

Prof. Cromwell's Reminiscences.

This is a season of great interest to the thousands of Virginia Baptists now with their descendants living in Washington. Two of our largest and most prosperous churches have celebrated their anniversaries, one its forty-second; the other its forty-first. It was in the midst of the Civil War that refugees following the path opened by the victorious Union armies, coming largely from Fredericksburg where they were members of Old Shiloh Church, organized the Shiloh Church here, and in the following year in a distant section of the city, the Zion Baptist Church. For a time, Rev. William J. Walker was the pastor of both congregations. In 1868 Rev. William Gibbons of Charlottesville, Va. became pastor of Zion and continued until his death in 1885. He was succeeded by the present incumbent, Rev. William J. Howard, a native of Caroline Co., Va. To day Zion numbers more than two thousand members and is one of the most prosperous colored churches of the country as well as being noted for its vigorous spiritual life.

Late in the eighties Rev. Walker, pastor of Shiloh, closed his career after having seen his church develop from the small beginnings of 1863 and outgrow two meeting houses. As in the early days the bulk of the membership remains Virginia-born, with the traditions, the personality and the characteristics of the Old Dominion. It was not surprising that the mantle should have fallen on Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, whom the colored Baptists of Virginia and Virginians generally have known so well. Notwithstanding the organization by disaffected members, the Walker Memorial Church, Shiloh, under his administration has kept pace with population and the general progress of the colored Baptists of the National Capital. Its membership exceeds fifteen hundred, has twice during his pastoral career, seated its edifice at the cost of several thousand dollars on which there is a steadily diminishing indebtedness.

The "Church of God and Saints of Christ," has held a four days' convention in the True Reformers' Hall, corner Twelfth and U. Streets. The doctrines and practices of this denomination are not only unique but decidedly peculiar and more in keeping with a state of primitive civilization than the twentieth century. Their practices include foot-washing, title giving, keeping of the Jewish Sabbath and the recognition of a living prophet.

Sunday they paraded the streets to the number of 275, the women dressed elegantly in white, some of them wearing crowns ornamented in red and gilt. The men were in full and evening dress. Prophet William S. Crowley, an octogenarian with "fleece locks and black complexion," rode at the head of the procession. At night a marriage and a feet washing ceremony were performed in the presence of a crowded house, after brief addresses by chiefs and evangelists enlivened by old time plantation songs. Every other religion is wrong, only the Church of God and Saints of Christ is the true religion. They have purchased a residence here for their prophet within one block of the True Reformers' Hall, which they have comfortably furnished for his use.

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"PRINCESS BONNIE". True Reformers' Hall, Monday Eve., Oct. 9, 1905.

YANCEY—Benjamin Yancey died Sept. 15th, 1905 at 9:30 o'clock. He awoke in the night before he died and sang "I am going to lay down this world, shoulder up my cross and carry it home to Jesus." He said he had a letter checked for glory. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. S. P. Robinson, and two sons to mourn their loss, but we know our loss is his eternal gain.

Dearest father, thou hast left us.
We our loss most deeply feel,
But 'tis God who has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.
His daughter.

MORGAN—Mrs. Maggie Morgan died at her home in Auburn, N. C. last Friday evening, Sept. 22. The funeral services occurred at Good Hope Baptist Church of which she was a member, last Sunday afternoon. The deceased leaves five children, a husband and three sisters. Mrs. Morgan was a sister of Mrs. J. V. Hawkins of this city.

An Evening of Pleasure.

There will be a grand Parlor Social and Donkey Party at the Friend's Orphan Asylum on the nights of Oct. 5th and 6th, 1905, at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Usher Board of the 1st Bapt. Church for the benefit of the Friend's Orphan Asylum.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr. and His Troupe Wanted the Planet.

There was a call for PLANETS at the news-stand of the Richmond Hotel in this city last Tuesday, and a "phone message was received to send them at once. Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr. and his troupe of "The Chasmodons" were stopping there and heard of the editorial article in the PLANET, entitled "Booker T. Washington and the Negro."

The papers were furnished and the request was made for all copies that dealt with the same subject. Later an order came from another white news-stand.

Brilliant Marriage.

The beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cardwell Wood, 1005 N. 4th St., was brilliantly lighted Wednesday night, Sept. 20th, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Jennie Wooten of Chase City and Mr. Samuel Watson of Farmville. The parlors were artistically decorated with palms and cut flowers. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. D. W. Davis. Miss Addie Stanton acted as Maid of Honor. The groom came in on the arm of Mr. Carter and the bride, handsomely attired in a blue suit with hat to match, was attended by Mr. Cardwell Wood.

After the ceremony was performed the guest were invited to the dining room where the tables were laden with the delicacies of the season. Among the distinguished guests were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Burrell, Mrs. Georgie Aytes, Miss Julia Robinson and others.

The bride and groom left on the morning train for Farmville, their future home.

HENRY—HALL.

The marriage of Mr. Moses P. Henry and Miss Blanche Hall, both formerly of Richmond, Va., took place on Thursday evening, Sept. 14th at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ella Hall, 1212 Drexel Ave., Atlantic City. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Henderson of Shiloh Baptist Church. The reception immediately followed the marriage, which was attended by a large number of friends who remained until the wee small hours of Friday morning. The presents were both numerous and costly. The bride was tastefully attired in white dotted swiss over white taffeta. The groom wore conventional suit of black. The bride and groom left Friday, Sept. 15th for Sharon, Conn., spending Friday night in New York, leaving Saturday morning for their home in Sharon, Conn.

A Unique Scheme.

A colored news-dealer under the firm name of Foster & Co. writes that he wishes 25 copies of the PLANET. He has a store at 912 9th St. N. W., Washington, D. C. and that he went out on the street Sunday past with nothing to sell but colored papers and he claims that he did so well that he has decided to continue the experiment. The idea came to him because he had seen 100 colored men and boys with nothing but white papers to sell. He declares that there is no reason why colored people should not support their own papers. The Planet is sold on the streets of Richmond regularly and has held its own for years in this respect.

The October McClure's.

Drawing by Howard Chandler Christy, Frontispiece: reproduction in color, to illustrate "Old Dog Tray" by Charles F. Lummis; Part one—illustrated by Fernand Langren. A Brand from the burning Guy Wet more Garrod illustrated by Everett Shinn. The Snubbing of Adnast, F. H. Lancaster. The Hinge, Mary Stewart Cutting, illustrated by Alice Barber Stephens, reproductions in tint. The County Fair, Eugene Wood, illustrated by A. B. Frost. Kansas and the Standard Oil Company, Ida M. Tarbell, Part two—what Kansas did to the Standard Oil Company, illustrated with portraits. Old Dog Tray, Lloyd Osborne, illustrated by Howard Chandler Christy. America: A Story, Albert Kinross, illustrated by E. L. Blumenschein. A Visit at the White House, Charles Wagner, illustrated with portraits. Oil and Water, Henry C. Rowland, illustrated by Charles Siska. Wander Song, Horatio Winslow, A Poem. Miss Ethel's Dress, Jean Webster, illustrated by Charlotte Harding, reproductions in tint. Editorial: The New Declaration of Independence, with portrait of William Travers Jerome. Editorial Announcements: The Memoirs of Carl Schurz. A New Series by Ray Stannard Baker: The Railroads on Trial. A Poem, A. E. Housman.

REV. THOMAS DIXON, JR., AND THE NEGRO.
President Council Makes an Offer--Wishes the Planet's Editorials published in Pamphlet Form.

A RINGING COMPLIMENT FROM A GREAT EDUCATOR.
EDITOR MITCHELL'S REPLY.

AGRICULTURAL AND
MECHANICAL COLLEGE,
ESTABLISHED 1875,
W. H. COUNCILL, President.

Mr. JOHN MITCHELL, JR.,
Richmond, Va.,
DEAR SIR:—

NORMAL, ALA., Sept. 25th, 1905.

I have watched very carefully for many years the course of the PLANET. I have been especially interested in your running comment on Rev. Thomas Dixon's Article in the Saturday Evening Post on "Booker T. Washington and the Negro". Your treatment of this article should be read by every Negro in the United States and all of his friends and enemies. I am willing to contribute to a fund to have your comments on this article put into pamphlet form and circulated, not only in the United States but in all parts of the world. I make this suggestion, but I am not physically strong enough to lead in the affair. However, I will pay my part of the cost of such a venture.

Yours truly,
W. H. COUNCILL.

OFFICE OF THE PLANET,
311 North Fourth St.,
JOHN MITCHELL, JR., Editor and Prop.

RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 28th, 1905.

W. H. COUNCILL, D. D.,
President, Agricultural and
Mechanical College, Normal, Ala.

MY DEAR DOCTOR:—

Your esteemed favor of the 25th inst. received and contents noted. I assure you that I appreciate all that you are kind enough to say concerning my efforts in defense of a race of people, with which both of us are identified. The fact that my editorial articles, discussing the position taken by the brilliant and able Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., of New York with reference to the Negro question has drawn from a person, so conservative and able as yourself, hearty approval, more than compensates me for all of my trouble.

Your offer to assist me in placing my remarks in pamphlet form but emphasizes the depth of your feeling and doubly assures me that I have "struck home" in my comment upon this all-important subject. I shall take your advice and give such a pamphlet to the public. I have read with ever-increasing interest your great addresses delivered in various parts of the country from time to time and I realize that your primary motive is to elevate and strengthen our people in the South-land in all that tends to produce those sterling qualities, without which no race's welfare can be secure.

With sincere regard and best wishes, I am, sir,

Very truly yours,
JOHN MITCHELL, JR.

Pythian Castle Dedicated.

Pocahontas, Va., Sept. 17th, 1905. Pocahontas Lodge, No. 41, K. of P. dedicated their hall which has just been completed. At promptly 3 o'clock the house was crowded to its utmost capacity. The following program was rendered: The house was called to order by C. T. Davis, C. C. Singing by the choir. Scripture reading by Rev. E. D. Lewis. Prayer by Rev. Diggs. Music. Object of Our Meeting, by R. L. Jackson. Duets by Miss Delour and Fannie Thompson. The Origin of the Order and Pythian Benefits, by D. C. Johnson. Success or Failure, by Miss Fannie Bylock. Dedication Address, by U. S. G. Troe. Welcome Address by C. T. Davis. Address by Rev. Diggs. Address by Rev. Lewis. Address by Rev. Moore of North Carolina, a blind preacher. The occasion was well attended and everybody enjoyed themselves. The collection that was taken up was divided equally between the two churches.

This is one of the finest lodge rooms in this section. It is 41 X 21 ft. and has a committee room 21 X 20 feet, besides the ante room.

The Room is lighted up by 10 electric lights and the floor is covered with a linoleum that cost \$150 per yard.

R. L. JACKSON,
Master of Ceremonies.
D. C. JOHNSON, Recorder.

The American Beneficial Insurance Co. Takes Front Rank.

In the history of the Insurance world, never before has a Company grown so rapidly, become so popular as the American Beneficial Insurance Company of Richmond, Va. Three years ago this Company was started with both Straight life and sick benefit department. It has in these three years written up 47000 policy holders. Its branches extend all over Virginia and Washington, D. C. Very recently the Annual Stockholders meeting was held at Price's hall, and a more enthusiastic meeting has not been held in Richmond for many years. Three hundred stockholders were present, when Dr. W. F. Graham, the President called the house to order. The report of General Manager B. H. Peyton showed that the Company had paid out during the year in sick and death claims \$2795.00, and that there had been a clearing above all expenses of over four thousand dollars, besides the investment of ten thousand dollars in bonds and nine hundred dollars in Real estate. The officers received the highest commendation from the stockholders when it was learned that through the wise management of the board these investments had been made and yet a six percent dividend was declared payable on and after the fifteenth of October. Many distinguished stockholders

were present who made eloquent speeches such as: G. E. Howard, D. D., Petersburg; Holland Powell, D. D., Detroit, Mich.; Hon. A. B. Humes, Lynchburg and President A. D. Price. H. L. Harris, M. D., Rev. J. Andrew Bowler, A. M., Rev. R. J. Bass, J. Alexander Lewis, M. D., Poet F. L. Bryant, Cashier T. H. Wyatt, Mr. R. Carter and C. H. Phillips, D. D. of Richmond. These gentlemen all expressed themselves in the highest terms favorable to the grand work of the American Beneficial Insurance Company.

The Board of Managers was re-elected and the Board organized and re-elected all the officers for the next year. It is now understood that Dr. Graham while on the field as Educational Secretary for the Baptists of Virginia, Northern and New England States, will spread the work of this grand Company wherever he goes. The Company contemplates in the near future the erection of a beautiful three story stone-trimmed front brick building as a Home office. The Manager's report showed that over ten thousand members were received during the year.

The third annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the First Bapt. Fourth Bapt. and Leigh St. M. E. Churches, Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st.

AUTUMN IN THE WOODS.
By Prof. J. H. Gray.

Every hollow full of ferns,
Turning yellow in their tans;
Straggling brambles fierce and wild,
Yielding berries to the child;
Oak balls tumbling from the tree,
Beechnuts drooping silently,
Hosts of leaves come down to die,
Leaving openings to the sky;
Bluebells, foxgloves, goss to seed,
Everything to death decreed;
Nothing left of flowers or buds—
Such is autumn in the woods.

"PRINCESS BONNIE". True Reformers' Hall, Monday Eve., Oct. 9, 1905.

He Found His Sister.

Mr. Samuel Burke of this city called to see us this week. He answered the advertisement of Miss Lottie Scott. She now resides at No. 249 W. 37th St., New York City. He stated that he had not seen her since she was a baby. His attention was called to the advertisement in the PLANET and this led to a correspondence between the long separated relatives.

Young Man Wanted—To clean press and dye men's old clothes. Salary, \$35.00 per month to reliable man. Apply at once. Steady work and good wages.
DAVID SCHURMAN
Bluefield, W. Va.

—Mr. A. J. Smith, Jr. has returned to the city after a pleasant trip to Charleston, S. C.

—Mrs. Gertrude Kelly of 66 Chapel St., Norfolk, Va., waitress at the N. and W. R. R., left Thursday, Sept. 14th, 1905, to visit her brother, Mr. C. P. Williams of Flushing, L. I., N. Y. She will also visit her son Mr. R. E. Kelley of Chicago, Ill.

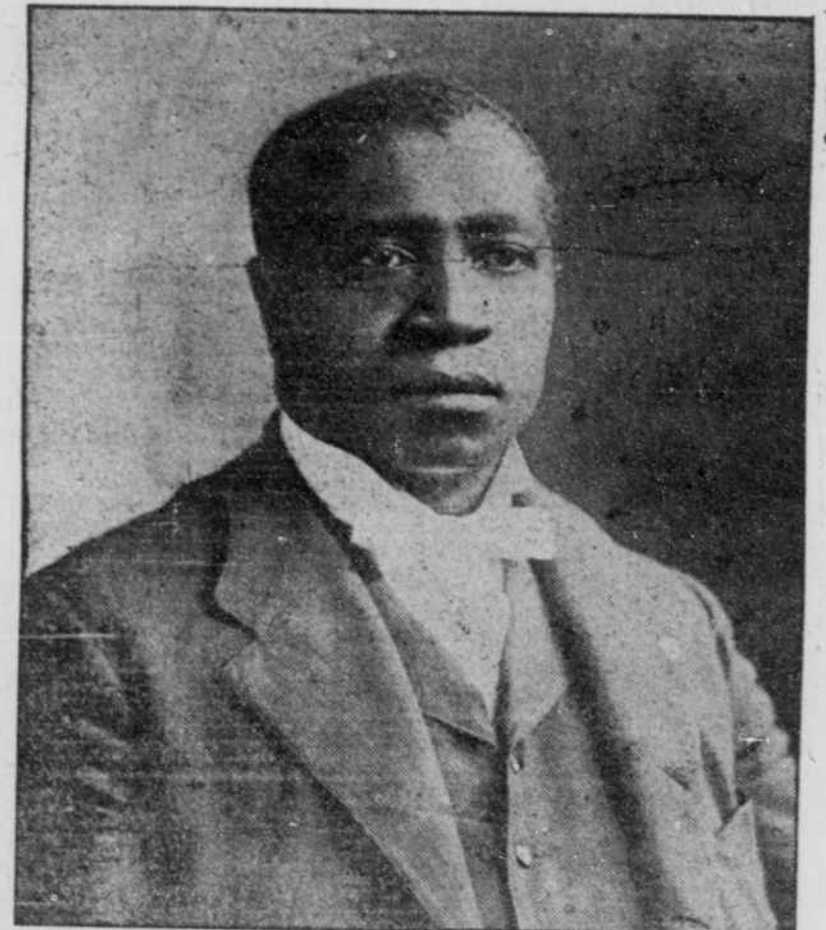
—Oh Hannah! let's hear Dr. A. E. Edwards Wednesday night, Oct. 18th, at the Mt. Olivet Bapt. Church. Subject: Ezekiel in the Valley of Dry Bones. Admission free.

We return thanks for an invitation to be present at the Installation Services of Rev. A. E. Edwards, D. D., as pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist Church, Thursday, Oct. 12th, 1905, at 8 P. M.

—Mr. H. L. Jackson of Blackstone Va. arrived in the city last Thursday, bringing with him his accomplished daughter, Miss Esther E. Jackson, who enters upon her scholastic term at Harishorn Memorial College.

Third Annual Session.

The Virginia State Farmers Association will meet at Jonesboro this year. The date will be named later. Dr. R. E. Jones, President of the Association thinks the meeting will be largely attended this year. He man. Apply at once. Steady work and good wages.
DAVID SCHURMAN
Bluefield, W. Va.



MR. CHARLES STEWART,
Newspaper Correspondent and Journalist.

A Well Known Correspondent.

Mr. Charles Stewart is one of the best newspaper correspondents in this country, and ranks with the ablest and best of the white race. He has travelled all over the United States and is usually seen at every great gathering of colored people. He is now lecturing in this state and his utterances abound with wit, humor and pathos. He now claims Chicago as his home and he is constantly hustling to get there. His Madame is a great help to him in his chosen profession and often accompanies him on his trips.

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Won First Prize.

At Framington, Mass., a baby show was held Sept. 19th, in which white and colored babies were the contestants. The baby of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Earle took first prize as being "the best-mannered baby." The parents are happy.

—Miss Lizzie D. Brown and Miss Mattie Washington left Sunday for Charles City.

—Hello! Well what is it? Meet me at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Wednesday night, Oct. 18th to hear Dr. A. E. Edwards. Subj.: Ezekiel in the Valley of Dry Bones. Admission free.

Dr. Tennant's Shingle.

Dr. Albert A. Tennant, the resident physician at the Richmond Hospital will leave that institution tomorrow and proceed to practice medicine. He has fitted up an office at 609 North Second Street. This accomplished young practitioner has profited much by his service at the hospital and has handled successfully many difficult and dangerous cases. He enjoys the confidence not only of his patrons, but of this community in which he resides. We bespeak for him much success and persons seeking relief from ailments of any kind will find him both confidential and efficient.

"Help Wanted—Male and Female." Trained and country help always wanted. Good paying positions. Call or write Eureka Employment Exchange, 1011 New York Ave., (est. 1897), Washington, D. C. J. T. C. NEWSOM, Prop. 9-23-3mos.

Special Reduced Rates to Raleigh, N. C. and Return via "Southern Railway."

Account North Carolina State Fair Rate, one fare plus 50c for the round trip including one admission to the grounds. Very low rate for Military and Brass Bands in parties of twenty or more.

Tickets on sale October 13 to 21, return limit October 23rd, from Richmond, Norfolk, Lynchburg, and all intermediate stations in Virginia and from all points in North Carolina. Inquire of all Ticket Agents.
C. W. WESTBURY, D. P. A.