crowded to their utmost capacity. I could not be in attendance at both churches, and my Temple having been assigned to Allen chapel, I worshipped there.

It was a magnificent sight to see the many sisters with their smiling faces and beautiful snowy white garments; the brothers with their earnest countenances and splendid lodge uniforms, and the camp leader, Neal Range, in their magnificent new fall dress uniforms, their chapeaus, with the beautiful purple plumes and their shining silver swords. This was indeed an inspiring sight.

After a few remarks from the master of the day, Bro. Paul Whitworth, the right worthy grand master of the state of Missouri and its jurisdiction, Dr. J. H. Williams, was introduced and after having been given grand honors by the entire body, he addressed them in his own eloquent way.

Rev. J. W. Hurse, third member of the board of management and minister of the day, was introduced, and preached an excellent sermon, "Ethiopia Shall Stretch Forth Her Hands, to God," taking for his theme "The Progress of the Race." The sermon was highly instructive as well as spiritual, showing that Rev. Hurse was well up on the doings of his race, their financial and moral condition all over the United States, and the spirit of the Almighty was with him throughout his sermon. Truly it was a masterpiece.

The music was furnished by the U. B. F. and S. M. T. choir under the direction of Miss Magnolia Lewis.

This young lady deserves much credit for untiring efforts with this choir. For the past six years she has kept this choir intact and has them ready at a moment's notice to do service for the sister and brotherhood on any occasion. And when it was known that the organization was to be divided on this occasion the question arose, what shall we do for music, but Miss Lewis bade the general committee rest easy as their own U. B. F. and S. M. T. choir was large enough to divide and a part of them would be sent to each church.

All persons who were present at Allen chapel will agree with me when I say the music was excellent and that Miss Lewis certainly knows her business as a directress. We have but to ask Miss Lewis for what we want in her choir and we get it. She is unassuming, sweet tempered and good natured always, but a tireless worker in every branch of this grand old order. We are proud of her, proud of her ability and we are willing to admit that she is one of the most valuable members not only in the city but in the jurisdiction.

Mrs. Birdie Thurman, a member of Miss Lewis' Temple as well as a member of the choir, covered herself with glory in the singing of her solo, "God Will Take Care of You." She has a beautiful voice and knows how to handle it.

The finance committee, consisting of Mrs. Lizzie Moten, chairman; Mrs. Phyllis Lynn, secretary, and Mr. Joseph Farron, reported \$102.60 as the collection for the afternoon.

Fifteen temples and six lodges were in attendance at Allen chapel and the master and past master, princess and past princesses presented a beautiful picture as they sat around the altar. Thus ended one of the most impressive sermons in the history of the order.

Besides having a number of grand lodge officers present, we were favored with the presence of the following grand temple officers: Mrs. Sara Lee Hammett, grand first maid of honor of the Grand Royal House; Mrs. Alice Lewis, a member of the grand sic committee; Mrs. Hattie Williams, past grand Joshua; Mrs. Lula M. Bates, grand first attendant of Grand Royal House; Miss Magnolia Lewis, past grand treasurer, and Mrs. Annie E. Floyd, second grand trustee of the Grand Temple.

MRS. ANNIE E. FLOYD.

Next week the publishing committee of the Colored Federated Charities will publish a full report of all donations received since last report.

Centennial General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, Held in Bethel A. M. E. Church, Philadelphia, Penn., May, 1916.

By EDW. R. VAUGHAN, Dean Shaffer Theological Seminary, Western University.

Mr. Editor, with your permission I wish to give your many readers the benefit of some information about our General Conference which closed last week in Philadelphia:

This is a very large as well as very representative body of Colored people. Classified, it is composed of the following: Bishops, General Officers, Presidents of our Colleges, Dean of our Theological Seminaries, and members elected by the various annual conferences. The total membership is 634. As to the magnitude of the work and territory covered, some idea may be gained by this statement: We had delegates from South and West Coast Africa, British America, Bermuda, the West Indies, South America and the United States. Thus viewed, it is seen that the sun never sets on African Methodism in action. As to the personnel of this body, every profession of faithful occupation was represented—teacher, preacher, lawyer, doctor, banker, insurer, farmer, artisan and what not was there. Truly, a cosmopolitan gathering of representative Negroes.

Philadelphia, the city that entertained the conference was founded about 1681 by the Quakers under William Penn, on a vast tract of land along the Delaware river, granted the Penn family in cancelling a great debt which the English Crown owed the Penn family. Every inch of ground, therefore, thereabouts is historic and most of the great fundamental principles underlying our government had their origin here.

But back to the subject: A centennial procession was formed in accord with the classification above and was four and a half blocks in length. It encircled a square, passing the ancient landmark, the A. M. E. Book Concern, returning entered Mother Bethel where rests the ashes of Richard Allen its founder, and where may be seen the quaint old pulpit from which he preached, the old chair in which he sat, the old clock that looked forward to the Centennial General Conference.

Bishop Tyree and the sub-committee of management had provided well for the conference's entertainment. A post office, telegraph office, telephone office, spacious dining rooms, automobile service and a banking system directed by very efficient financial secretary, Professor John R. Hawkins. The Daily Recorder, larger and more complete than ever before at any of our General Conferences, was well edited by Professor Wright, Dr. McDonald and Dr. Allen. The west will be pleased to know, because of efficiency the most conspicuous person on the staff of reporters was Miss Jaunita Adams, who graduated from the Business Department of Western University a few years ago and who is now with the A. M. E. Sunday-School Union. Bishop Lee presided over the opening session.

Early in the second week of conference a large delegation made an official pilgrimage to Bethel A. M. E. church, Baltimore, Md., which enjoys the honor and distinction of being contemporaneous with Mother Bethel, Philadelphia, in early labors. It is, therefore, an historical spot. Hence the visit.

The fraternal messages from other churches were very cordial and indicated a healthy growth in them. At one time it seemed that all our seminaries would be discontinued but two, the Western Christian Recorder discontinued, the office of the Manager of Book Concern abolished and also that of educational secretary, but mature deliberations left them as they were. The election of more bishops was controverted for several days, finally by a very decided majority vote the doors were opened and an agreement entered into to elect two more bishops.

After a very spirited campaign all the old general officers were re-elected. By resolution all our schools, colleges and universities are to be standardized through the co-operation of Educational Secretary. Committee to standardize all our Theological Seminaries are Dean George E. Woodson, Wilberforce University; Dr. O. E. Jones, pastor Lexington, Ky.; Dean Edward R. Vaughan, Western University; President W. A. Fountain, Morris Brown College; Dean T. B. Nelson of Allen University.

The pageant arranged by Prof. Du Bois to counteract the "Birth of a Nation" was a great feature in Philadelphia during the conference. Twelve hundred persons took part. It has been played in New York, Boston and Philadelphia to mammoth audiences. The episcopal committee on which our own Dr. Ransom, Dr. Peck, Dr. Crews and Dr. Craw are members, made the assignment of bishops for the ensuing quadrennium.

Thus ended the 100th anniversary of African Methodist growth.

Mrs. Cora Cox, 2216 Woodland avenue, has just returned from a visit to Eastern cities, including New York, Washington and Atlantic City.

A CREED.

To live as gently as I can,
To be, no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill
And cling to faith and honor still;
To do my best, and let that stand
The record of my brain and hand,
And then, shall failure come to me
To work and hope for victory.

To have no secret place where—
I stoop unseen to shame or sin;
To be the same when I'm alone
As when my every deed is known;

To live undaunted, unafraid
Of any step that I have made;
To be without pretense or sham
Exactly what men think I am.

To leave some simple mark behind
That I have lived for men to find
If enmity to aught I show
To be an honest, generous foe;

To play my little part, nor whine
That greater honors are not mine.
This, I believe, is all I need
For my philosophy and creed.

—Detroit Free Press.

REV. WILLIAM H. THOMAS WILL PREACH THE BACCALUREATE SERMON TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF THE WHEATLEY PROVIDENT HOSPITAL AND NURSE TRAINING ASSOCIATION SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 11 8 P. M. AT ALLEN CHAPEL, 10TH AND CHARLOTTE STS.

Special music will be furnished by Professor R. G. Jackson. The graduating exercises will be held Thursday evening, June 15, at Centennial M. E. Church, 19th and Woodland avenues. You and your friends are cordially invited to be present.

BROTHERHOOD.

By B. V. LONGDON.
Turn from the glaring headlines in the newspapers of the day, from the accounts of carnage and suffering, and think how nobly the spirit of brotherhood is fostered and adhered to in the nations. Yet in my emphatic opinion real brotherhood is getting rusty and corroded around the edges. Whether banker or pauper, ruler or ruled, white or black, under the skin we are pretty much all alike, and to accomplish the purposes of brotherhood we must possess a real heart instead of a mere pumping machine. The concrete facts of sudden disaster and dreadful loss instantly quicken the abstract sense of kinship and bring sharply home to every one the lesson

of our interdependence in all the vital concerns of life—of our constant need as individuals, of charity in thought, of kindness in deed, and of promptness in well doing. We see crime on every hand; we see hideous poverty; we see prostitution assuming gigantic proportions; we read of mobs and vast armies and navies; we see and read all of this in an age enjoying the greatest prosperity, in all lines of activity, that the world has ever known. Is it not natural to ask—is anything held so cheap as human life? In my equally emphatic opinion we should all be inspired to practice the spirit of brotherhood and in a greater or lesser degree, dedicate our lives to the purpose of bettering conditions and helping our fellows.



MME. CORA MERRITT EVANS.

Soprano soloist who, with Mme. Corinne Bettis Smith, reader, will give a recital Monday, June 19, at the Sumner High School, Kansas City, Kas. for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A.

ON SOCIAL EQUALITY.

By CHAS. A. STARKS.

The things that make for a higher civilization naturally make for a better society. Science, art and literature forms the triple alliance which has ever importantly promoted men to higher planes of experience. These subjects occupy the minds of those that make up our communities. These subjects of discourse are represented and discussed in their multifarious subdivisions. These make up the great idea of human life. Here sociality becomes a world thought.

To every individual of the world the pertinent question could be asked: How have you complied with the conditions of human experience that you found here upon your arrival and your awakening to manhood? How much have you contributed to the stability of the social institutions? The final question appears to be: How far have you at 1:30. The Hornets are going to celebrate their opening game by making it ladies day. All ladies escorted by gentlemen will be admitted free. If not they will be required to pay the general admission. Hon. Nelson C. Crews will pitch the first ball across the plate. The Troost avenue car will carry you to the gate. General admission 25 cents to grand stand. Box seats 10 cents extra.

Social equality is only proven by some body's social proclivities. It is necessary, in order to prove any degree of social equality to standardize those who would socialize, and therefore form what is correctly called society. But in the standardization of men let us have truth, value, merit, honesty and purity. Let these form the basis, the substratum of our existence.

The true value of any knowledge is its immediate application or demonstration. Therefore a brief examination of the applied term social equality will reveal wonders. We have seen a reasonable definition of the phrase, now note the sophistries: Social equality means white supremacy. It means pushing back one unit and holding up another; it means ignoring the merit sign and putting a premium on color and caste; it means hate against love and prejudice against justice. All of which serves to prevent a free or companionable representation and discussion of social ethics among all qualified units and naturally stays the wheels of progress.

As for the Colored man who is unhappy the butt of this illogical course. He is still demanding some of his primitive rights and asking a smattering of consideration. The Colored man knocks at the portal of social equality—call it social justice if you want to, but I prefer the former.

The white man forces the average Colored man away from the very idea of "social equality." The Colored thinker comes back with the claim that he only wants "social justice." But when was there ever justice without equality? The scales correctly balanced spell either "justice" or "equality." Two and two are four, and this conclusion is reached either by a just or equal law of reasoning. Now, what is the difference? Put 1-c-e after just—and 1-t-y after equal—and you have respectively "justice" on the one hand and "equality" on the other. Can you beat it?

The constant and recurring assumption of our white fellow is his vaunted superiority. He does this to reject the equally constant knocking of his Colored brother who summons him to account by his own meritorious contentions for recognition. The brother in black says in substance: I conform with what I find here already established; I accept it; I meet the conditions of your common cause; I aid its stability by my work; I contribute to its elevation by my genius and soul; its solidarity by my loyalty to the working principles; I give you patient toil; I suffer for you; I give you music to cheer you; music from Africa's muse from Ethiopia, the land of the day sun; I give you heart and service in the calling of citizenship; I am meeting the requirements of manhood and a new day. The spirit of a nobler civilization is upon me, I am looking up, not selfishly, but for humanity. Now what I ask, yes demand,



JOHN MITCHELL, JR.

President of Mechanics' Saving Bank of Richmond, Mo., editor of the Richmond Planet, Grand Chancellor of the K. of P.'s of that state, who will be one of the speakers at the National Negro Business League to be held in this city in August.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The Masonic family of Buffalo, N. Y., enjoyed a real treat in the visit of Mrs. Alfonso Wilson of Omaha, N. Y., lecturer of Missouri, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Chase, Mrs. Wilson illustrated the work both in a public lecture and a private meeting with Naomi chapter No. 10, in a manner hitherto unequalled. Mrs. Wilson is distinguished as being one of the most enthusiastic lecturers and best informed members of female Masonry Buffalo has ever heard.

The beautiful parlor of Mrs. G. H. Chase was taxed to its capacity on Monday evening. The occasion being the Masonic reception tendered Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Chase was chairman. The Masonic lecture given by Mrs. Wilson enlisted the warmth of all those interested in Masonry.

After the social side of Buffalo being much enjoyed by the Western visitor she left Saturday morning to visit the Grand chapter at New York City. Mrs. Wilson on returning home will speak to Tyre and St. John's lodge.—J. R. Mason, P. H. G. Patron, Jurisdiction New York.

Mrs. Mattie G. Wilson, 2451 Euclid avenue, who has been quite ill, is convalescing.

GRAND OPENING.

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ALLEN CHAPEL.

An unusually large congregation assembled at Allen chapel last Sunday

morning and the services were up to the usual high standard. Rev. W. H. Thomas preached both morning and evening. June 16 the choir will give an entertainment. The program will be furnished by Prof. Jackson's music students. The proceeds will go toward buying lockers for the choir members. June 18 Rev. A. A. Gilbert will preach. Junior Endeavor at 6:30. Mrs. Radcliff is supervisor.

Mr. A. W. Lloyd, grand chancellor Knights of Pythias of Missouri, is in the city for about ten days visiting the Kansas City lodges. Mr. Lloyd reports that he finds them in good working order and is well pleased with the outlook.

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