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STATEMENT OF ILLINOIS EXPOSITION COMMISSION.

Organization Headed by Bishop Samuel Fallows Explains Its Position.

Chicago.—A letter intended to clear up the confusion which has arisen because there are two organizations in the field which plan to celebrate the semicentennial of the freedom of the Negro in the United States has been issued by the commission duly appointed by the governor of Illinois, which is in part as follows:

Whereas, A voluntary association of individuals has been organized under the title of "National Negro Semicentennial Exposition association," and

Whereas, This association has been founded in the minds of many with the Illinois commission national half century anniversary of Negro freedom, appointed by his excellency Governor Dunne by virtue of an act of the general assembly of the state of Illinois, and

Whereas, The names of prominent citizens of Chicago who are honorary vice presidents and members of the advisory council of the commission appointed by the governor are being used by the voluntary association; therefore be it

Resolved by the Illinois commission national half century anniversary of Negro freedom that, in view of the foregoing facts, we deem it to be imperative to notify the public that the last named title is the only commission authorized by Governor Dunne under the sanction of the general assembly of Illinois to arrange for an anniversary of Negro freedom.

We take this action so that the work of the only authorized state commission may not be confused with that of persons acting in a private and not in a governmental capacity.

Signed in behalf of the commission: SAMUEL FALLOWS, President. SUSAN LAWRENCE JOERGEN-DAHL, Vice President. GEORGE W. FORD, Treasurer. A. J. CAREY. JOHN DAILEY. R. R. JACKSON.

The semicentennial celebration is expected to be the most striking affair of the kind ever attempted.

Anderson Ends Tour of Pennsylvania.

Managing Editor James H. Anderson of the Amsterdam News, New York city, concluded a very profitable business trip through Pennsylvania Dec. 1. Mr. Anderson was much impressed with the progress which the race is making in the cities and towns which he visited. He was also much encouraged by what he saw of the educational and religious uplift among the young people.

Try Segregation by Elimination.

The presence of white men as barbers in the shops of the house of representatives in Washington is new and very strange to the old patrons. Until recently colored men had been employed in the shops of the house for the past fifty years. It is quite significant that where the operators of the present program of race segregation in Washington cannot segregate they eliminate.

SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY.

Sons and Daughters of Palmetto State Celebrate Twelfth Anniversary.

The twelfth annual concert and reception of the Society of the Sons and Daughters of South Carolina held at Sumner hall, Brooklyn, Thursday evening, Dec. 4, was a splendid success financially and socially. The literary program was divided into two parts. The first part included a concert by children of the members. The second part, which was presided over by Miss Elizabeth E. Martin, included an address by Dr. William L. Hunter, recitations, instrumental and vocal selections by some of Brooklyn's well known vocalists, musicians and elocutionists.

The society is in a prosperous condition and is increasing in membership and in public favor. Mr. Walter E. Burton, president of the organization, is a native of Georgetown, S. C., and has presided over the affairs of the society successfully for the past five years. In a brief address at the close of the literary program Mr. Burton gave an outline of the object of the society for the benefit of the public.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY'S REPORT

Time Honored Educational Body In Fine Condition.

FOSTERS SCORE OF SCHOOLS

Results of First Year's Work of the General Committee of Methodist Episcopal Church Quadrennium Show Increase Along All Lines—Leadership of Secretary I. Garland Penn.

Springfield, Ill.—The Freedmen's Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church, which has twenty-two schools in the south, has issued the annual statement of its work. The general committee, which is made up of the bishops of the church and a committee of thirty ministers and laymen, elected by the general conference to represent the fifteen general conference districts of the church, and fifteen ministers and laymen representing the board of managers of the society, assemble once a year to review the year's work of the society, make appropriations for the schools for the next year and plan generally for the new year's work.

The annual report is made to the general committee. The first year's work for this quadrennium, covering



I. GARLAND PENN.

the period from July 1, 1912, to July 1, 1913, was reported through the corresponding secretaries, Drs. P. A. MaVeety and I. Garland Penn. It was the best report the society has ever had in its history. This made possible the best meeting the general committee ever held. Some of the outstanding facts of progress from the report are as follows:

For the year 1911-12 the receipts from all sources amounted to \$330,363.22. For the year 1912-13 receipts from all sources were \$493,042.39, an increase of \$162,679.17 over the previous year. The society closed the year 1911-12 with a balance on the credit side of the ledger of \$2,137.17. Of the total of \$330,363.22 received in 1911-12 the conference collections and special gifts amounted to \$133,406.79. Of the total, \$493,042.39 in 1912-13, the conference collections and special gifts amounted to \$159,276.32, an increase over the previous year of \$25,869.53.

The record of the colored conferences for the year 1912-13 was remarkable. The conferences are twenty in number, with 300,000 members. They gave \$48,000 from July 1, 1912, to July 1, 1913. This is an increase of \$15,000 over anything the colored people in the church have ever given. The jubilee of the Freedmen's Aid society, in which the colored people are to give \$100,000 and the white people of the church \$100,000, began Jan. 1, 1913. Secretary Penn reported that \$30,000 in cash had been received of the \$100,000 to be raised by the colored people, with only two of the twenty colored conferences having met from which full reports could be received. When this report was made, showing the marvelous work accomplished by the colored people, it so pleased the committee that in less than two hours during the session, under the leadership of Bishop Henderson, the individual members of the committee raised \$31,000 among themselves.

Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkfield gave \$10,000, and seventeen others underwrote \$1,000 each. Definite plans were also launched for the securing of the \$400,000 jubilee fund from the white conferences of the church, while Secretary Penn gave out the plans that are under way toward securing the balance of the \$100,000 to be raised by the colored people. Much of this \$70,000 will come in during the winter and spring as the eighteen colored conferences meet.

I. Garland Penn, one of the corresponding secretaries of the society, has devoted himself diligently to bringing up the record in the twenty colored conferences, and he has succeeded far beyond anything ever accomplished. His idea was to stimulate anew the philanthropy of the white people in Methodism by trying to get the colored people to do larger things in the way of giving. The pledging of the \$31,000 by the members of the general committee to match the \$30,000 raised by the colored people proves the wisdom of his course. It was significant that this recent record breaking meeting of the society was held in the home town of Abraham Lincoln and the place of his burial.

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Southern University's New President. The Southern university at Iberia, La., was established about forty-three years ago for the education of colored youth. Notwithstanding this fact, during its long and eventful history no man of the colored race has had the honor of being president of the institution until recently the trustees elected Professor J. S. Clark to that exalted position. This mark of recognition of a capable member of the race will bring about greater results. It is alleged, through the co-operation of each race in the work and welfare of the university.

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