

THE SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

Dr. McClelland's Masterly Work
And New Ambulance.

In the upward march of progress the Negro is entering the avenues of every profession and industry. In no profession has he shone more resplendently than in the medical profession. In fact it seems to have been left for the Negro surgeons and physicians to set the pace in this oldest of all professions—medicine and surgery.

The Colored American has frequently called attention to the Hospital and Training School for Nurses, located in Charleston, S. C., of which Dr. A. C. McClelland is Surgeon-in-Charge. This school had a very humble beginning, but in the hands of that master spirit, Dr. McClelland, it has grown into

charge is Dr. A. C. McClelland, the house surgeon is Dr. B. F. Rivers, the head nurse is Frances A. Dore, and the matron is Celestine L. Martin. The purpose of the school is the training of colored women as nurses. The course of instruction covers a period of two years, the first year being devoted to lectures and practical work in hospitals, and the second year to practical work in the hospitals and to outside cases. The original debt of \$4,500 on the hospital building has been reduced to \$1,500, and the affairs of the institution have been managed with great economy; its current expenses having been met, without aid from the city or State, by "the small fees charged for patients and the income from nurse service in private families."

"Our success so far with the

endowed, so that it will not be compelled to live from hand to mouth.

A HISTORY OF THE
AMBULANCE.

It is said that necessity is the mother of invention, and the birth of the ambulance came through necessity. The money to purchase it was raised through subscription. This was started July 15 of last year and on Thanksgiving Day the ambulance was received from the builder, and \$175.00 paid on it through the subscription started. The lamps were given by the Chief of the Fire Department, who is a great friend of the work. The cost of the ambulance was \$250, and \$50 is now due. Recently a friend of Dr. McClelland raised \$15 among the Fire Department



THE NEW AMBULANCE,
Hospital and Training School for Nurses, Charleston, S. C.

large proportions and is now one of the institutions of which Charleston, the Queen City of South Carolina, is justly proud. In addition to the many innovations and improvements made in and with the rapid growth of this school, is an ambulance system, perhaps the first of its kind in the South for a private institution of the colored people. A picture of this new feature of the Hospital and Training School is herewith given, as well as one of Dr. McClelland, the master spirit in the work.

Let the Charleston News and Courier tell the story of this institution:

"The Hospital and Training School for Nurses was established in this city in 1897. Its officers and its executive committee are colored men. The surgeon in

limited money at our command," says Dr. McClelland in his last annual report, "should give us encouragement to continue in well-doing, and make us determined to continue in the good work until the institution is complete in all its departments, and so enlarged as to meet the demands of the future."

Last year 145 patients were treated at this hospital, only 18 of whom died; and 93 were discharged "cured." This is a very fine record. Dr. McClelland and his assistants and the officers and members of the corporation controlling the school ought to be encouraged in every practicable way. If they had more money they would be able to accomplish more and better work, and it is hoped that some plan may be devised by which the school can be liberally

and bought a gong to go with the ambulance, which is now doing good services, and which is used to go into country districts six or eight miles to bring in the sick.



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ACTIVE MASTER MASONS.

The Master's Association F. A. A. M., met at its rooms, 1213 Linden street southeast, Sunday, the 17 inst., and was royally entertained by Mr. A. T. Newman and his estimable wife, who spread a

feast fitting for the gods. Mr. Newman is secretary of the executive committee of said association, which he has accommodated to rooms for the present year. The Master's Association is a new idea of the social function among the Masters of the Masonic frater-

nity, and is accomplishing great good. It will give its first annual social evening some time in June.

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Mr. J. N. Vandewall, a prominent business man of East Orange, N. J., passed through the city one day last week en route from Richmond, Va., where he went to attend the funeral of a relative.