

MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

The Marshalltown Art club will meet at the home of Miss Jessie Walker on Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Simms and daughter, Vivian Wilkerson, of Toledo were visitors in the city over Sunday, the guest of Mrs. Hardenia Robinson.

The Baptist church have organized a choir under the direction of Mrs. Abner.

Mrs. Grace Humphrey entertained Mrs. Fred Simms at dinner Sunday.

Mr. Fred Wright of Davenport was in the city this week on business.

Mrs. Hardenia Robinson entertained Tuesday evening in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Abner. A delightful time was spent by all present.

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Mrs. Anna Harris, who has been quite ill with the quinsy, is greatly improved.

Mrs. Reeves and niece, Miss McCraven, of Des Moines, came to the city Saturday owing to the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Harris. Mrs. Reeves returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Eric Suter and daughter will leave for Omaha on Thursday to remain indefinitely.

Rev. Coleman of Des Moines, pastor of the A. M. E. church, was in the city Sunday, remaining over Monday. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wheeler.

GALESBURG, ILL.

Sunday was the last day for the people to attend church at the Second Baptist church. They will start remodeling the 1st of May. While they are remodeling they will hold services in Beecher Chapel.

Funeral services for the late S. Harper were held Thursday afternoon, April 26th. He left to mourn his death a wife, one daughter, five sisters, two brothers, a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were in charge of Rev. Scott, pastor of the Second Baptist church.

The Imperial orchestra gave their first recital Tuesday, April 24th, at the Second Baptist church. It was a grand success socially and financially. Miss F. Fletcher, pianist; J. Brown, first violinist; L. Fletcher, second violinist; H. Allen and O. Fletcher, drums.

The Juveniles gave an entertainment at Odd Fellows' hall May 2d. A drill was given by sixteen girls of Churchill school. It was a grand success.

The Jolly Fourteen was entertained at the home of Miss V. Leonard on Friday, May 4th.

Mr. G. Stuart of Fort Madison spent Saturday in the city.

About forty attended the ball in Kewanee. All report a good time.

Miss D. Hawkins entertained twenty friends at a party Friday, April 27. The evening was spent in playing cards and dancing. A two-course luncheon was served. At a late hour all departed, voting Miss Hawkins a royal entertainer.

The Thimble Circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. J. Hazel, Jr., on Friday, May 4th.

The A. L. C. will be entertained at the home of Mrs. W. F. Bell on Thursday, May 10th.

Mrs. J. Brown, formerly of this city, but now of Aurora, Ill., is spending a few days in the city, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell.

Mr. Osburn of Monmouth spent Sunday in the city, the guest of Miss E. Hurlay.

Mrs. Dabner and baby of Fairfield, Iowa, returned home Thursday, taking her sister and brother with her.

Quarterly meeting at Allen Chapel was well attended all day, Presiding Elder McCracken being present; also preached at night. Rev. U. Thompson of Monmouth preached the sacramental service at 3 o'clock. Choir furnished excellent music.

The K. C. Blues will give a dance May 8th. J. Barnes, manager.

The Garrison club was entertained at the home of the president, Mrs. Hattie Lane, on Friday, May 4th. They realized from their musical given last week \$26.25.

Allen Chapel reports for quarterly meeting moneys from all departments \$55.

Rev. Garrison will preach in Monmouth Sunday at 3 o'clock service, May 6th.

SCANDIA, IOWA.

Sunday was a glorious day at Mt. Zion Baptist church. Rev. S. D. Warden preached two excellent sermons both morning and evening.

Elder G. W. White preached a soul-stirring sermon at 1 p. m., which all who sat under the sound of his voice were made happy and one renewed their covenant with the church.

The union revival which is being conducted at the Mt. Zion Baptist church is having success. Never has so much interest been in evidence. The whole church is alive spiritually. Souls are being won for Christ.

Miss Leatha Roberts of Terre Haute, Ind., is visiting her sister, Mrs.

Claude Taylor.

Mr. Claude Taylor is on the sick list at this writing.

Mr. Mose Russell is convalescent at this writing.

Mrs. Harry Cullins is still confined to her home.

Boys, now you have a chance to show your colors.

Lawrence Davis, James Penson and Earnest Rhoads have taken a stand for their country and the flag. The mothers of these young men is not one of those who did not raise their boy to be a soldier.

The Willing Workers of the A. M. E. Zion church gave a surprise on their pastor, Elder G. W. White. The surprise was complete in operation, as the elder had just returned from a visit of the sick and being somewhat wearied was in the act of retiring when the happy company filed into the elder's residence, singing a good old battle hymn. The evening was spent in singing and many earnest prayers for the elder and his family. Many useful presents and a neat sum of \$7.60 was left for the elder and family. The arrangement and management of the affair was under the supervision of Sister Thos. Smith, a devout worker in Zion's interest, also chairman of the committee.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Rev. Nathaniel Jones has just finished a splendid revival meeting at the A. M. E. church. He is a splendid man for evangelical work. Sunday afternoon he delivered a powerful sermon on immoral living. The packed auditorium was held in rapt attention while he drove his points home. He showed how cards, beer and whisky were the main evils in wrecking our colored homes, which are the foundation of our Negro life.

Mrs. Mae Carter and children of Gary, Indiana, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stoner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Enoch entertained Rev. Jones and Mrs. G. W. Reynolds at dinner Sunday.

Rev. Sanders of the McKinley Baptist church and members postponed their afternoon services Sunday and came to the A. M. E. church meeting. The Methodists were pleased with their presence.

Mrs. Charles Golden, Sr., is still very ill.

Rev. A. Boyd had an operation performed upon his eye last week. The eye is now healing nicely.

Mrs. Belle Bowers is better at this writing.

Mrs. Mattie Perkins is on the sick list.

The Twentieth Century Aid will give a grand concert May 10th in order to raise the remainder of the debt on the A. M. E. church.

The white soldiers of the arsenal defeated the Edelweiss (colored) at baseball Sunday. About 800 people saw the game. Jeff Moore pitched well for the colored boys until he was felieved by N. Golden. Score, 12-10.

Best Remedy for Whooping Cough.

"Last winter when my little boy had the whooping cough I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. J. B. Roberts, East St. Louis, Ill. "It kept his cough loose and relieved him of those dreadful coughing spells. It is the only cough medicine I keep in the house because I have the most confidence in it." This remedy is also good for colds and croup.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)

The revival meetings held at Bethel A. M. E. church the past week, under the leadership of Rev. R. A. Adams, have been a decided success. They will continue during the ensuing week. Rev. Adams has been preaching some good gospel, soul-stirring sermons. A special lecture to women was given Thursday afternoon, one to children Saturday morning at 10:30, one to girls and young women on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 and one to men Sunday afternoon at 3. Every man should have heard it. As a result of the meetings so far the membership has been increased in both churches.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison and daughter, Beulah, have gone to Hot Springs for Mr. Harrison's health.

The attendance at Mt. Zion Baptist church was fine Sunday. Many women were present, as it was to be observed as "Women's Sunday."

The Misses Eleanor and Willmuth La Vell, in the company of Messrs. Robert Martin and Mayo Perkins, motored to Marion and other places Sunday.

Cedar Rapids witnessed the marriages of Mr. Jesse Miller and Miss Roberta Hearse and Mr. Blank and Miss Lottie Hearse.

Miss Ruth Boyd was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Milligan on Saturday and Sunday.

The city is being hued with strangers from different places, the majority from Buxton. The latest arrivals from there were Mr. and Mrs. Lee, from there were Mrs. Vine. Welcome to our city, the "Queen City of the

A GREAT ARTIST COMING



Cornelia Hendery Stubblefield

The people of Des Moines will be permitted to see and hear Mrs. Stubblefield of Sioux City, Ia., an elocutionist of rare ability, who took a course in the Morningside College, Sioux City. She has been touring in the southern states with marked ability. Mrs. Stubblefield will appear in our city next Wednesday evening, May 9th, at Union Congregational church in one of her new dramas entitled, "The World and His Wife," which is one of her master pieces. Everybody invited to come out early. Admission 25 cents, Children 15 cents.

West.

Mr. James Carr and Miss Virgie Jones were quietly married at the bride's home on Wednesday, April 25, with relatives and a few friends. The bride looked beautiful. Although their many friends and companions hate to give them up, we wish them many happy and prosperous years.

Another quiet wedding was that of Mr. Adolph Wilson and Miss Naomi Harrison.

Mrs. Hattie Raspberry is thinking of quitting her position at Washington Dairy Lunch Co. Her many friends will be delighted to see her home again.

Mr. Edward Boyd arrived home from Iowa Falls on Saturday night, April 21, to spend a week with relatives and friends. We will be sorry to see you leave, "King Eddie."

Miss Carr arrived in the city to be at her brother's, Mr. James Carr, wedding.

The Trustee Aid will meet with Mrs. J. Emma Milligan on Tuesday, May 8th, Third avenue W. road. Let everybody come.

Mr. Lloyd Thomas wanted to enlist with the regulars, but he was too late. He is very downcast. Too bad, "Shorty."

KIRKSVILLE, MO.

Grand Chancellor Lloyd visited West Gate lodge, No. 38, on last April 22. And was royally entertained by the lodge. Mr. P. A. Crockett being host.

Mr. Eugene C. Richard of this city, who has been employed as mechanic in a garage at Oskaloosa, Iowa, is visiting his family today.

Mrs. Eliza Ann Smith dropped dead Monday, April 23. Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Second Baptist church, conducted by Prof. Johnson.

Miss Lucille Ferman was called to Ottumwa, Iowa, Tuesday, the 24th, her uncle, Thomas Hughes, having died suddenly.

Mr. Kelly Davis of Des Moines, Iowa, was a visitor in our city last week, being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Appleton of South Fifth street.

Mr. W. K. Stokes is home again, after quite a stay in Newton, Iowa. Thursday night at the K. of P. hall the Heroines of Jerico held their installation, which was public. Those installed were: Mrs. L. P. A. Crockett, M. A. M.; Miss Laura Hockaday, V. M. A. M.; Miss Lizzie Adams, secretary; Mr. O. J. Jones, J.; Mrs. Eva Foster, treasurer; Mrs. J. G. Jones, I. G. K.; Miss A. Bentley, O. G. K. After installation a delightful time was had, all present being served at the expense of the court, which shows they are in no way behind the times.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Houston of Macon,

and Miss Della Madison of Peoria, Ill., attended the funeral of their mother, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Wednesday, the 25th.

Mr. Hobert Williams and Mr. Pearl Coby entertained the members of the Black Dots Vaudeville troupe last Wednesday night.

Mr. Ed Brown of Cherokee attended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. E. A. Smith.

Mr. Wm. Howard of Joliet, Ill., is here on business.

The concert quartet featured the program at the A. M. E. church Sunday night, April 29th. This quartet has been greatly strengthened by Mr. Willard Proctor, the tenor, who recently returned from Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Harrison Corsey has arranged with the Civic League of this city to oversee the work of cleaning the alleys and back yards of the city on clean up day.

H. Coby and P. A. Crockett, Jr., formerly managers of the Colts, have reorganized a ball team to be known as the Wee-Bits. Mr. Pearl Toles is now on the road arranging games, both in Missouri and Iowa, and is meeting with much success.

Messrs. Finney, Ansel and Graves of Macon were here last Sunday assisting G. C. A. W. Lloyd.

We are glad no one is seriously ill in our community.

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MOBERLY, MO., ITEMS.

Mr. Sherman Gooch and Miss Ruby Brown were married last Saturday night at the home of the bride's parents on Gilman street. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Gooch congratulations.

Mrs. Amanda Reynolds and Mr. Henry Matthews of Jacksonville, Mo., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reynolds on Tuesday.

Mr. Myrtle Hannah died at the home of his mother Monday night. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Second Baptist church. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Mr. Hannah leaves a mother, one sister and one brother to mourn his sad demise. We extend to them our sympathies in their sad hour of bereavement.

Miss Dora Barnes is reported ill at her home on Coates street.

Mrs. Dave Hoskins, Mrs. Hettie Johnson and Mrs. Amanda Coates remain on the sick list.

Mrs. Charles Bartlett had the misfortune to scald her foot last week. Mrs. Bartlett is doing as well as could be expected at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris have recently moved into their beautiful new home on South Fifth street. Their home is strictly modern and besides a joy to the happy owners, a credit to this part of our city.

The Sewing Circle of the A. M. E. church is doing nicely, under the leadership of Mrs. Cross.

The Pilgrim Rest church just closed a very successful revival.

Mrs. Althouse is having her newly purchased property on North Fifth street remodeled.

Anyone having news for the Bystander please call 1246.

MONMOUTH, ILL.

Mrs. Marie Stockes left Monday for Kewanee, Ill. From there she will go to Chicago.

Mr. Clarence Catlin left this week for Lincoln, Nebr.

James Turner was a Galesburg visitor Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Waters, Jr., have changed their residence from West Clinton avenue to North D street.

Rev. W. L. Stewart of Jacksonville had charge of both morning and evening services at the Calvary Baptist church Sabbath day.

Messrs. John Peoples, Lorenzo Early and C. B. Catlin attended the dance at Kewanee Friday evening.

Rev. Eugene Thompson, Mr. Moses Brown, Mesdames L. Abel, and M. Smith attended the quarterly meeting services at Galesburg Sabbath. Rev. Thompson delivered the afternoon sermon.

On May 7th quarterly meeting services will be held here.

Mr. Elgia Wallace returned from Canton Saturday, after spending several days at the Galesburg District Teacher's Institute of the Wood River Baptist Sunday School Association.

Mr. Wallace has been president of this district for the past eight years, and was re-elected this time. Mrs. Ella Groff and Miss Myrtle Wallace also were delegate from Monmouth. Miss Wallace assisted in the music during the convention. Mrs. Groff read an interesting paper at the session Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Etta Groff of Canton, Mo., is here visiting her son, Mr. John N. Weather.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Chas. Washington is visiting her sister in Washington, Iowa this week.

Mrs. Joe Robinson was in Hiteman and Albia this week.

Mr. S. E. Franklin is on the sick list.

Mrs. G. A. Davis, Miss Ada Davis and Benj Grayson were at the home of Mrs. Robinson today of this week in Hocking.

Miss Alberta Robinson and Miss Anna Robinson of Hocking were in Albia to services at A. M. K. church Sunday.

SIoux CITY, IOWA.

Mrs. Frankie Young died Monday, April 30th, after a long illness. She is survived by two small children and a aunt. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mr. Bruce Payne died Sunday, April 29th. He leaves one son. The funeral will be Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Westcotes Chapel.

The entertainment given by the Progressive club Thursday evening, April 25th, was a success.

Mr. T. H. Sturgis had a narrow escape from death Friday evening April 27th. An auto ran into the back of his buggy and wrecked it, and his horse ran away. Aside from being badly shaken up, Mr. Sturgis came out of the wreck without a scratch.

Mrs. E. Stronge has returned from Monmouth, Ill., where she was called to the bedside of her father who is ill.

Mr. Fred Baker has returned from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he has been recuperating.

Malone A. M. E. church had three joiners Sunday and five April 22nd.

Mr. Louis Maxey and Mr. Harry Barnes are in Chicago.

Mr. Jess Dale was called to Excelsior Springs, Mo., to the bedside of his father who is not expected to live.

Mr. Hutchison, a representative of Tuskegee Institute, lectured at Malone A. M. E. church Sunday April 22nd.

Lodge No 4655, G. U. O. of O. F. and Sunbeam H. H. of Ruth will hold their annual Thanksgiving sermon Sunday evening May 13th, at Malone A. M. E. church. The public is invited.

Madame C. B. Watkins, the hair dresser, will soon turn out an agent, who will go to Rockford, Ill., to practice.

Proper Food For Weak Stomachs.

The proper food for one man may be all wrong for another. Every one should adopt a diet suited to his age and occupation. Those who have weak stomachs need to be especially careful and should eat slowly and masticate their food thoroughly. It is also important that they keep their bowels regular. When they become consti-

pated or when they feel dull and stupid after eating, they should take Chamberlain's Tablets to strengthen the stomach and move the bowels. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

BALTIMORE, M. D., NEWS.

(Special to Bystander.)

Baltimore, Md., May 3.—The Rev. Dr. W. Sampson Brooks, the new pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, was greeted by a large congregation Sunday morning. He is regarded as one of the most successful ministers in his denomination, and is highly thought of wherever he has pastored. He comes to this city from Wichita, Kan., and will tackle the big debt on Bethel church. Dr. Brooks is a native of Maryland and was educated in Morgan college, Baltimore.

"Baby Week" is being observed all over the city this week and many babies are on exhibition. Lectures on the care of infants are being given.

Mrs. Laura F. Wheatley, wife of Dr. E. J. Wheatley, won a \$10 prize in an essay contest conducted by the Maryland League for National Defense.

John H. Murphy, publisher of the Baltimore Afro-American, has gone to Atlanta on a business trip.

Mrs. Maggie F. Walker of Richmond, Va., was the principal speaker at a rally conducted by local lodges of the Order of St. Luke on Monday night.

Francis H. Warren, president of the Elijah McCoy Graphite Lubricating company, Detroit, was tendered a reception by Mr. William Morsell a few evenings ago.

BUXTON, IOWA.

Dr. C. G. Robinson, a prominent young doctor of Buxton, has purchased a beautiful Ford automobile.

Mrs. Anna Humbles is very sick at this writing. We miss her much in the church, as she was a great church worker. We are earnestly praying for her recovery.

We note that Rev. J. J. Evans, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, has a nice horse and buggy.

Mrs. T. A. Coleman is on the sick list.

Mrs. Dolly Morris has adopted a very sweet little girl from the Davenport home.

Rev. Woodward, assisted by other evangelists, carried on a very successful revival meeting.

Among the extra help employed at the M. M. company store for Saturdays, Miss Lola Hart is one of them.

Mrs. Chas. Watson has adopted a nice boy from the Davenport home.

Mr. J. B. Lucas made a business trip to Grinnell last week and while there went to Newton, Iowa, to visit his daughter, Mrs. Violet Mays. He reports a pleasant trip.

We are glad to see Mr. Dick Oliver in town again.

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the family, wish to thank the many friends for their floral offering and who were so sympathetic in our bereavement of the loss of our dear son.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Midgett.
Grandmother.
Mrs. C. L. Nesbit.

PLEA FOR SELF-RE

Charles G. Dawes' Good Advice to Young Men in Business.

This is a hard world in business. It always has been and always will be. There are many good and generous men in it. There are many who will lend a helping hand to you in your adversity, but in the time of need you will not find them among the men who tried to get you to embark in speculation with your little surplus, and to sell you something which would help you to "easy money." Be self-reliant. Make your own investigation into investments. When you cannot put your money in a good savings bank. Distrust the financial demagogues as you distrust the political demagogues. Keep your hand on your pocketbook as you travel life—first, to give always in proportion to your means to those who are poorer; second, to hold from those who would take through force or fraud what you need for yourself and yours. You will then, writes Mr. Dawes in the Saturday Evening Post, have your hand where most of the other fellows have only their eyes. In this alone you will have the advantage of them.

Sleeplessness.

A good remedy for sleeplessness is to wet a towel and apply to the back of the neck, pressing it hard up against the base of the brain and fastening over this cloth to prevent too rapid evaporation. The effect will be prompt and pleasant, cooling the brain and inducing a sweet and peaceful slumber. Warm water is better than cold for the purpose. This remedy will prove useful to people suffering from overwork, excitement, and

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EDITORIALS

CONCERNING OUR RESOURCES.

The time is fast coming in America as in the European countries who have special agents that force their subjects to conserve and vitalize their energy, but with us here our housewives waste and destroy nearly one-third of the food that they prepare for various reasons. Some are wasteful because they have always had abundant. Then again we have never been taught economy in the home, and again many ladies honestly say that they do not know how to conserve. How sad to hear of such expression. This is the age of scientific and economical conservation and the good housewife as well as the bountiful provider will study the art of saving and meet the crisis of high cost of living.

MILITARY COMPANY ORGANIZED.

In response to the call issued by Atty. S. Joe Brown and Dr. A. J. Booker about fifty men of our race, representing all walks of life from that of common laborers to printers, clerks, dentists, pharmacists, doctors, lawyers and ministers, met at the hall over 507 Mulberry street and formed themselves into a military company under the name of the "Frederick Douglass Guards," in honor of that grand old patriarch who organized the first regiment of Negro soldiers (the 54th Mass.) during the civil war. Atty. Geo. H. Woodson, formerly first sergeant in the 25th U. S. infantry, was present and suggested the name,

and after complimenting the patriotic spirit of the men present, donated to them the use of one hundred repeating rifles which he has in his possession, hence this will be the only armed military company in the city aside from the regular army and the National Guard. The officers of the company are: Captain, E. G. McAfee, formerly of Co. M, 7th U. S. immunes; first lieutenant, John Jackson, 24th U. S. infantry (retired); second lieutenant, Harry Seymour, formerly of the local machine gun company, and first sergeant, W. H. Lowery (dentist), formerly professor of military tactics in the West Virginia State college. Regular meetings for drill will be held at the place of organization on Monday and Friday evenings until further notice and any able-bodied man of the race who desires to become a member of the company may report to Capt. McAfee on any such occasion.

ANCIENT LETTERS

Reveal the True Negro's Patriotism and Loyalty More Than Half a Century Ago.

Below we publish some old letters written Captain A. T. Reeve to his family and through the kindness of one of his sons, J. E. Reeve, who lives here at 912 W. Eighth street, he has loaned the Bystander this most interesting old letter, permitting us to publish the same for the first time. Next week we will publish another one. Captain Reeve was captain of a colored company and this letter tells of what he thinks about the Negro soldiers:

Camp 1st Alabama Infantry Vols. of African Descent, U. S. A., Corinth, Miss., May 28, 1865.

Dear Friends: I have not written you since about the 18th on account of having been so very busy. On the 18th I received an order from Brig. Gen. Dodge to report to Col. J. M. Alexander for duty, having been appointed captain of Co. D of the above titled regiment. The company was only fairly commenced and I immediately commenced recruiting to fill it up and we are building barracks, drilling, etc., drawing clothing, camp and garrison equipage, etc., and we have not one moment leisure. From the colonel down to the privates all are hurried. But we are succeeding fine and in a short time think we will have one of the best regiments in Corinth. My company contains at present 92 enlisted blacks, one orderly sergeant (a white soldier from the 7th Kansas) and two lieutenants, both from the 7th Kansas. Elbridge E. Ward, second lieutenant, is from Lenox, Ohio, used to live with J. M. Ray, enlisted with John Brown, Jr. The officers have not received their commissions yet and some may be thrown out and others put in their places. When I get a leisure I intend writing you a long letter, as I have much that might be of interest. I have not got returns from my application for furlough, but if I should receive it I do not expect I should use it now, as I am too late to see father and I could not consistently leave here just at this time, as we are just organizing the very newest material into troops and no man can well leave his station. I received— May 29th. Well you see I left off in the very commencement of a sentence and now I will try to write a little more. I guess I was about to say that I received my appointment by a very flattering recommendation from Lieut. Col. T. P. Herrick, commanding the 7th Kansas, and I do not intend to abuse his confidence. I should like to come home a short time at all hazards, but I think duty calls me here at present. A great deal depends on the line officers and nothing could recompense a failure of success in this thing. In the recent fights at Vicksburg our old colonel, now Brig. Gen. A. L. Lee, was wounded by a ball entering his right cheek and passing out of the back of his neck. In command of the 1st brigade of Gen. Osterhouse's division he was charging the enemy in their breastworks. Lieut. Hodgeman of the 7th Kansas saw him at Memphis en route north and says he will recover. He is only 27 years of age and a very able and brave officer. He is perhaps as good a cavalry officer as we have in the service, but greatly to his disappointment when he received his promotion he was assigned an infantry command. In his farewell to the "Jayhawkers" he said that however much he deplored being ordered from the branch of the service that he felt himself adapted to and in which he had passed through nearly two years' active experience and assigned a command of infantry, he had a copy of Casey's tactics and should study them and prepare himself for that branch of the service, and whether he commanded cavalry or infantry they must and should fight.

But I must close for the present. Direct to Capt. A. J. Reeve, Corinth, Miss., care of Col. J. M. Alexander.

With that direction my letter will come direct, but were the regiment put on they might be detained by men in our army who belong properly with Jefferson the 1st.

Road To Happiness.

Be amiable, cheerful and good natured and you are much more likely to be happy. You will find this difficult, if not impossible, however, when you are constantly troubled with constipation. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and get rid of that and it will be easy. These tablets not only move the bowels, but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion.

HAPPENINGS TWENTY YEARS AGO

(As Chronicled by The Bystander, April 30, 1897.)

The H. B. S. R. C. will meet at Mrs. W. H. Warricks, 1012 Woodland ave., Thursday May 20th. The members are requested to be present.

Miss Jennette Woods and her grandfather, who have been sojourning at Colfax for their health, returned last Monday much improved.

First African Baptist church, School and B. streets, F. Lomack pastor. Preaching 11 a. m., Sunday School at 3 p. m., Young Peoples meeting at 7 p. m., preaching at 8 p. m.

Mr. J. H. Rogers has been somewhat indisposed the past few days.

Mr. Lewis one of our successful farmers, was in the city Monday as a witness in a real estate case. He says that the farmers are a little late with their crops, owing to the excessive rains, however the work is crowding now.

Mr. J. E. Mosely was invited to sing a solo last Sunday at the East Side Christian church. He acquitted himself very nicely and received several compliments. Mr. Mosely is one of the best bass soloists in the city. He is leader of the A. M. E. church choir.

Presiding Elder Bundy is in our city attending the quarterly conference. The elder is looking fine and is well pleased with Rev. Reeves' management of the church.

Miss Mattie Robinson who left last fall to live in Chicago, is here visiting old friends. She is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tomlin. She likes Chicago quite well, yet it is hard to give up Des Moines she says.

Miss Bessie Hughes met with a very narrow escape from a fatal injury last Saturday evening, while down in town in her buggy alone. A runaway team ran into the buggy, demolishing it and throwing her out on the sidewalk, inflicting several slight injuries. She was carried to a house near by and a doctor summons. On investigation no serious injuries were found. She was taken to her home on 25th street, where at this writing she is much improved.

Mrs. W. H. Gordon will leave this

week for an extended visit in her old home, St. Louis, Mo. She expects to remain during the summer. Mr. Gordon may accompany her, but will return at once, as he is sole owner of the beautiful tonorial shop at the Aborn House.

Mr. Edward W. Thompson has been employed as salesman in the Harris-Emery Co. Dry Goods store.

The Misses Greens of Newton attended the ball Monday night.

Mr. Charlie Stewart entertained at dinner Tuesday at the Savery House Cafe Misses Eldora and Genevieve Green of Newton and Miss Estella Burnaugh. Remember the special election next Monday.

Ex-Congressman Cheatham of N. C. has been appointed Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia. While he favored John L. Waller as our choice, yet we congratulate Mr. Cheatham on his success and acquiesce in the appointment as it went to a representative colored man.

Mayor McVicar and other parties of the committee who went to New York to negotiate purchasing the Water Works, returned Tuesday. They could not come to an agreement.

Rev. Bruce of Oskaloosa made a brief visit to our city this week, stopping with Elder Reeves.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard who has been quite sick, is able to be out.

We received some very interesting communications this week, which will appear next week.

Rev. Timothy Reeves, Mr. Chas. Stewart, district alternate delegate and Mr. Eliza Bell our S. S. delegate will leave Monday for Cedar Rapids to attend the convention. The latter will represent the Bystander there. Any one wishing to subscribe or pay up their old subscription can pay her and she will receipt for the money.

Immediately after the legislature adjourned Messrs. J. W. Meddleton, Ed Good and Geo. Stovall returned to their homes.

OBITUARY.

On last Saturday morning, April 28, 1917, the Lord saw fit to take from this earth little William Midgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Midgett. William was a dear boy and a patient sufferer for over five years and has been in the Iowa State hospital for nearly two years. But as he is gone we feel his loss is heaven's gain. He leaves a loving mother, father and a devoted grandmother, four uncles, four aunts and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

"He has achieved success who has won a long, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty nor failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction."—Reenie A. Stralger.

Chance to Meet Up
"Why so sorrowful, girl?"
"We have parted forever. He writes me to send back the ring."
"Tell him to call for it," advised the experienced friend.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM IOWA STATE FEDERATION.

Sixteenth annual session of the Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs to be held in the A. M. E. church at Ottumwa, May 21 to 23, inclusive. Board meeting Monday at 3 p. m.

Monday evening, May 21—Citizens' Night at Second Baptist Church. Opening chorus, Chickasaw Campfire Girls.

Invocation, Rev. Cato. Chorus. Piano solo, Chalmer Hall. Welcome on behalf of citizens, Mayor P. Leeny.

Vocal solo, Mr Eugene Bailey. Welcome on behalf of churches, Mr. W. S. Page. Vocal duet, Misses Gladys and Ida Davis.

Welcome on behalf of clubs, Mrs. Francis Hicks, president of I. B. W. Club.

Piano duet with trap drum accompaniment. Piano, Misses Beulah Allen and Constance Downey. Drums, Miss Celia Wagner.

Response to welcomes, Mrs. Jennie G. Johnson, Davenport. Vocal solo, Miss Lenora Williams. Closing song, Campfire Girls. Tuesday, 8:45 a. m.

Music. Invocation by chaplain, Mrs. Julia Southall, Buxton. Song, "Iowa Beautiful Land." Roll call of officers.

Report of credential committee. Appointment of committees.

School of Instruction by chairman of District No. 1, Mrs. Jessye E. McClain.

Reports of committees.

Reports of officers.

Report of arts and crafts chairman, Mrs. Harry Allen, Des Moines.

Report of delegate to National Association of Colored Women.

Reports of clubs.

Adjournment.

Tuesday, 2 p. m.

Vocal solo, Mrs. Minta Miles, Buxton.

Invocation by chaplain.

Minutes of morning session.

Music, Miss Gladys Strother, Ottumwa.

Report of temperance chairman, Mrs. Alice McDowell, Des Moines.

Report of suffrage chairman, Miss Vivian Smith, Waterloo.

Discussion by suffrage workers.

Report of music chairman, Mrs. Gus G. Nichols, Des Moines.

Report of health chairman, Mrs. Alberta Carter, Davenport.

Lecture, "Health and Hygiene," Dr. A. J. Booker.

Vocal solo, Mrs. Wm. Stevens, Burlington.

Original Poem, "Our National President," Miss Margaret L. Roberts, Des Moines.

Tuesday, 8 p. m. at Grand Opera House.

Piano duet, with trap drum accompaniment, Misses Beulah Allen, Constance Downey and Celia Wagner.

Patriotic quartette—Messdames Gus G. Nichols, A. G. Coleman, C. B. Woods and Miss Osceola Jones.

Original poem, "Washington," Mr. Bertram Johnson.

President's annual address, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines.

Vocal solo, Mrs. Marguerite Field Lee, Des Moines.

Unveiling of the Booker T. Washington portrait by little Miss Helen Louise Downey, Ottumwa.

Address, Mrs. Mary B. Talbot, Buffalo, N. Y., president National Association of Colored Women, presenting portrait.

Acceptance on behalf of the State of Iowa, Mr. E. R. Harlan, Curator State Historical Department.

Acceptance on behalf of Tuskegee Institute, Prof. Walter L. Hutcherson, field secretary.

Saxophone solo, "Perfect Day," Mrs. E. L. Gaines, Omaha, Neb.

Wednesday, 8:45 a. m.

Music.

Invocation, chaplain.

Song.

Minutes of afternoon and evening sessions.

Report of executive board.

Report of clubs continued.

Report of household economics chairman, Mrs. Cora Jones, Oskaloosa.

Adjournment.

Wednesday, 2 p. m.

Instrumental, Miss Marie Williams, Cedar Rapids.

Invocation, chaplain.

Minutes of morning session.

Vocal solo, Miss Genevieve Searcy, Ottumwa.

Address, "Social Service," Mrs. Jessie E. Walker, Marshalltown.

Report of Young Women's chair-

man, Miss Marie I. Bell, Des Moines. Round table, "What Our Young Women Need Most," led by Miss Margaret Davis, Ottumwa, and participated in by representatives of the various Girls' Social Centers.

Reading, Miss Aileen Johnson, Ottumwa.

Vocal solo, Miss Harriet E. Redd, Washington.

Child welfare symposium, Mrs. John L. Thompson, chairman, presiding.

"The Early School Life," Mrs. H. W. Hughes, Des Moines.

"The Adolescent Period," Mrs. Wm. E. Bailey, Buxton.

Election of officers.

Adjournment.

Wednesday, 8 p. m.

Music, Mrs. Lelia Crawford, Ottumwa.

Invocation.

Minutes afternoon session.

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Address by Prof. Lawrence C. Jones, principal Piney Woods Country Life School, Braxton, Miss. Address, "Missionary Work by Club Women," Mrs. J. H. Brown, Des Moines, president Western Negro Baptist Women.

Reports of committees.

Installation of officers.

Music.

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Over-work, worry and the constant strain of a business life are often a cause of much trouble.

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CITY LOCALS

Vesper service at Union Congregational church Sunday at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Elliot Harris and son of Hannibal, Mo., was in our city this week on business.

Mr. A. J. Wilson had an operation performed last week, and is resting quietly at the Mercy hospital.

The St. Paul Altar Guild will meet with the president, Mrs. Alton, on Thursday afternoon, on 13th St.

Little Maudine Dixon, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, who has been very sick is improving this week.

Mrs. George Law left this week for Rapid to review the Household Ruth, as she is District Most Noble Governor.

Mrs. N. C. Marshall and daughter of 26 14th street left Thursday April 13th, for Denver, Colo., where they will spend several weeks.

The K. of P. local lodge will hold its annual sermon Sunday at the Maple Street Baptist church, at 2:30 o'clock. They will be in full regalia.

Miss Frada Graves was hostess at a party Thursday afternoon at the Palace Sweet Cafe, in honor of Misses Eva Everett and Evas Basham of Oklahoma.

Mr. Dewey Saunders of Rock Island, Mo., arrived in the city last evening to spend ten of fifteen days visiting his sister and brother of 783 W. 11th St.

Mrs. M. L. Davis and sister, Mrs. Mas. Peek, returned from Booneville, Mo., where they were called to attend the funeral of their grand mother.

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The Sewing Circle of the Corinthian Baptist church met last week with Miss Roberts, 1213 Park street. They will meet May 3rd at the home of Mrs. J. W. Whitfield, 918 12th street.

The Triple H club met with Mrs. Catherine Wagoner. After business an enjoyable program was rendered. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Elizabeth Avery, 10th and Park Sts.

Mrs. Frank P. Johnson who is very sick, returned from Chicago last week, but not much improved. They moved this week on West 12th street near the corner of Crocker street.

Don't fail to go and see Madame tubefilled at Union Congregational church next Wednesday, in her new drama "The World and His Wife." Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents.

The C. I. P. club met with Mrs. West, 1212 Center street Wednesday afternoon and served a fine dinner, costing 15c per plate. Between 90 and 100 people partook of this fine dinner and the club made a neat profit on the dinner. They will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. J. Jefferson on Day street.

Last Thursday evening April 26th, a number of girls met at the home of Miss Bernedja Lee to organize a club, which will be known as the Gaiety Girls. May the first the club met at the home of the president, Miss Ida Green. After the business meeting a dainty lunch was served. The meeting adjourned to meet at McCree's drug store, Tuesday May 8th, to be entertained by Miss Bernedja Lee and Miss Miss Marie Payton.

The Mary Church Terrill club met with Jessie Davis, and after business they elected their delegate in the person of Mrs. Lulu McCree, also the president, Mrs. Audrey Alexander. Alternates, Misses Gertrude Hyde and Editha Mash. Next meeting will be

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Miss Gertrude Hyde There will be a program and quotations from C. B. Carey and the lesson of the Holy Grail continued.

Miss Susie Lee returned Tuesday, after a brief visit with friends in Omaha.

Miss Zela B. White, who has been indisposed for the last week, is able to be out again.

Hon. Geo. H. Woodson of Buxton, who spent the winter in California taking a much needed rest, returned to Iowa last week, looking well and feeling elated. We are glad to welcome our distinguished citizen home

Miss Violet Hunter entertained the members of the Step Lively Girls last Sunday afternoon at her home. In addition to the regular program a group of songs were given by Miss Lucile Morrison. Misses Permelia Cary and Josea Roberts will be the next hostesses.

The Negro Civil Forum is especially anxious to have a good attendance at its meeting on Sunday at the Palms, 755 Ninth street. "The Negro Business Man of Des Moines" will be the topic for the day. Mr. Frank Shelton, the tailor, will lead the discussion. This is the beginning of a movement to organize the business men for better establishments and a complete understanding and co-operation between the customer and himself. All men are asked to attend.

The Kloster Crochet and Embroidery club met with Mrs. W. Hieronymus as hostess. Regular routine of work carried on. Two visitors were present, Mrs. Velma Thomas of Kansas City and Mrs. Gus Nichols, who gave the club some very interesting remarks. Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. M. Downs, 115 Grand avenue. All members are urgently requested to be at this meeting.

Thursday night, April 26th, the Sisters of Rebecca, Household of Ruth, No. 339, G. V. O. of O. F., gave Mrs. Della Bryant a surprise, when they presented her with a gold pin with the initials of her office on it. She served as right most noble governor six years and five years as recorder in the Rebecca Household of Ruth, No. 339. She was so surprised that she could not talk. She extended thanks to all her sisters of the Household of Ruth.

Mrs. S. L. Birt, niece of Bishop Ross, received word that he had returned home from Liberia West Africa, where he has been holding his conference. He made a purchase for the A. M. E. church schools, the Shaffer High School. He says that Liberia is suffering greatly from the war, on account of co-German sympathy. While there Bishop Ross was guest of the Prince of Republic of Liberia, also the guest of James L. Curtis, the American minister

Mr. C. C. Johnson, one of our well known citizens, was deliberately shot by a Greek who runs a restaurant near 7th and Mulberry streets, last Saturday evening, when Mr. Johnson, who is a janitor at the Watrous block, went over to get a lunch, as he had been going to this restaurant for several years. He called for his order and the Greek did not get it; he called the second time and the Greek said that he did not care to serve him or his people and ordered him out. Johnson started out and got as far as the door when the Greek shot him in the thigh. The Greek was placed in jail and Johnson was taken home, where he is doing as well as could be expected.

The Mary B. Tolbert club met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Geo. C. Young, 957 16th street. The club was called to order by the president, Mrs. A. G. Coleman. The roll was called and the members responded with miscellaneous quotations. Delegates for the coming State Federation to be held in Ottumwa May 21 to 23, inclusive, were elected and alternates. Namely: First delegate, Mrs. S. L. Birt, second delegate, Mrs. E. W. Warren. First alternate Mrs. Geo. Mason; second alternate, Miss Bess Mason. Mrs. Fred Gresham was present, and made a splendid talk before the club, stating that she highly appreciated being so royally entertained during her stay in the city and regretted leaving her friends, but wished them God speed. Messrs. Geo. Young and S. J. Brown made encouraging remarks, after which a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess. The club adjourned to meet on the evening of April 26th, at the home of Mrs. E. Warren.

Thanksgiving Sermon

The G. U. O. of O. F. and the H. H. of R. will hold their annual Thanksgiving sermon at the Corinthian Baptist church Sunday, May 13th, at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. L. Birt, pastor of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, will be the speaker of the day.

C. P. Jones, Chairman.
S. Gaiter, Cor. Sec'y.

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(Special to the Bystander.)
Sleep on dear brother, sleep
Your life's great work is done.
The loved ones here will weep,
But the victory is won.

Many you have bid to seek
Rest for their sinful soul,
Where Jesus reigns supremely meek,
And great mysteries to unfold.

Now you have ceased from labor,
The gavel to use no more.
You will meet Knights of Tabor
Who have gone before.

Gone to help crown Him,
On that bright golden morn,
Where He will welcome you in
With a robe and a crown adorn.

For the bereaved ones a sympathizing
tear;
We will meet up there some day,
Where no sorrow, neither pain or fear,
Can meet us on the way.

In that beautiful city of gold,
Where the Eastern Star is true,
And all the glories to behold,
We will meet in friendship, love and truth.

When the roll is called up there,
In that great and of bliss,
With no heavy cross to bear,
He will answer, Thomas Lafayette Smith.

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NOBLE M. JOHNSON.

Well Known Actor Who is Showing Some Interesting Developments of Race Progress in a Hithecto Untried Field Amply Prepared For His Work and is Winning His Laurels.



The progress of the colored people of the United States in education, business and the various professions is creditable and worthy of commendation. There are few avenues of industry into which some member of the race has not engaged with measurable success. This advance is largely due to education, aspiration and able leadership through organized effort. In this connection we doubt if any organization has been more helpful than the National Negro Business league.

In the new field of development of racial activities, such as light dramas, vaudeville and photoplays, the race is making splendid headway. The Lincoln Motion Picture company, with headquarters in Los Angeles and a branch office in Philadelphia, is one of the most potent movements launched by Negro capital. The company has for its object the presentation of motion pictures showing Negro progress as portrayed by Negro characters.

It offers a direct contradiction to the films that present the Negro in an altogether erroneous light. In this direction the company has done much toward educating the public relative to the best side of the Negro's life and to break down impressions, based altogether upon prejudice and injustice. The company was organized primarily to meet this condition and to furnish to the ambitious young men and women of the race an unexploited field.

The president of the company is Noble M. Johnson, who is one of the best known young men in his line among us. Mr. Johnson is employed with the Universal Photoplay company and has starred in such well known photo dramas as "Intolerance," "The Western Governor's Humanity," "The Death Warrant" and others. He knows every phase of the business, and in this direction he is able to bring to his work the background that is necessary to make it real and interesting. The officers are Dr. J. Thomas Smith, vice president and treasurer, and Clarence A. Brooks, secretary, all of whom are well known business men.

The entrance of the Negro into this field, which is the fifth greatest industry in the world, is doing more to get the correct side of Negro life before the nation than any other single agency. The first Negro picture produced by this company was entitled "Realization of a Negro's Ambition," which was a two part drama based upon love and adventure and which presented the true ambition of a colored youth's aspiration.

LEAGUE ASKS FULL MANHOOD RIGHTS

Branch of National Body Issues Timely Memorial.

SEES DANGER IN INJUSTICE

Members of Militant Organization at Boston Declare Their Purpose to Remain True to Government—Equality of Legal Standing and Protection More Precious Than Much Gold.

Boston.—The Boston branch of the National Equal Rights league sends out the following memorial to the people of the United States. The league pledges loyalty to the government and asks that colored Americans be protected in their legal and civil rights along with other loyal citizens of the American republic.

The league in its memorial says: "When this European war began the world involuntarily speculated whether the Irish would be loyal and the Russian Jews because of the denial of home rule by England and of civil and political rights by Russia. As the United States of America enters this awful war the world speculates whether Americans of color will be loyal because of the denial of rights to a majority of them.

"Since colored Americans in the past have offered their lives in every way for the country, if Germany is seeking to induce them to revolt it but proves how notorious is their proscription.

"If this nation, knowing the active loyalty of the Americans in the past, believes this alleged plotting could succeed it shows that the government and people believe that colored Americans are most unjustly treated. The Boston branch of the National Equal Rights league, meeting when the country is at war, realizing its responsibility as a branch of the only nation wide organization formed by and of and led by colored citizens to oppose race and color discrimination, declares false all charges of disloyalty.

"Colored Americans would be less than human if they did not feel bitterly every bar from employment, from public accommodation, because of our race and color. Deep is the resentment against enforced segregation by city, state or the federal government whether in the civil or military service. But we have no thought of taking up arms against this our country. Ours it has been to save the government from rebellion. This work of our fathers we shall not destroy. There is not gold enough in all the treasures of the nations of the earth to corrupt us, for it is not a question of money, but of equality of rights.

"Let neither white nor colored Americans seek to deny the truths of human nature. Soldiers of democracies fight better than soldiers of autocracies. The same men fight better if in time of peace they can sell their labor in the open market than if denied work because of race; fight better if public accommodation in peace depends on conduct and the price than if it is denied for color; fight more eagerly if in peace encouraged by possession of a free man's ballot than if represented by its denial; fight with more heart if in peace they have court protection than if their very race means possible murder by the mob.

"To the national government which calls us all to war, to our fellow Americans of every race variety, we would appeal in the name of fair play, of justice and humanity. We are all citizens of a common country.

"There is need no longer of subjection of Americans to the race prejudices of fellow Americans. In the presence of a common danger and a common obligation, with a war devastating Europe caused by racial clannishness and racial hatred, under Almighty God let the United States of America and the people thereof give up race proscription and persecution at home. Let the door of the workshop, the school, the college, the civil service, the army, the navy, the military school, the naval school now and henceforth open alike to every citizen of the republic without regard to race and without distinction of color. Let the right to travel, to vote, to have court protection be free, without barrier or denial.

"Give, Mr. President and all our governors, the same encouragement for volunteering or enlisting to white, to brown, to yellow, to black, Americans all, by vouchsafing the same free chance to enlist, to rise on merit, and on return home the same right to civil service and to civil rights without bar or segregation.

"Now is the time for all in authority to declare for the abolition of all racial discriminations and proscriptions and for all to join in our unhyphenated Americanism for victory under the favor of the God of all mankind."

E. T. Morris, Cambridge; Major Wesley J. Furlong, Melrose; William H. Scott, Woburn; William Monroe Trotter, Boston; Mrs. Evelline Sport, Cambridge; A. W. Whaley, Mrs. Nannie Bray, William D. Brigham, Mrs. M. Cravath, Simpson Everett, Rev. J. W. Hill, Mrs. A. Morse, William Still, Mrs. Mary Elliott, Cambridge; C. J. Wright, Esq., Mrs. Lucy Hunter, Cambridge; Mrs. A. Morse, Mrs. M. C. Hall, committee on memorial.

Coming Events Cast Their Shadows for 1917

The Electa Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, May 15, Marshalltown Iowa State Federation of Colored Women's clubs May 21 to 23, at Ottumwa.

A. M. E. Sunday School, Allen Endeavor and the Mite Missionary Society of the A. M. E. church of Iowa will hold annual session June 4th to 8th at Des Moines.

Iowa-Nebraska State Sunday School Association, June 17th at Davenport, Iowa.

The M. W. U. G. L. of A. F. & A. M. of Iowa, July 10, to 12, at Davenport, Iowa.

The Knights of Pythias, July 26th, at Albia.

The Court of Calanthe, July 26th, at Albia.

The Knights of Tabor, August 7th, Des Moines.

The Daughters of Tabernacle, August 7th, Des Moines.

National Business Men's League, August International Conference of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and P. C. M.s, August at Louisville, Ky.

The G. U. O. of O. F., August 28th at Des Moines.

The Household of Ruth, August 28th, at Des Moines.

Iowa-Nebraska State Baptist Association, August 28, Oskaloosa.

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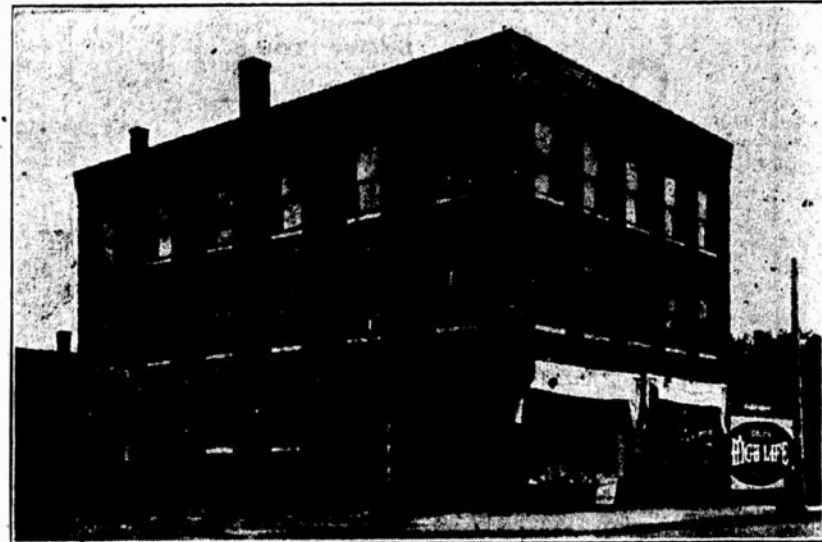
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HEALTH HINTS.
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The men of this community were wonderfully blessed during the past two weeks by two splendid types of virile men who brought messages of sane and practical living—Rev. G. W. Robinson, the new pastor of Corinthian Baptist church, who addressed the men at the Palms, and Rev. Howard, who talked at St. Paul's.



Just why these meetings were exclusively for men is a mystery. There was nothing that the most innocent girl might not have heard, neither in word nor suggestion. Dr. Robinson talked of Men Wanted and Dr. Howard of Keep the Charge. They went at the subjects with a punch and with clear-cut logic and a fervor that touched men's minds and souls.

People may dodge behind silly excuses, which they attempt to palm off for reasons; they may attempt to justify the gratification of passions and indulgences; they may detach some line in the Bible about wine; they may point to the frailty of some Bible character as license to do wrong, but all these things must fade away into realm of sophistry when subjected to reason and right living. Whatever may be the faults of the church, through its human agents the truths and ideals stand out more clearly and staunchly as the years go by. A man may do many things without being caught; he may come out from harmful influences unscathed, but one thing is certain and clear, no man was ever the worse for living up to the truths laid down by consecrated ministers. There are too few fine ministers as there are too few of all good men, but the trend is upward toward righteousness and perfection.

It is an unfortunate state of affairs that the idea has obtained that the Christian religion is for mollycoddles and women. It requires the finest kind of courage, the highest type of manhood to lead a Christian life. It is easier to not profess than it is to live a life worthy of being called after the Master. It is a life of sacrifice, one of self-renunciation, one that calls for mastery of self and charity for all those who have not seen the cold white light of the ideal. In living this life a man not only lives his best life, but lives the best life of a man.

To have heard Robinson tell what sort of a man would answer to Men Wanted was to have a man search his soul and go out with a higher conception of duty and a resolve to do some better deeds and leave off some of the traits looking to the God of our fathers, with all it implies, appeals to every man with a spark of manhood and an ounce of red blood. It is a healthful and encouraging sign to see clean, vigorous men, men with ability going up and down the land with practical, living, beautiful messages of life. Who tell us that one day religion is a fake, but seven day, twenty-four hour right living and

high thinking is the only proposition which is going to stand up and make men and races. These spineless jellyfish, with tenor voices who are just trying to keep out of hell are going there faster than ordinary time would take them. It is keeping the faith and trying to do better which is going to get us all by.

"To him that o'ercometh God giveth a crown," not to him that fools the most people or tells the most lies or has the most brazen face with his iniquity, but to him that overcometh the evils to which we are all heirs. It takes courage, character, conviction and faith in right to lead the right kind of lives.

The way to heaven is so simple in direction that few people want to follow the guide. If telling lies about visions, and trying to fool people about being good were sufficient, more of us would be sure of landing; instead it is just keeping in the straight and narrow path, believing on Him and keeping the faith. It sounds so simple that no one wants to believe it; they want something difficult to do, when under the sun no man can find a harder job than doing the square right thing twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year.

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Panel 2: Wobby: "WELL, HERE, YOU HIT IT AND THEE IF IT DOESN'T CWACK." Weggy: "TINK!"

Panel 3: Wobby: "ALL WIGHT, YOU THEE IT DIDN'T! HAND OVAH YOUR DOLLAR." Weggy: "OH THAY, THAT'S A NO FAIR HIT! LET ME TWY." Wobby: "OH, VEWY WELL!"

Panel 4: Wobby: "I'LL SHOW YOU IF IT'S CHINA!" Weggy: "I THAY, WEGGY—"

Panel 5: Wobby is shown in a state of shock and defeat, clutching his head.

Panel 6: Wobby: "WHAT DID I TELL YOU, WOBBY?" Weggy: "YOU WIN, WEGGY, — BAH JOVE!"

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