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TO CHARLES YOUNG, COLONEL  
U. S. ARMY.

By William Nauns Ricks.

Los Angeles California.  
Could I portray in words of grace,  
The service you have done your  
race;  
Could I but half such service do;  
Then I might pen a song to you.

If I could cheer my spirit when,  
Like you, I was despoiled of men;  
If through all changes I could hold  
A faith like yours, so clear, so bold.

If under pressure I could see  
Like you the path to Liberty;  
If I could hold my trust secure,  
And laugh and suffer and endure;

The petty scorn, the daily slight,  
And keep my feet in paths of right;  
Could calmly hold my hard won place;  
And bring a glory to my race—

A glory whose unclouded sheen  
Before the world stands big and  
clean;  
Then I could feel my song was true,  
If I should pen a song to you.  
Compliments of Frank P. Henry,  
Oakland, Cal.

### "A MESSAGE."

As the old year has passed away,  
and another year enters, this vision  
above still presses upon me. The  
vision cut above this message I shall  
explain it as God sent it to me. The  
picture I drew to illustrate why God's  
power compelled me to press on. The  
man on this hill represents the U. S.  
This vision God gave to me two  
months before the U. S. went into this  
war. I sent this vision to a colored  
paper and \$4.00. The Richmond Plan-  
et, Richmond, Va. Whether it was  
printed or received with love or not  
that I never knew, as I have not  
received up to this date one line of  
writing from Mr. John Mitchell, editor  
of The Planet.

When I was in Honolulu, while my  
husband was in Des Moines in train-  
ing camp, I met Rev. H. A. Perry at  
the home of Sister Ellen Douglas,  
1437 Buchanan street, and I asked him  
the whereabouts of the colored paper.  
He gave me the address on a piece of  
paper. I met Mrs. Emerald Mash, the  
stenographer of the Bystander, and  
she gave me church rates on the mes-  
sage, and I have always found the  
Bystander to be a home of the righte-  
ousness.

This photo cut above cost this be-  
loved \$1.50 for studio work, \$3.65 to  
get a cut. I paid it all from our home  
by making a sacrifice. I am still  
working for the uplift of our race  
through Jesus Christ as a saint of the  
most high God. I am working in no  
other light. When I was a small girl  
on Wednesday, June 10, 1896, I was  
with Jesus in a vision, in the vision  
he told me. Samaria if you keep my  
commandments all the days of your  
life, in days to come when there is no  
water to drink you shall give the  
thirsty water like Moses, and in the  
days of famine you shall feed the poor  
bread.

When he sanctified me, glory be to  
his Holy Name. Four years this Feb-  
ruary 5th He gave me the 21st Chap.  
St. Luke told me, Go ye into the world  
and preach the gospel. Speak to the  
Ethiopians; tell them to unite. Or-  
ganize a unity and charity bank and  
help each other. I have wrote and  
begged and talked and asked our race  
to please help this cause. My husband  
is not a saint. When God sanctified  
me he was a sinner, but glory be to  
God on January 7th, 1917, God spoke  
peace to his soul. We have our home  
meetings and he testifies. I believe  
he is doing all he can to live a true  
life; being a sinner so long he had  
many temptations to fight; being a  
man of quite a family and desiring  
his family to live on his salary, he did  
not have the free will offering of God  
in his heart as I had and so I have  
fought the battle unity and charity  
uphill and down hill, and still only  
\$8.50 is in the treasury. I took all I

will. I can name every member, give  
their address in order to prove what  
I say, because it was my husband's  
money; have paid the money for  
Christ, my husband is willing to sub-  
mit most anything over to me, but  
unity and charity, beloved almost  
caused a throw because God says,  
Press on, his will I must do. Beloved  
are you going to let the old ship sink,  
Unity and Charity.

This photo above is the one on the  
cards, with the 21st chapter of St.  
Luke, 6 verses, worded and tune  
named, "Praise His Name," a photo  
cut of myself, sold at 50c each, to  
raise money by summer to erect a  
building Unity and Charity in Pacific  
Grove, Cal., to help our race financial-  
ly and spiritually.

When I had a very nervous break-  
down in Honolulu over this work, God  
brought me this vision above: On a  
very high hill stood a man who re-  
presented the U. S. and at one foot the  
word "War" was written; that foot he  
had on land, and he said when I step  
I step deep and it means death. So  
as you see him stepping over the foot  
that he steps over had the word death.  
Away at the foot of this hill was our  
race, widows and orphans, some sick,  
some lame and the voice of God spoke  
to me and said: "And who will help  
to care for these?" This is why I  
press on. I can hear my Savior calling  
the weary to rest. I can see in the  
spirit of truth the condition of many  
things.

Allow me, beloved, to mention an-  
other vision to you. When I was 22  
years old one night in April on Fri-  
day my mother and sisters went to at-  
tend the dear old class meeting. I  
loved to attend and I had to remain  
home. As I laid on my bed I heard  
the voice of a sinner singing as he  
passed in the street, Cheer up, honey,  
more bright days than one. I ran to  
the window to see if I knew the man,  
as I was wishing to attend class meet-  
ing, but I could not, although it was  
a worldly song, but I took it through  
Christ Jesus and went to sleep at 4  
o'clock. This is the vision God sent  
me. He told me to come out into the  
yard under a china berry tree, and he  
said, Samaria, look up to the east at  
the handwriting in the sky and read.  
So I looked and a hand was writing  
and as fast as the writing would ap-  
pear it would disappear just as soon  
as I read. This was the writing I  
understood: Winds, rains, floods,  
fights, wars, bloody wars, and I said,  
Lord, Lord, and another handwriting  
appeared in another form and he, God  
I mean, this writing no man under-  
stands in the vision. I called my  
brother, G. F., and he rushed out of  
the house and saw the writing and  
groaned and disappeared. Last year  
April he was on his way. He went  
out in the yard to read his newspa-  
per under a shade tree and was heard  
groaning in the yard. Such surprise,  
but when my sister reached him he  
had passed away. Is not this the land  
of repentance, and I thought I ask  
God, Lord, what does all this writing  
mean, and he said it means hereafter  
things are not going to get any bet-  
ter, but worse.

As 21st chapter of St. Luke reads in  
latter part of 16th verse, and some of  
you shall they cause to be put to  
death. My heart is exceedingly sor-  
rowful over the men who were put to  
death. Their vacancy at home can  
never be filled, but when Christ warns  
us, he says heaven and earth shall  
pass away, out my words shall not  
pass away. Are you weeping over the  
dead or are you also willing to help  
care for those they left behind. If so,  
unity with me through Christ Jesus  
and send 50c for a card. The names  
are as follows, who have paid in full  
for cards:

- Mr. John L. Thompson, 50c, editor  
Bystander.
- Mrs. Emerald Mash, 50c, stenog-  
rapher Bystander.
- Mrs. J. J. Greed, colored grocer, 50c,  
Des Moines.
- Mr. Ed. Burdette, 50c, 802 S. E.  
11th street, Des Moines.
- Mrs. B. O'Bannon, 50c, 1521 Walker  
street, Des Moines.
- Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, Baker  
City, Mo., 50c.
- Mrs. Nancy J. Bruce, Dalton, Mo.,  
50c.
- Mr. Ulysses Lowe, Rockfield, Ky.,  
\$1.00, brother of Capt. Lowe.
- Mrs. Alice Pettie, 417 Willow street,  
Pacific Grove, Cal., \$1.00.
- Capt. Joseph S. Lowe, 50c.
- Mrs. Joseph S. Lowe, 50c.
- Miss Elise C. Lowe, 50c.
- Little Ilo Ilo Lowe, 50c.
- Victoria M. Lowe, 50c.
- Master Hewathio Lowe, 50c.
- Total, \$8.50.

Happy New Year from Mrs. Joseph  
S. Lowe, 566 Mills street, Chillicothe,  
Mo.

### MACON, MO. NEWS.

Mrs. Andrew Hoskins and husband  
have returned to their home in Rock  
Island, Ill., after a pleasant visit with  
relatives.

Mrs. Mary Austin has returned to  
her home in Omaha, Neb., after spend-  
ing the holidays with Mrs. J. Green

Mr. Noble Johnson has returned  
from Lexington, Neb., where he has  
spent a few months.

Miss Mabel Harris, a student of  
Western college, has returned from  
spending the holidays with her brother  
in Carrolton, Mo. While spending  
the holidays Miss Harris gave an ex-  
cellent musical recital in Dalton, Mo.  
Miss Harris is a charming young lady  
of the college, who is possessed of an  
excellent musical ability.

Mrs. Fred Saunders of Omaha,  
Neb., will depart soon for her home  
in Omaha, Neb., after a pleasant visit  
with relatives.

Mrs. Hannah Morrison is abl. to be  
up, after a spell of illness.

Mr. Alfred Gordon is now in the  
city on business.

Miss Kathryn Smith entertained at  
a dinner last week in honor of her  
birthday.

The Dunbar recital which was given  
at the church by the students of  
Western college, under the direction  
of Mrs. I. E. Page, will be called to  
be given Thursday night.

Mr. Arvel Garth and Tom Jackson,  
who are in training at Camp Funston,  
are expected home soon.

Mr. Gordon Corhorn and Rev. Cash  
Bates, students of Western college,  
will arrive Sunday after spending the  
holidays at their homes.

Mr. James Gordon of Anniston, Ala-  
bama, is expected to arrive today to  
be the guest of a certain young lady  
of our city.

The remains of Mrs. Hannah Hub-  
bard, who died at Colorado Springs,  
Colo., was brought to Macon on Sat-  
urday last for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins spent Tues-  
day in Quincy, Ill., on their way home  
to be the guest of Mrs. Hoskins'  
brother, Mr. J. B. Harris.

Owing to the disagreeable weather  
only a few were able to attend the  
services Sunday.

Mr. Alex Bradley, who has been  
frost bitten very seriously, is slowly  
improving.

Miss Marie Brown of Minneapolis,  
Minn., will depart Sunday for her  
home, after a visit with friends.

Miss Lucille Evans spent a few  
days in Callo, Mo., the guest of Berna  
Cooper.

Miss Lula Haygood of Okmulgee,  
Okla., passed through Macon en route  
for Wilberforce, Ohio.

Mr. William Haygood has returned  
to his home.

Subscribe for the Bystander.

### FT. MADISON, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)

Miss Lucy King of this city enter-  
tained a number of friends at her  
home Sunday evening in honor of Miss  
Velma Woods and Miss Lucile Mor-  
rison, both of Des Moines, Iowa. The  
afternoon and evening were spent in  
a very musical way, which was en-  
joyed by all. After a very delicious  
luncheon was served the guests de-  
parted at an early hour, announcing  
an unusually grand time.

### BURLINGTON NOTES.

(Special to Bystander.)

Burlingtonians are not asleep at the  
switch, but the fact is Editor Thomp-  
son seemingly forgets us only on his  
collecting tour. We are as usual with-  
out an agent.

Not believing in taxation without  
representation, I take the liberty of  
writing these notes to let you know  
Burlington is still on the map.

With the passing of 1917 closed the  
most successful year in the history of  
the A. M. E. church. Rev. J. H. Belle  
came to our city with such excellent  
reputation, through his high traits of  
manner, spiritual activities, he has  
steadily added to his laurels and may  
be justly deemed a distinguished rep-  
resentative of the race. He is ably  
assisted by his wife, Mrs. Manola  
Belle, who is one of the most brilli-  
ant women of our race. Mrs. Belle  
had the honor of addressing a very  
appreciative audience at the Y. W. C.  
A. in November. The Christian in-  
fluence of these eminent leaders is  
felt throughout the community.

One of our recent organizations is  
the Boy Scouts, troop 10. Rev. J. H.  
Belle, scout master. Mr. George King,  
assistant.

The Stevens and Hale Concert com-  
pany played a return engagement at  
Mt. Pleasant in November.

The program rendered at the A. M.  
E. church Thanksgiving eve was a  
huge success. Mr. J. H. Dunn de-  
serves much credit for his ability as  
manager.

Owing to indisposition among the  
members the B. J. Progressive club  
postponed their entertainment for the  
near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Thompson  
motored to Ft. Madison last week.  
They were accompanied by Madame  
Stevens and Hale. They were the  
guests of Rev. and Mrs. B. R. Penn  
while in the city.

Miss Bessie Early of Quincy, Ill.,  
is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Julia Folks has returned from  
a very pleasant visit in Clinton, Iowa.

A double surprise party was given  
when on December 9th the members  
of the Coloridge Taylor Glee club  
arrived at the residence of Mrs. Wm.  
Stevens to surprise her on her birth-  
day. After being ushered in the hall  
by Miss Parker the door of the music  
room swung open and Madam Stev-  
ens, arrayed in party costume and  
holding a birthday cake with twenty-  
four candles, greeted her guest with  
the knowing smile. The double sur-  
prise was heartily received and a very  
delightful time enjoyed.

Mrs. Elmore Gresham of Cedar Rap-  
ids was the guest of Mr. and Mrs.  
Clyde Washington last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams enter-  
tained Christmas eve complimentary  
to the soldiers who were home on fur-  
lough from Camp Dodge.

Mrs. L. Washington entertained  
with a six-course dinner on Christmas  
day. Music was furnished by Dr. J.  
E. Johnson, Leo Johnson and Odel  
Smith. A delightful time was en-  
joyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks enter-  
tained the soldiers home on furlough  
from Camp Dodge on Christmas eve.

Madam Fanny Parker entertained  
with a dinner Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rideout of S. Adams  
street entertained a company of  
friends at supper the 12th of Decem-  
ber.

Mr. Al Ackman was a recent visit-  
or at Camp Dodge.

Mr. Crawford has returned from  
Camp Dodge, having been exempted.  
He was too short in stature, but not  
in patriotism.

Miss Mary Brooks was hostess of  
the Progressive club Monday. After  
the usual transaction of business a  
dainty luncheon was served by the  
hostess, assisted by Elsie Williams.

The club adjourned to meet with  
Mrs. Manola Belle at the parsonage  
Monday next.

The C. T. G. club gave a delightful  
surprise on Mrs. J. E. Johnson on  
the 12th, the event being her birth-  
day. Mrs. Johnson was the recipi-  
ent of a beautiful birthday cake  
holding thirty-nine candles, the gift  
of Mrs. Fannie Parker. Vocal and  
instrumental music was the even-  
ing's diversions.

Mrs. Chas. King visited in Louisi-  
ana during the holidays.

Mr. Geo. Tyler paid a brief visit at  
Camp Dodge last week. He brought  
home the soldier boys who were on  
furlough to spend the holidays. The  
trip was made in the large touring  
car of Mr. Aleck Moir.

Mr. Chas. McGinnis is in the city  
for an indefinite stay.

The funeral of Fred Woods, oldest  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woods,  
was held at the Underkirsch chapel  
on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock  
January 2nd. Rev. J. T. Belle offi-  
ciated. Many friends were in at-  
tendance and extend their sympathy  
to the bereaved family.

Miss Thelma V. Smith of Keokuk,  
Iowa, is the guest of her cousin,  
Mrs. Lottie Nelson.

Miss Jessie Parker was hostess to  
the A. I. club last week.

Pearl, the oldest son of Mrs. Beat-  
rice Johnson, passed away last week,  
after an illness of many months.  
The funeral services was held at the  
A. M. E. church, conducted by the  
pastor, Rev. J. H. Belle.

Pearl was an exemplary young  
man. His illness and death has been  
a sorrow to the community. Mrs.  
Johnson and family have the sym-  
pathy of all. Arthur Johnson of  
Camp Dodge was in attendance at  
his brother's funeral.

Mr. Wm. Ashby was called to  
Canton to the bedside of his mother,  
who is quite ill.

Mrs. Alice Dunn, who has been in-  
disposed for some time, is slowly im-  
proving.

Mrs. Mary Edwards, who has been  
ill, is able to be out again.

Teaching Child to Read.

A child is best taught to read in the  
natural method, by means of objects.  
His words or short sentences contain-  
ing the same words repeated in dif-  
ferent connection, are written on the  
blackboard, and he quickly learns to  
recognize these and to read at sight,  
first words in script, then in type.  
When he is made to copy the black-  
board words at each lesson, he learns  
to read and write both at the same  
time.

"Alma Mater."

The phrase "alma mater," as applied  
to colleges and universities, is said to  
have originated in the University of  
Bonn, Germany. A statue of the Mother  
of Christ—the alma mater, or be-  
loved mother, stands over the doorway  
of that famous seat of learning. From  
it the phrase received its origin.

Conservation of Worry.

"Does your husband worry about  
the grocery bill?" "No," he says  
there's no sense in both himself and  
the grocer worrying over the same  
bills."

### BUXTON NEWS.

We are mighty glad to see so many  
of the old citizens coming back and  
casting their lot with us again. For  
instance, Johnnie Nicholas of Gary,  
Ind., Doffus Cary of Detroit, Mich.,  
Earnest Watson and John Jackson of  
Cedar Rapids. The reappearing of  
familiar faces such as these helps to  
bring back the old-time punch to Bux-  
ton.

Mr. John Baker, the national organ-  
izer of the U. M. W. of A. after fin-  
ishing a number of months of suc-  
cessful work through West Virginia,  
is home for an indefinite stay.

The husbands of the ladies of the  
Industrial club highly entertained their  
wives by giving them a big dinner  
at the Y. M. C. A. on New Year's  
day. The men arranged the menu,  
hired the cooking done and then  
served the dinner.

Mr. Hy Mease has announced his  
intentions of enlisting in the navy in  
a few days.

We are pleased to announce that  
Madam C. J. Walker, the wealthy and  
noted hair culturist, is expected to ap-  
pear in Buxton soon, to give her fa-  
mous illustrated lecture, in which she  
has appeared in some of the largest  
cities of the states. We are preparing  
to have her program at the Y. M. C. A.  
The club women are sparing no  
pains toward making her coming a  
great event for the people of Buxton.  
Watch for the date.

The Y. M. C. A. will have their an-  
nual election of officers this January.  
There are many good men on as can-  
didates; therefore we see no reason  
why we should not have a good staff  
of officers to conduct the 1918 work.

Secretary J. E. Mills has announced  
that the Y. is laying big plans for a  
father and son banquet for February.

Mr. J. E. Mills, general secretary  
of the Y. M. C. A., will attend the Ot-  
tumwa conference, which will con-  
vene January 18th.

The Buxton Y. M. C. A. is urging  
upon every colored man, not only in  
Buxton, but in the state of Iowa, to  
start a bank account on February 3rd,  
which date the governor has set apart  
as national thrift day, so we say again  
for God's sake start an account in  
some bank, if it is only 50 cents. We  
will break our necks trying to keep  
up with the white man in high living,  
swell dressing and expensive enter-  
taining, together with a score of other  
trashy what nots so why not wake  
up and begin to imitate the white man  
in this great thrift movement?

Miss Edyth Jones entertained a  
number of young ladies and gents at  
her beautiful home last Saturday

evening. The evening was spent with  
music and games and at a late hour a  
dainty five-course luncheon was  
served. It was probably the last  
evening the high school boys and girls  
spent together from their holiday va-  
cation.

Mrs. Minnie B. London has returned  
from a short visit in Des Moines.

Mrs. Violet Mardis entertained the  
Ladies' Progressive club last Wednes-  
day afternoon. A large number were  
present and after their general rou-  
tine of business a dainty three-course  
luncheon was served.

Mrs. Wm. Prentice entertained the  
Organ club last Friday afternoon at  
her home. This club is doing a won-  
derful work. The piano is all paid  
for and now their work for the new  
year will go toward other good mis-  
sions for the church.

I am going to urge upon the read-  
ers of the Bystander to turn over a  
new leaf with the new year and try  
to pay up their back dues more  
promptly than last year. Miss Mardis  
can be found at the M. M. Co. store

### ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Anna Tomlin has returned to  
Des Moines Wednesday.

On New Year's day the Y. of P.  
lodge held open doors for their wives  
and friends at the K. of P. hall and  
a social in the evening.

The Sewing Circle club gave a social  
at the home of Mrs. Delia Thomas on  
New Year's.

The Miller family returned to their  
home in Hawkeye on Saturday.

Two days of cold and snow in this  
town Saturday and Sunday.

### ESTHERVILLE, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)

A number of neighbors and friends  
listened to a mock trial at the home  
of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Robinson on De-  
cember 31, just as the old year was  
tolled out by the bells and whistles.  
Refreshments were served. All re-  
ported a good time.

January 10th there will be a fish  
supper given by the club at the home  
of Mrs. Jas. Robinson. Price 50c, fol-  
lowed by a musical entertainment at  
8 o'clock.

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ING BENEFIT.

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anyone sending us \$2.00: Can get the Bystander for  
1 year, also a copy of the new book, entitled "His-  
tory and Views of the Fort Des Moines Officers'  
Training Camp," which gives a brief history of our  
colored commissioned officers in the U. S. This offer  
will last about thirty days, beginning December 15.  
So send in to this office at once.

This is a good opportunity to get a useful and val-  
uable book for one-half the regular price.

J. L. Thompson, Des Moines, Ia.

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through Jesus Christ as a saint of the  
most high God. I am working in no  
other light. When I was a small girl  
on Wednesday, June 10, 1896, I was  
with Jesus in a vision, in the vision  
he told me. Samaria if you keep my  
commandments all the days of your  
life, in days to come when there is no  
water to drink you shall give the  
thirsty water like Moses, and in the  
days of famine you shall feed the poor  
bread.

When he sanctified me, glory be to  
his Holy Name. Four years this Feb-  
ruary 5th He gave me the 21st Chap.  
St. Luke told me, Go ye into the world  
and preach the gospel. Speak to the  
Ethiopians; tell them to unite. Or-  
ganize a unity and charity bank and  
help each other. I have wrote and  
begged and talked and asked our race  
to please help this cause. My husband  
is not a saint. When God sanctified  
me he was a sinner, but glory be to  
God on January 7th, 1917, God spoke  
peace to his soul. We have our home  
meetings and he testifies. I believe  
he is doing all he can to live a true  
life; being a sinner so long he had  
many temptations to fight; being a  
man of quite a family and desiring  
his family to live on his salary, he did  
not have the free will offering of God  
in his heart as I had and so I have  
fought the battle unity and charity  
uphill and down hill, and still only  
\$8.50 is in the treasury. I took all I

will. I can name every member, give  
their address in order to prove what  
I say, because it was my husband's  
money; have paid the money for  
Christ; my husband is willing to sub-  
mit most anything over to me, but  
unity and charity, beloved almost  
caused a throw because God says,  
Press on, his will I must do. Beloved  
are you going to let the old ship sink,  
Unity and Charity.

This photo above is the one on the  
cards, with the 21st chapter of St.  
Luke, 6 verses, worded and tune  
named, "Praise His Name," a photo  
cut of myself, sold at 50c each, to  
raise money by summer to erect a  
building Unity and Charity in Pacific  
Grove, Cal., to help our race financial-  
ly and spiritually.

When I had a very nervous break-  
down in Honolulu over this work, God  
brought me this vision above: On a  
very high hill stood a man who re-  
presented the U. S. and at one foot the  
word "War" was written; that foot he  
had on land, and he said when I step  
I step deep and it means death. So  
as you see him stepping over the foot  
that he steps over had the word death.  
Away at the foot of this hill was our  
race, widows and orphans, some sick,  
some lame and the voice of God spoke  
to me and said: "And who will help  
to care for these?" This is why I  
press on. I can hear my Savior call-  
ing the weary to rest. I can see in the  
spirit of truth the condition of many  
things.

Allow me, beloved, to mention an-  
other vision to you. When I was 22  
years old one night in April on Fri-  
day my mother and sisters went to at-  
tend the dear old class meeting. I  
loved to attend and I had to remain  
home. As I laid on my bed I heard  
the voice of a sinner singing as he  
passed in the street, Cheer up, honey,  
more bright days than one. I ran to  
hite window to see if I knew the man,  
as I was wishing to attend class meet-  
ing, but I could not, although it was a  
worldly song, but I took it through  
Christ Jesus and went to sleep at 4  
o'clock. This is the vision God sent  
me. He told me to come out into the  
yard under a china berry tree, and he  
said, Samaria, look up to the east at  
the handwriting in the sky and read.  
So I looked and a hand was writing  
and as fast as the writing would ap-  
pear it would disappear just as soon  
as I read. This was the writing I  
understood: Winds, rains, floods,  
fights, wars, bloody wars, and I said,  
Lord, Lord, and another handwriting  
appeared in another form and he, God  
I mean, this writing no man under-  
stands in the vision. I called my  
brother, G. F., and he rushed out of  
the house and saw the writing and  
groaned and disappeared. Last year  
April he was on his way. He went  
out in the yard to read his newspa-  
per under a shade tree and was heard  
groaning in the yard. Such surprise,  
but when my sister reached him he  
had passed away. Is not this the land  
of repentance, and I thought I ask  
God, Lord, what does all this writing  
mean, and he said it means hereafter  
things are not going to get any bet-  
ter, but worse.

As 21st chapter of St. Luke reads in  
latter part of 16th verse, and some of  
you shall they cause to be put to  
death. My heart is exceedingly sor-  
rowful over the men who were put to  
death. Their vacancy at home can  
never be filled, but when Christ warns  
us, he says heaven and earth shall  
pass away, out my words shall not  
pass away. Are you weeping over the  
dead or are you also willing to help  
care for those they left behind. If so,  
unity with me through Christ Jesus  
and send 50c for a card. The names  
are as follows, who have paid in full  
for cards:

- Mr. John L. Thompson, 50c, editor Bystander.
- Mrs. Emerald Mash, 50c, stenographer Bystander.
- Mrs. J. J. Greed, colored grocer, 50c, Des Moines.
- Mr. Ed. Burdette, 50c, 802 S. E. 11th street, Des Moines.
- Mrs. B. O'Bannon, 50c, 1521 Walker street, Des Moines.
- Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, Baker City, Mo., 50c.
- Mrs. Nancy J. Bruce, Dalton, Mo., 50c.
- Mr. Ulysses Lowe, Rockfield, Ky., \$1.00, brother of Capt. Lowe.
- Mrs. Alice Pettie, 417 Willow street, Pacific Grove, Cal., \$1.00.
- Capt. Joseph S. Lowe, 50c.
- Mrs. Joseph S. Lowe, 50c.
- Miss Elise C. Lowe, 50c.
- Little Ilo Ilo Lowe 50c.
- Victoria M. Lowe, 50c.
- Master Hewathio Lowe, 50c.
- Total, \$8.50.
- Happy New Year from Mrs. Joseph S. Lowe, 566 Mills street, Chillicothe,

### MACON, MO. NEWS.

Mrs. Andrew Hoskins and husband  
have returned to their home in Rock  
Island, Ill., after a pleasant visit with  
relatives.  
Mrs. Mary Austin has returned to  
her home in Omaha, Neb., after spend-  
ing the holidays with Mrs. J. Green

Mr. Noble Johnson has returned  
from Lexington, Neb., where he has  
spent a few months.

Miss Mabel Harris, a student of  
Western college, has returned from  
spending the holidays with her broth-  
er in Carrolton, Mo. While spending  
the holidays Miss Harris gave an ex-  
cellent musical recital in Dalton, Mo.  
Miss Harris is a charming young lady  
of the college, who is possessed of an  
excellent musical ability.

Mrs. Fred Saunders of Omaha,  
Neb., will depart soon for her home  
in Omaha, Neb., after a pleasant visit  
with relatives.

Mrs. Hannah Morrison is abl. to be  
up, after a spell of illness.

Mr. Alfred Gordon is now in the  
city on business.

Miss Kathryn Smith entertained at  
a dinner last week in honor of her  
birthday.

The Dunbar recital which was given  
at the church by the students of  
Western college, under the direction  
of Mrs. I. E. Page, will be called to  
be given Thursday night.

Mr. Arvel Garth and Tom Jackson,  
who are in training at Camp Funston,  
are expected home soon.

Mr. Gordon Corhorn and Rev. Cash  
Bates, students of Western college,  
will arrive Sunday after spending the  
holidays at their homes.

Mr. James Gordon of Anniston, Ala-  
bama, is expected to arrive today to  
be the guest of a certain young lady  
of our city.

The remains of Mrs. Hannah Hub-  
bard, who died at Colorado Springs,  
Colo., was brought to Macon on Sat-  
urday last for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins spent Tues-  
day in Quincy, Ill., on their way home  
to be the guest of Mrs. Hoskins'  
brother, Mr. J. B. Harris.

Owing to the disagreeable weather  
only a few were able to attend the  
services Sunday.

Mr. Alex Bradley, who has been  
frost bitten very seriously, is slowly  
improving.

Miss Marie Brown of Minneapolis,  
Minn., will depart Sunday for her  
home, after a visit with friends.

Miss Lucille Evans spent a few  
days in Gallo, Mo., the guest of Berna  
Cooper.

Miss Lula Haygood of Okmulgee,  
Okla., passed through Macon en route  
for Wilberforce, Ohio.

Mr. William Haygood has returned  
to his home.

Subscribe for the Bystander.

### FT. MADISON, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)  
Miss Lucy King of this city enter-  
tained a number of friends at her  
home Sunday evening in honor of Miss  
Velma Woods and Miss Lucile Mor-  
rison, both of Des Moines, Iowa. The  
afternoon and evening were spent in  
a very musical way, which was en-  
joyed by all. After a very delicious  
luncheon was served the guests de-  
parted at an early hour, announcing  
an unusually grand time.

### BURLINGTON NOTES.

(Special to Bystander.)  
Burlingtonians are not asleep at the  
switch, but the fact is Editor Thomp-  
son seemingly forgets us only on his  
collecting tour. We are as usual with-  
out an agent.

Not believing in taxation without  
representation, I take the liberty of  
writing these notes to let you know  
Burlington is still on the map.

With the passing of 1917 closed the  
most successful year in the history of  
the A. M. E. church. Rev. J. H. Belle  
came to our city with such excellent  
reputation, through his high traits of  
manner, spiritual activities, he has  
steadily added to his laurels and may  
be justly deemed a distinguished rep-  
resentative of the race. He is ably  
assisted by his wife, Mrs. Manola  
Belle, who is one of the most bril-  
liant women of our race. Mrs. Belle  
had the honor of addressing a very  
appreciative audience at the Y. W. C.  
A. in November. The Christian in-  
fluence of these eminent leaders is  
felt throughout the community.

One of our recent organizations is  
the Boy Scouts, troop 10. Rev. J. H.  
Belle, scout master. Mr. George King,  
assistant.

The Stevens and Hale Concert com-  
pany played a return engagement at  
Mt. Pleasant in November.

The program rendered at the A. M.  
E. church Thanksgiving eve was a  
huge success. Mr. J. H. Dunn de-  
serves much credit for his ability as  
manager.

Owing to indisposition among the  
members the B. J. Progressive club  
postponed their entertainment for the  
near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Thompson  
motored to Ft. Madison last week.  
They were accompanied by Madame  
Stevens and Hale. They were the  
guests of Rev. and Mrs. B. R. Penn  
while in the city.

Miss Bessie Early of Quincy, Ill.,  
is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Julia Folks has returned from  
a very pleasant visit in Clinton, Iowa.

A double surprise party was given  
when on December 9th the members  
of the Coloridge Taylor Glee club  
arrived at the residence of Mrs. Wm.  
Stevens to surprise her on her birth-  
day. After being ushered in the hall  
by Miss Parker the door of the music  
room swung open and Madam Stev-  
ens, arrayed in party costume and  
holding a birthday cake with twenty-  
four candles, greeted her guest with  
the knowing smile. The double sur-  
prise was heartily received and a very  
delightful time enjoyed.

Mrs. Elnora Gresham of Cedar Rap-  
ids was the guest of Mr. and Mrs.  
Clyde Washington last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams enter-  
tained Christmas eve complimentary  
to the soldiers who were home on fur-  
lough from Camp Dodge.

Mrs. L. Washington entertained  
with a six-course dinner on Christmas  
day. Music was furnished by Dr. J.  
E. Johnson, Leo Johnson and Odel  
Smith. A delightful time was en-  
joyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks enter-  
tained the soldiers home on furlough  
from Camp Dodge on Christmas eve.  
Madam Fanny Parker entertained  
with a dinner Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rideout of S. Adams  
street entertained a company of  
friends at supper the 12th of Decem-  
bre.

Mr. Al Ackman was a recent visi-  
tor at Camp Dodge.

Mr. Crawford has returned from  
Camp Dodge, having been exempted.  
He was too short in stature, but not  
in patriotism.

Miss Mary Brooks was hostess of  
the Progressive club Monday. After  
the usual transaction of business a  
dainty luncheon was served by the  
hostess, assisted by Elsie Williams.

The club adjourned to meet with  
Mrs. Manola Belle at the parsonage  
Monday next.

The C. T. G. club gave delightful  
surprise on Mrs. J. E. Johnson on  
the 12th, the event being her birth-  
day. Mrs. Johnson was hte recipi-  
ent of a beautiful birthday cake  
holding thirty-nine candles, the gift  
of Mrs. Fannie Parker. Vocal and  
instrumental music was the even-  
ing's diversions.

Mrs. Chas. King visited in Louis-  
iana during the holidays.

Mr. Geo. Tyler paid a brief visit at  
Camp Dodge last week. He brought  
home the soldier boys who were on  
furlough to spend the holidays. The  
trip was made in the large touring  
car of Mr. Aleck Moir.

Mr. Chas. McGinnis is in the city  
for an indefinite stay.

The funeral of Fred Woods, oldest  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woods,  
was held at the Underkirchur chapel  
on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock  
January 2nd. Rev. J. T. Belle offi-  
ciated. Many friends were in at-  
tendance and extend their sympathy  
to the bereaved family.

Miss Thelma V. Smith of Keokuk,  
Iowa, is the guest of her cousin,  
Mrs. Lottie Nelson.

Miss Jessie Parker was hostess to  
the A. I. club last week.

Pearl, the oldest son of Mrs. Beat-  
rice Johnson, passed away last week,  
after an illness of many months.  
The funeral services was held at the  
A. M. E. church, conducted by the  
pastor, Rev. J. H. Belle.

Pearl was an exemplary young  
man. His illness and death has been  
a sorrow to the community. Mrs.  
Johnson and family have the sym-  
pathy of all. Arthur Johnson of  
Camp Dodge was in attendance at  
his brother's funeral.

Mr. Wm. Ashby was called to  
Canton to the bedside of his mother,  
who is quite ill.

Mrs. Alice Dunn, who has been in-  
disposed for some time, is slowly im-  
proving.

Mrs. Mary Edwards, who has been  
ill, is able to be out again.

### Teaching Child to Read.

A child is best taught to read in the  
natural method, by means of objects.  
His words or short sentences contain-  
ing the same words repeated in dif-  
ferent connection, are written on the  
blackboard, and he quickly learns to  
recognize these and to read at sight,  
first words in script, then in type.  
When he is made to copy the black-  
board words at each lesson, he learns  
to read and write both at the same  
time.

### "Alma Mater."

The phrase "alma mater," as applied  
to colleges and universities, is said to  
have originated in the University of  
Bonn, Germany. A statue of the Moth-  
er of Christ—the alma mater, or be-  
loved mother, stands over the doorway  
of that famous seat of learning. From  
it the phrase received its origin.

### Conservation of Worry.

"Does your husband worry about  
the grocery bill?" "No; he says  
there's no sense in both himself and  
the grocer worrying over the same  
bills."

### BUXTON NEWS.

We are mighty glad to see so many  
of the old citizens coming back and  
casting their lot with us again. For  
instance, Johnnie Nicholas of Gary,  
Ind., Doffus Cary of Detroit, Mich.,  
Earnest Watson and John Jackson of  
Cedar Rapids. The reappearance of  
familiar faces such as these helps to  
bring back the old-time punch to Bux-  
ton.

Mr. John Baker, the national organ-  
izer of the U. M. W. of A. after fin-  
ishing a number of months of suc-  
cessful work through West Virginia,  
is home for an indefinite stay.

The husbands of the ladies of the  
Industrial club highly entertained  
their wives by giving them a big din-  
ner at the Y. M. C. A. on New Year's  
day. The men arranged the menu,  
hired the cooking done and then  
served the dinner.

Mr. Hy Mease has announced his  
intentions of enlisting in the navy in  
a few days.

We are pleased to announce that  
Madam C. J. Walker, the wealthy and  
noted hair culturist, is expected to ap-  
pear in Buxton soon, to give her fam-  
ous illustrated lecture, in which she  
has appeared in some of the largest  
cities of the states. We are preparing  
to have her program at the Y. M. C.  
A. The club women are sparing no  
pains toward making her coming a  
great event for the people of Buxton.  
Watch for the date.

The Y. M. C. A. will have their an-  
nual election of officers this January.  
There are many good men on as can-  
didates; therefore we see no reason  
why we should not have a good staff  
of officers to conduct the 1918 work.

Secretary J. E. Mills has announced  
that the Y. is laying big plans for a  
father and son banquet for February.

Mr. J. E. Mills, general secretary of  
the Y. M. C. A., will attend the Ot-  
tumwa conference, which will con-  
vene January 18th.

The Buxton Y. M. C. A. is urging  
upon every colored man, not only in  
Buxton, but in the state of Iowa, to  
start a bank account on February 3rd,  
which date the governor has set apart  
as national thrift day, so we say again  
for God's sake start an account in  
some bank, if it is only 50 cents. We  
will break our necks trying to keep  
up with the white man in high living,  
swell dressing and expensive enter-  
taining, together with a score of other  
trashy what nots so why not wake  
up and begin to imitate the white man  
in this great thrift movement?

Miss Edyth Jones entertained a  
number of young ladies and gents at  
her beautiful home last Saturday

evening. The evening was spent with  
music and games and at a late hour a  
dainty five-course luncheon was  
served. It was probably the last  
evening the high school boys and girls  
spent together from their holiday va-  
cation.

Mrs. Minnie B. London has returned  
from a short visit in Des Moines.

Mrs. Violet Mardis entertained the  
Ladies' Progressive club last Wednes-  
day afternoon. A large number were  
present and after their general rou-  
tine of business a dainty three-course  
luncheon was served.

Mrs. Wm. Prentice entertained the  
Organ club last Friday afternoon at  
her home. This club is doing a won-  
derful work. The piano is all paid  
for and now their work for the new  
year will go toward other good mis-  
sions for the church.

I am going to urge upon the read-  
ers of the Bystander to turn over a  
new leaf with the new year and try  
to pay up their back dues more  
promptly than last year. Miss Mardis  
can be found at the M. M. Co. store

### ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Anna Tomlin has returned to  
Des Moines Wednesday.

On New Year's day the Y. of P.  
lodge held open doors for their wives  
and friends at the K. of P. hall and  
a social in the evening.

The Sewing Circle club gave a social  
at the home of Mrs. Delia Thomas on  
New Year's.

The Miller family returned to their  
home in Hawkeye on Saturday.

Two days of cold and snow in this  
town Saturday and Sunday.

### ESTHERVILLE, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)

A number of neighbors and friends  
listened to a mock trial at the home  
of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Robinson on De-  
cember 31, just as the old year was  
told out by the bells and whistles.  
Refreshments were served. All re-  
ported a good time.

January 10th there will be a fish  
supper given by the club at the home  
of Mrs. Jas. Robinson. Price 50c, fol-  
lowed by a musical entertainment at  
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EDITORIALS

NEW Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

Mr. Julius Rosenwald, the Chicago philanthropist and president of the Sears-Roebuck company, played Santa Claus to the St. Louis citizens by sending his check for \$25,000 to help out in the erection of the new Pine street department Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Rosenwald's offer of \$25,000 was conditioned upon St. Louis raising \$75,000 for a Young Men's Christian association for colored men, St. Louis went beyond the condition and is erecting a building costing \$180,000 for Y. M. C. A. purposes.

Twenty-six thousand dollars of this amount has already been paid in by colored people on their pledge of \$50,000. This includes a \$5,000 subscription by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Malone and a \$1,000 subscription by F. L. Williams, principal of the summer high school, both of which have been paid in full. Two other subscriptions of \$1,000 were made by W. C. Gordon, the undertaker and laundryman, and Dr. W. L. Perry, pastor of Antioch Baptist church, both of whom have made substantial payments of their subscriptions. Over 1,400 persons have paid in full their pledges to this fund for the new Y. M. C. A.

David D. Jones, for three years international secretary among students, has been secretary of the Pine street department Y. M. C. A. since the new movement began in 1915.

AFRICAN SOLDIERS ARE CLEAN AND VALIANT FIGHTERS.

French Front, Nov. 5.—Two hundred and sixty-four personal citations

for bravery have been won by the Negro soldiers of a single Somali battalion since it landed in France in June, 1916. Of these citations, 190 vicinity of the Aisne and the remainder in the neighborhood of Verdun were gained in the fierce battles in the dun.

The Somalis, many of whom were very independent in character and recruited in British Somali land, are finding the discipline of an organized army very severe. Their French officers, however, are accustomed to deal with these freedom-loving tribesmen and by appealing to their pride of race and their self-respect obtain their devoted obedience.—Exchange.

TWO NEGRO GENERALS  
FOUR NEGRO COLONELS

Paris, France, Dec. 2.—France's treatment of her colored soldiers is much fairer and just and undiscriminatory than the United States' treatment of her black legions that there is no comparison. In the French army today there are two colored generals, four colonels and one hundred and fifty captains, and lieutenants too numerous to mention. This is a much better showing than is made by the United States, which country has not even an officer as high as a colonel in the regular army, although the United States' population numbers more than ten millions of black folks. There is absolutely no color line over here in dear old France. Here merit alone limits a man's possibilities and opportunities.—Detroit Leader.

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James Edgar Gregg, principal-elect of Hampton Institute, was born in Hartford, Conn., on November 24, 1875. He is the son of James Bartlett and Mary (Needham) Gregg.

After attending Cutler Academy in Colorado Springs, he entered Harvard college and received his A. B. degree in 1897.

While at Harvard, Mr. Gregg won admission to the scholarship fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa; was class-day Odist, prepared a dissertation for the college commencement; held important scholarships for two years (1894-95 and 1896-97); and won the Sargent prize for a "Metrical Version from Horace."

For three years after graduation he was an instructor at St. George's school, Newport, R. I.

In 1901 he received his master of arts degree from Harvard. After spending one year in the Harvard Divinity school, Mr. Gregg entered the Yale Divinity school and, after two years, took his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1903.

Work As a Pastor.

In July, 1903, Mr. Gregg was called to be the minister of Pilgrim Memorial church (Congregationalist) in Pittsfield, Mass., and remained there until 1909, when he was installed in the Kirk Street church, Lowell, Mass.

Mr. Gregg has intelligence, culture, sympathy and understanding—four attributes the true teacher, to be successful, must possess.

OFFICERS' WIVES ORGANIZE.

Spouses of Negro Officers at Camp Form Association.

Will Co-operate in Benefit Affairs for Soldiers.

Fifteen wives of Negro officers who are stationed at Camp Dodge met recently at the residence of Mrs. S. L. Birt and organized themselves into a club to be known as the Officers' Wives' association of the Three Hundred Sixty-sixth infantry, national army. The following were elected officers: Mrs. G. S. Norman of Atlanta, Ga., president; Mrs. M. E. Everett of Dallas, Tex., vice president; Mrs. F. S. Blocker of Atlanta, Ga., secretary; Mrs. C. W. Allen of Iowa Falls, Iowa, assistant secretary; Mrs. W. H. Clark of Huntsville, Ala., treasurer, and Mrs. J. W. Bunderant of Minneapolis, Minn., musical director.

The purpose of the organization is to bring together all the wives of Negro officers now stationed at Camp Dodge, or who in the future may go there, for active co-operation in matters of benefit to the officers and soldiers at the camp and for helpful influence in the community.

Another meeting will be held Friday afternoon of this week with Mrs. Bunderant at 1045 Thirteenth street, at which time it is hoped to have present every woman eligible to membership in this organization.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA.

Miss Ruth Brown returned home Sunday from Clinton, Iowa, after spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Holland Williams.

Mrs. Sadie Warn and children, Mark and Helen, spent Xmas in Cedar Rapids, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Luther Lowrey.

Miss Jessie Walker

end at Des Moines, the guest of her cousin, Mr. Herbert Wright.

Mr. David Crosthwaite spent Xmas at the home of his parents at Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wolder spent New Year's in Toledo, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simms.

Mr. Cal Brown of Des Moines spent New Year's in the city, the guest of his father, Mr. I. L. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jackson entertained a few friends at dinner Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Flippings entertained New Year's.

The Eureka lodge entertained the lodge members and wives and friends at a reception last Thursday. A pleasant evening was spent and a fine program was given.

The Marshalltown Art club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Grace Humphrey. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Grace Humphrey; vice president, Mrs. Harnden Gilmore; secretary, Mrs. Edna Flippings; treasurer, Mrs. Tena Abner. After the club adjourned, refreshments were served by the hostess. The club will meet next week with Mrs. Gertrude Raglin.

Mrs. Clara Shepard and daughter, Evelyn, and brother, Mr. Charles Wilkinson, of Davenport, spent Xmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wolder.

The Excelsior chapter installed the following officers Thursday evening: Matron, Mrs. Goldie Wolder; A. M., Mrs. Emma Jackson; conductress, Mrs. Agnes Gilmore; A. Cond., Mrs. Grace Humphrey; secretary, Mrs. Alice Wolder; treasurer, Miss Jessie Walker; patron, Mr. Thomas Lowrey.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. A. P. Gilmore last Friday.

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Worrying Always Weakens.

Worrying is always weakness. It is always danger. In a sense, though often excusable and sometimes unavoidable, it is cowardice; and cowards, as Shakespeare tells us, "die many times before their death." We may regard worry as the price paid by humanity for advance in education and in refinement of feeling; but it is a higher price than need be paid.—Exchange.

How to Teach a Dog.

Kindness, firmness, and patience are necessary qualities in teaching a dog. Nothing can be done by cruelty, and if you lose your temper you will never teach him anything. It is very little use trying to teach an old dog. Begin when he is young and do not overtear him. Also do not overfeed him, for most of the lessons have to be taught by a system of small rewards in the shape of tit-bits of food.

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Instruments on an Airplane.  
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**CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.**

G. W. Robinson, Pastor.  
In spite of the snow two large congregations greeted Pastor Robinson on Sunday. The sermon Sunday morning was full of inspiration on the subject "Prepare the Way For the Lord." The Lord's Supper was administered at the evening service.

The choir will give a musical concert at Camp Dodge on Sunday at 2 p. m. It will leave the church in a body for the camp.

During the past week the following members did not forget the pastor's house: Sisters Mary Woods, Scott and Jeffries.

All the ladies of the church are asked to meet the Corinthian Aid circle and the Mission circle every Friday afternoon. These departments are doing great work at present. Mrs. Helton, president of the Aid; Mrs. Stanton, president of the circle.

Two boards were organized in the church by the pastor Sunday, the deaconess board and mothers' board. Two names were omitted by mistake but will be placed on the deaconess board. They were Sister Bettie White and Sister J. E. Roberts.

The pastor will speak Sunday a. m. from the subject, "The Temptations of Jesus." Everybody should hear this discourse. At the close the ordinance of baptism will be administered.

Lieut. Wm. Johnson and wife entertained at dinner last Sunday for Capt. Hurd and Hart and Miss Susie Lee.

All the pastors of the colored churches in the city are asked to meet in the office of the Bystander on Tuesday, January 15th, at 12 o'clock.

The Charity League and Central club will meet at the Protection Home, 1065 Park street, Monday p. m., January 14th, from 3:30 to 4:30.

Mrs. Robt. Miles entertained at dinner Sunday for Atty. and Mrs. S. Joe Brown and Lieut. and Mrs. W. M. Thompson.

The board of directors for the Protection Home will meet at the home Friday, January 25th, at 2 o'clock.

The Eliza E. Peterson W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday, January 17th, with Mrs. Anna Allen, 1215 Park street.

The Coleman club will meet Wednesday, January 15th, at the home of Mrs. J. Taylor, 1108 Second street. All members are asked to be present by 2:30.

The Triple "H" club will meet at the home of Mrs. L. A. Avery on Tuesday p. m. at 3 o'clock. All members please be present, as it will be election of officers.

After spending six months with her daughter, Mrs. Wade H. McCree, Mrs. Harper left for her home in Boston on Thursday p. m. Mrs. Harper made many friends while in our city, who will greatly miss her.

The Altar Guild of St. Paul's A. M. E. church met Thursday, January 3, at the home of Mrs. R. Robinson, 853 Sixth avenue. After a short business session the hostess served a dainty luncheon.

The Mothers' Council of St. Paul's A. M. E. Sunday school will meet Sunday, January 20th, at 3 o'clock at St. Paul's A. M. E. church. All mothers are invited. An interesting program will be rendered.

On last Thursday, January 3rd, the H. B. S. club met at the Protection Home, at which time Mrs. F. W. Love, wife of Capt. Love of the 366th infantry, Camp Dodge, gave an address in the form of a travelogue, which was very interesting.

The Mary Church Terrell club met last Friday evening with Mrs. Stella Hyde. After a very interesting meeting, club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Coleen Jones, at which time election of officers for the next six months will be elected. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. L. J. Shelton, who is counted among our best cateresses, has opened a first class cafe on the second floor of the Army club, located at Ninth and Mulberry streets. Mrs. Shelton's home cooked meals need no introduction to the public and knowing what they are, the public will no doubt flock to her and help her make the cafe a success.

The Sunday school board met on January 10th, the pastor presiding. Mattie Warricks was elected secretary. The following officers were elected: Superintendent, C. B. Woods; assistant superintendent, J. L. Ed-

assistant secretary, M. Humburd; treasurer, Mattie Warricks; organist, Vivian Warricks, chorister, Sophia Nichols; librarian, Bert Parker; assistant, Sam Birt.

We invite our many friends to Bethel church, 1526 Filmore street, on Sunday, January 13th, at 8 p. m. to hear Chaplain Newman, 366th infantry. This is a rare treat and everyone should hear him. Also Rev. Perry and his members wish to thank the many friends who contributed in the last rally which resulted in removing the second mortgage from their property, leaving only about \$1,200 to be paid on the first mortgage. This is what they have accomplished in two years and seven months. Our motto is: "Deal on the square."

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
Mrs. Anna Allen wishes to thank the many friends for the kindnesses tendered her and her family, especially for the many floral offerings during the passing of her daughter, Mrs. Beulah Williamson.

**NOTICE.**  
The ladies of the Booker T. Washington Center will meet with Mrs. N. Hyde on Tuesday evening, January 15th. All ladies who desire to knit for the soldiers are requested to be present.

On last Tuesday afternoon the Progressive Art club met with the Dramatic Art club at the Protection Home on Park street. They presented the home a donation of \$5.00 realized from the sales of a bazaar during the holidays. On Thursday, January 10, they met at the home of Mrs. Frank Brent. President, Mrs. Frank Johnson; secretary, Mrs. Frank Brent; and club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Chas. Smith, 1320 Park street, on Thursday, January 17th.

**PARK STREET ARMY "Y."**  
Quite a number of men from Camp Dodge, as well as residents of the city, attended the first religious service at the Park Street Army Y. M. C. A. at West Tenth and Park streets last Sunday and enjoyed the address of Lieut. W. H. Clarke of the supply company of the 366th infantry, which was both instructive and inspiring. On next Sunday at 4 p. m. the meeting will be addressed by Rev. Wm. McCleod, private in Co. M of the 366th infantry. All men from Camp Dodge as well as those in the city are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

During her visit to the two Kansas Cities last week, Mrs. S. Joe Brown, chairman of the Frederick Douglass Memorial committee of the National Association of Colored Women, delivered addresses in the interest of this movement before the Inter-State Literary association at Kansas City, Kan., and also before a general mass meeting of the club women of the two cities in Kansas City, Mo., arranged and presided over by Mrs. Myrtle Foster Cook, chairman of the program committee of the National Association of Colored Women, both of which gatherings made pledges of substantial contributions to the memorial fund in the near future. Upon mention of her interest in the Negro soldiers at Camp Dodge, she also received from Prof. N. Clark Smith a copy of his latest musical composition, entitled "Make Good," and annual subscriptions to the "Kansas City Sun," and the "Topeka Plaindealer," the compliments of the editors, Nelson Crews and Nick Chiles respectively, all of which will be sent to the reading room of the Army Y. M. C. A. building at Camp Dodge.

**OFFICERS' WIVES ORGANIZE.**  
Camp Dodge, Jan. 1918.  
More than a dozen of the wives of the colored officers who are stationed at Camp Dodge met Friday afternoon, January 4th, at the residence of Mrs. S. L. Birt, and organized the officers' wives association, of the 366th infantry. The association elected the following officers: Mrs. G. S. Norman, of Atlanta, Ga., president; Mrs. S. L. Everett, of Dallas, Texas, vice president; Mrs. I. S. Blocher, of Atlanta, Ga., secretary; Mrs. C. W. Allen, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, assistant secretary; Mrs. W. H. Clark of Huntsville, Ala., treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Bundrant, of Minneapolis, Minn., musical director.  
The plan of these ladies is to prove their worth in the community as well as their husbands are proving theirs. All officers' wives are expected to attend the next meeting, which will be held Friday afternoon, January 11th, with Mrs. J. W. Bundrant at Mrs. Tomlin's residence, 1045 Thirteenth street.

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**Kicked Himself to Freedom.**

Prisoners of war have had many thrilling adventures in their attempts to escape across the German frontier, but it would be hard to find a more remarkable story than the following, told in a Dutch paper: Four British escaped prisoners of war, one Frenchman and seven Russians arrived at Oldenzaal, besides two German deserters. An amusing incident took place in the case of one of the Russians. He was seized by the German sentry when in the act of crossing the frontier, and in the course of the ensuing struggle threw himself on the ground. He fell half way on Dutch and half way on German territory. The Dutch sentry came to his rescue and tried to pull him across by the shoulders. The German pulled at the other end. When the Russian found that the Dutchman was helping him he started kicking with all his might, with the happy result that he was safely pulled onto Dutch territory.

**Sausage Makers' Repartee.**

An old story which is being revived nowadays concerns two rival sausage makers. They lived on opposite sides of a certain street in London, and one day one of them placed over his shop the legend, "We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the country." The next day, over the way, appeared the sign, "We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the whole country." Not to be outdone, the rival put up what he evidently regarded as a final statement, namely: "We sell sausages to the king." Next day there appeared over the door of the first sausage maker the simple expression of loyalty, "God save the king."

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6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.  
8 p. m.—Evening worship and preaching.

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Rev. S. L. Birt, D. D., Pastor.  
10:45 a. m.—Preaching.  
12:30 p. m.—Class meeting.  
1 p. m.—Sunday school.  
6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.  
8:00 p. m.—Evening worship.

**Union Baptist Church**  
Sixteenth and McCormick.  
Rev. J. M. Eaves, Pastor.  
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11 a. m.—Preaching.  
6 p. m.—B. Y. P. U.  
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Rev. W. L. Lee, Pastor.  
10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Preaching.  
12 m.—Class meeting.  
6:30 p. m.—Epworth League.  
7:30 p. m.—Preaching.

**Bethel A. M. E. Church**  
Sixteenth and Filmore Sts.  
Rev. H. A. Perry, Pastor.  
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Panel 1: Simon says "I'll bet you that apple you've got that it's over your head!" Mose replies "I'll bet you it aint over a foot deep!"

Panel 2: Simon says "Ha ha ha! Say it's over your head and give me the apple and I'll let you up!" Mose replies "Blub! Blub! Yes, sir!"

Panel 3: Simon says "Come on Mose--be a good loser like I am--never squeel!" Mose replies "817 1 P4 7. 4. 0"

Panel 4: Simon says "Gee! Wh! Didn't you say you had it? I like bananas better--sure I'll bet you I can jump it!" Mose replies "You'at such a good sport Simon I'll bet you dis 78r banana you can't jump over da brook!"

Panel 5: Simon says "Come on--I'll look out for myself!" Mose replies "Get out of the way or I'll light on you and squash you!"

Panel 6: Simon says "Ha! Ha!! Ha!!!" Mose replies "Ah be a good loser Simon an never squeel--I hates to go but I has a hunch my ma' she wants me!"

Panel 7: Simon says "You!!!" Mose replies "You!!!"