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Mr. E. E. Cooper's reputation as a journalist is no more firmly established than the liberality and good judgment which characterizes him as a host. He is a progressionist in obtaining the best that can be had in the way of edibles as well as news, and among his intimates this is so well known that when catering to the mental or physical wants of his friends, they anticipate and realize a feast fit for the gods. Last Thursday a luncheon given by him to Hon. George H. Jackson, of Cincinnati, an ex-member of the Ohio legislature, the meteoric T. Thomas Fortune of New York, and Robert Harlan of Cincinnati was Lucullan in its completeness. The plethoric purse of the multimillionaire epicure could have furnished nothing better or more palatable. The succulent blue point oyster found a companion in Duff Gordon Sherry, an appetizer for the clarified consommé served in dainty china. Planked shad—the Potomac's famous product—artistically garnished and the first of the season, broiled squab tender and tasteful as the accompaniment of current jelly. Hot house tomatoes with mayonaisse dressing, toothsome salads and numerous side dishes, rum omelet nestling amid the blue flames of the Jamaica import, a duplicate of the "piece de resistance" that helped to make Chamberlain's reputation. The extract of the "clustered spheres of wit and mirth" sparkling as the conversation was, served with each course, and when French coffee and cigars brought to a close an occasion long to be remembered, the guests by unstinted praise and the destruction wrought, fully attested their appreciation of the host.

A source of general satisfaction was the excellent service given by Messrs. Gaskins and Gaines, the colored restaurateurs, who are rapidly building up a reputation at their Eighth street place of business as expert caterers capable of serving the very best in the very best manner. Mr. Cooper is a Western product with a true understanding of genuine Southern hospitality, and when he has his friends around the mahogany, it is a source of mutual enjoyment and pleasant memories.

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The Hon. Francis Bryce Commends Mr. Washington's Book.

House of Commons, London, Eng.

February 7th, 1900.

Dear Mr. Washington—I thank you cordially for the copy of your book which has just reached me. I shall read it with the greatest interest and am sure I shall learn much from it. That which I have heard from you here in England leads me to believe that I shall also—so far as I venture to express an opinion—find myself in accord with your views. Social, moral and intellectual progress are the first things—it seems to me—for your people to aim at. The rest will come in the train of these. And industrial training seems to me one of the best roads to social and moral progress.

With most earnest wishes for the success of the work of your institute, I am,

Very faithfully yours,

JAMES BRYCE.

To Mr. Booker T. Washington.

Bishop Alexander Walters, of Jersey City, N. J., spent a few days in the city this week with friends and looking after the interests of the Quadrennial Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, which will be held in this city in June. The Bishop is looking well and as chipper as ever.

Mr. Harry Shepard, of St. Paul Minn., the official stenographer of the Great Northwestern Railroad, who has been a guest at the Southern Hotel in this city, left for his home in the West last Tuesday. Mr. Shepard has been appointed by the Paris Exposition Committee to assist Mr. T. J. Calloway, Special Superintendent of the Negro Exhibit, to take photographic views showing the progress of the race in this country. In company with Mr. Calloway, he visited many points of interest in the South. He spent a week in Washington taking views, and his work will make a magnificent showing for the race. Mr. Shepard is a remarkable man and an artist of the first class. He is a member of the Northwestern Photographers' Association and was awarded the highest prize at the Tennessee Centennial. He made many friends while in this city.

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