
Some Phases of Negro Life in Des Moines

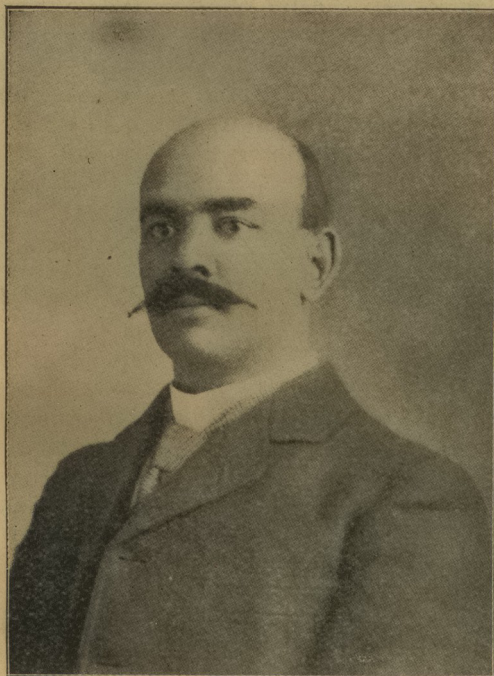


THE RACE PROBLEM is daily becoming more prominent. It is expedient that we view the problem from all sides. Before conclusions can be drawn or action taken it is desirable that the various phases of the question be presented. Herein is announced the appearance of two prominent negro speakers before the people of Des Moines. Their addresses cannot but aid to a better understanding and a more intelligent appreciation of the existing conditions at this critical stage in the history of the race.

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ING on the Race Problem ❧ ❧

- (1) Because the Negro Problem is the most discussed and gravest of all the American Socio-political problems of the present day.
- (2) Because Dr. Chappelle is a striking example of the thrift and industry of the young American Negro, born a slave, educated himself and at the same time supported a family and has accumulated over \$10,000 worth of property.
- (3) Because one of them is at present at the head of one of the largest Negro business enterprises in the country, and the other is editor of one of the strongest and most influential Negro Journals of today and therefore they are familiar with the industrial and economic conditions of their people.
- (4) Because prejudice and misconception are today doing the Negro much harm, therefore we should seize every opportunity of presenting the truth to the world. Dr. Chappelle and Prof. H. T. Kealing bring such messages.
- (5) Because the epidemic of Tillmanism is rapidly spreading throughout the North and even in the grand state of Iowa, that it is expedient that the Negroes of the city of Des Moines present to the public a speaker who is thoroughly conversant with the actual condition of the Southern Negro.
- (6) Because on account of his years of experience as an educator and minister in the heart of "the black belt of the South" Dr. Chappelle is eminently qualified to present to his audience the real facts as they exist in that section.
- (7) Because an address from this great thinker and educator must necessarily stimulate to higher ambitions and nobler thoughts the Negro youth of the city of Des Moines.



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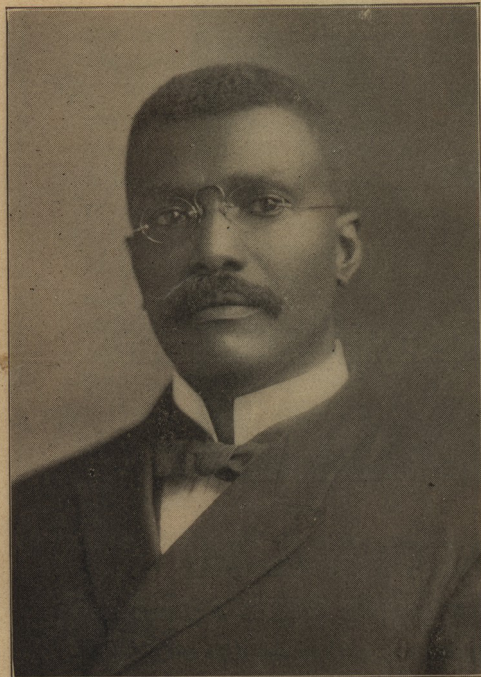
Will deliver a lecture in

Des Moines, Iowa, October, 29, 1903.

A rare opportunity to hear something of the negro, from a negro.

REV. W. D. CHAPPELLE, A. M., D. D.

Rev. Chappelle was born in Fairfield County, S. C., November 16, 1857. At the age of 12 he entered the common schools of his native county under northern teachers. Being poor, but ambitious and determined, to educate himself he labored hard, at odd times selling kindling wood to buy his books. After finishing the common schools he entered Fairfield Normal Institute and prepared himself for teaching, which vocation he followed for several years. While engaged in this work he became converted and felt called to the ministry. With this end in view he joined the Columbia Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church in 1881. Feeling his inability to effectually preach the gospel of Christ



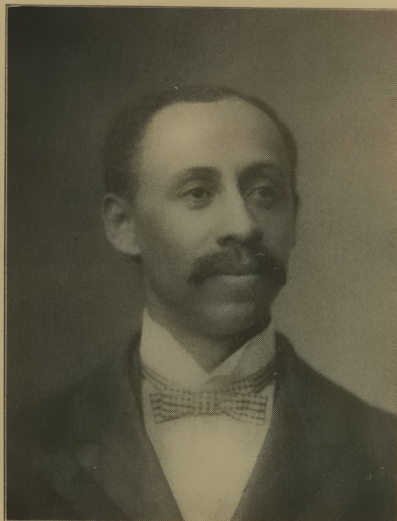
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he resolved to broaden and strengthen his intellectual foundation and for that purpose became a student at Allen University at Columbia, S. C. Being entirely dependent upon his own resources he served a mission near Columbia while carrying on his college work. The income from this source being insufficient to support himself and family he was often obliged to abandon his studies and spend several months each year teaching. Being fired with the burning desire to fit himself for the greatest possible usefulness he allowed nothing to discourage him. In 1887 he graduated at the head of a class of six young men, four of whom were preachers and two lawyers.

Dr. Chappelle then entered the active ministry, serving 8 years as a pastor, later being made presiding elder, which position he held for ten years.

Exactly 10 years from the time of his graduation from Allen University he returned to his Alma Mater to take the highly honored position of president, which place he filled 2 years. At the end of this time he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School Union of the A. M. E. Church. This position included also the editorship of the periodicals and publications of the organization.

Dr. Chappelle has accumulated something like \$10,000 worth of property and has met with splendid success in his efforts as a teacher, preacher and business man. His present position places him as the head of one of the largest negro business enterprises in the United States.



REV. T. L. GRIFFITH.

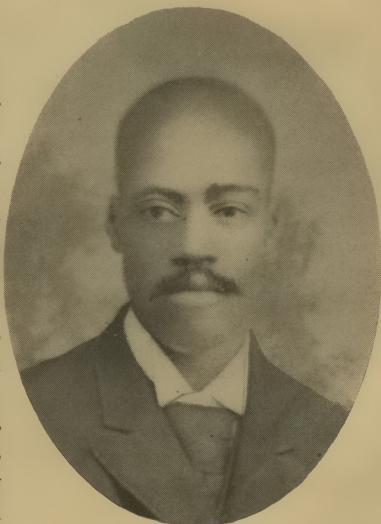
Corinthian Baptist Church.

The Corinthian Baptist Church was organized in 1898 with twenty-six members. Property was secured on W. 11th street, about midway between Crocker and School streets. Rev. S. Bates was chosen pastor and the new church had a rapid growth, having one hundred and forty members when he resigned after three years work. Rev. T. L. Griffith, who was pastoring a historic church at Christiansburg, Va., was called and began work Jan. 1, 1902. The property has been repaired to the extent of four hundred dollars, all of which has been paid. The present membership is two hundred two, and the congregations are large and liberal. With the

city's prospective growth and the large number of Baptists in Des Moines this church has a wonderful influence for good. The officers are Deacons, C. H. Hart, F. G. Goggins, Wm. Hammett, Lucian Brown, Henry Brown, Simon Blakey; Trustees, Sawney Earley, George Law, James Willett, Henry Brown, Jas. James; Clerk, Henry Brown; Treasurer, C. H. Hart.

WODDY COLAWAY.

Perhaps the most wide-awake and progressive colored business man in Des Moines is Woddy Colaway, the well known colored huckster. He is onto his business in the strictest sence of the word. Mr. Colaway successfully meets the competition of 38 competitors and has won the name of "King" among the hucksters of the city. The achievements of the subject of this sketch, can be better appreciated when it is known that he came from West Virginia to Des Moines in 1886, a boy of 17 years and began his struggle without guiding hand of parents and without money, but notwithstanding these disadvantages he has accumulated over \$2,500 worth of real and personal



WODDY COLAWAY.

property consisting of a neat and well kept home, 5 lots, 3 head of horses, 3 milch cows and some hogs. Mr. Colaway contributes much of his success to economy and industry of his ever faithful and helpful wife.

A Swell Saloon in Des Moines.



As a successful manager of an enterprise in which as a rule men of the race have not been successful in Des Moines and as a man who disproves the charge that all negroes are indolent, indulgent and shiftless no better example can be cited than that of A. S. Smith.

About ten years ago he came to the city and began work as a barber. One year ago he opened a bar at 308 Third Street. Up to that time several attempts had been made by negroes to conduct such an enterprise all of which had ended in failure.

The demand for such places grows out of an effort on the part of proprietors of the many saloons of the city to draw a color line. The unsuccessful attempts that were made tended to make worse the condition which necessitated this move.

When Mr. Smith applied his executive ability to the project he was able to solve the problem and continues to do so, maintaining a clean, orderly place free from legal complications and in which no arrests have been necessary.

The demand for a place of this sort cannot be denied. There is among the colored people just as among the white a class which demands amusement of this sort.

In the absence of a bar conducted by and for negroes this class goes to the white man's places. Among these his means admit him to none but the lowest and more demoralizing. With the existence of a clean, respectable place conducted for the negro the problem of reaching and helping him is greatly simplified.

After a study of the conditions as they exist in Mr. Smith's place we are convinced that it is a step in advance of the old condition. If the frequenters of "The Castle on the Nile" will but exert an effort to keep it as it is, clean and respectable, it will so remain.



MR. G. WODKINS.

The subject of this sketch is engaged in a business in which but few of his race have been able to succeed in the North. He has shown exceptional ability along this line.

Mr. Wodkins is a blacksmith by trade and as he understands his business in every detail, he is able to successfully meet the competition of a large number of other shops in the city.

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One of the enterprising and energetic colored business men of Des Moines is Mr. I. M. Jones proprietor of the Peoples Lunch Room at 318 W. 3rd street. Mr. Jones was born in Gastonbury, Alabama, in 1864. At the age of 19 having acquired some elementary training in a country school, he entered the famous Tuskegee Normal Institute in Alabama, and there secured a good common school education. Later years were spent in the coal mines of Alabama, Kansas, Illinois and Iowa.

In 1897 he entered the employ of the city of Des Moines as a policeman. After serving in that capacity for nearly three years he retired from the service and entered the restaurant business, in which he has been very successful. In all the efforts which have contributed to Mr. Jones' prosperity, he has the efficient co-operation and endorsement of a faithful wife. The happy life they lead and the prosperity they enjoy show the folly of the argument that is frequently used that the negro is not a desirable citizen.

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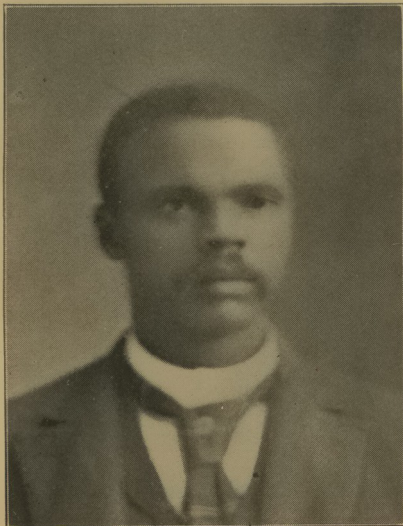
WALTER M. HUMBARD.

One of the wide-awake, progressive col-
ored citizens of Des Moines is Mr. Walter
M. Humbard.

By hard work and frugality Mr. Hum-
bard has accumulated some valuable prop-
erty on 6th Ave. His business interests are
centered in a neat, up-to-date barber shop
on the corner of 6th Ave. and State street.

Mr. Humbard attributes much of his
success in his career to the energetic and
ever helpful efforts of a loyal wife. Mrs.
Humbard's success as a cateress is well
known throughout the city.

Mr. Humbard was born in 1857, January
2nd, in South Carolina. He attended Al-
corn college, Mississippi, where for some
time he was a student under the late Sam-
uel L. Mitchell. While Mr. Humbard did
not finish a college course, yet he acquired
in that school and later in the great school
of experience, the ability to stand before an
audience and deliver his thought in a force-
ful and intelligent manner. Mr. Hum-
bard's strong personality and upright char-
acter make him a desirable citizen of any
community.



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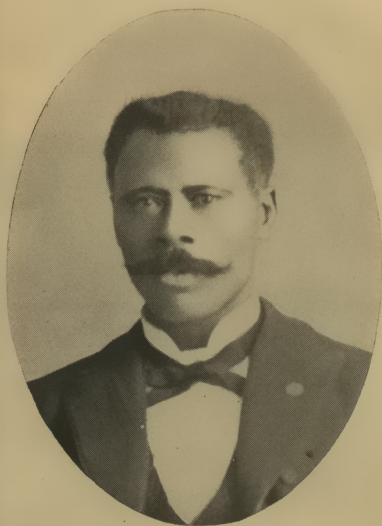
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At the corner of 11th and Crocker streets there is being erected a handsome two-story brick church. It is known as the Burn's M. E. Church and the pastor, through whose untiring efforts the enterprise is made possible is Rev. O. A. Johnson.

From a position as public school teacher in Missouri, Mr. Johnson has risen by degrees to the influential place he now holds.

For two years he was secretary and for three years treasurer of the Grand Lodge of V. B. O. F. for the state of Missouri. He was a national delegate

for the same lodge, representation it at Houston, Texas, Louisville, Ky., Indianapolis, Ind. and Cincinnati, Ohio.

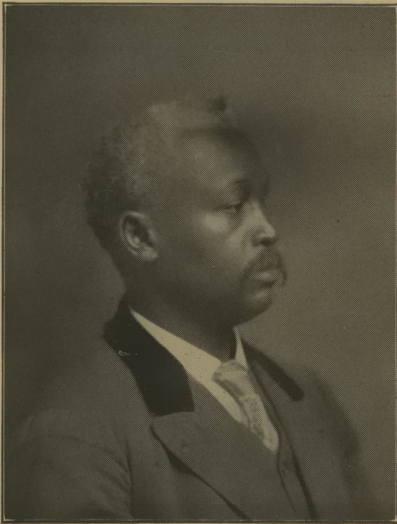
Refusing some remunerative opening for which his success as secretary and treasurer of the lodge qualified him for, he devoted his life to the ministry. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop C. C. McCabe at Topeka, Kas., and made an elder at Marshal, Mo. by Bishop James N. Fitzgerald.

He held a pastorate at Richmond, Va. for four successive years, and later at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

REV. J. O. B. WIMBUSH.

Perhaps one of the most unique combinations of scholastic and executive qualities among the colored people of Des Moines, is found in the Rev. J. O. B. Wimbush. Few men possess to such a degree the ability to preach the gospel, build churches, influence people and induce thrift and industry among their followers, as the subject of this sketch.

When a man expounds the scriptures in a manner as to inspire and uplift his listeners and lead them to better ideas and better living, he is doing his people, his city and his country a great good. If at the same time he is able by his business ability and insight to advise and help his people in their economic condition, and encourage them to build homes, educate their children and invest their money profitably, he is doing a double good. He is bettering the economic and social, as well as the moral and spiritual condition of his people. It is such work that makes Rev. Wimbush the prominent man, that he is, in Des Moines to-day.



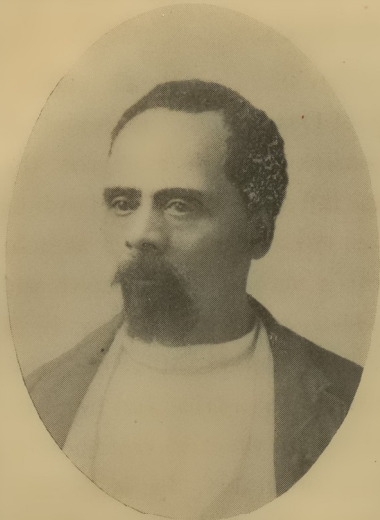
REV. J. O. B. WIMBUSH,

This man was born in Camble county, Va., in 1861 and was educated in his native state. He came to Des Moines in 1899. Ten years previous to that time he had been ordained a minister in the Baptist church.

During the fourteen years that he has spent in this work he has built six churches. The last one being the handsome edifice at the corner of Maple and 9th streets in Des Moines.

It is rarely that, under conditions such as prevailed upon the arrival of Rev. Wimbush in Des Moines, a church costing \$2,500 is erected and paid for in two and one-half years, yet this is what this man has done. This accomplishment, in itself, is an eloquent tribute to the energy and influence of the builder.

Rev. Wimbush is the owner of a beautiful home at 1437 Buchanan street. He also owns property in Bedford county Va., and in the city of Roanoke in the same state.



CHARLES MASH.

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Charles Mash was born in Orange County, North Carolina about 1839. When five years old he was taken to Missouri by his master. In March 1893 he came to Des Moines and has resided in Polk county since that time.

After spending three years on a farm as a farm hand he invested his earnings in 80 acres of land. Here he began in a small way the raising of cattle and hogs. After five years of economic and judicious management his small plot of ground became overstocked and he sold the same and purchased a plot of 160 acres of Iowa's choice land.

The success achieved by Mr. Mash, without education, in his struggle upward from his penniless condition upon his arrival in Des Moines in 1863 up to his present prosperous and happy condition should stand as an example of the reward of thrift and industry to every young man of the race.

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REV. HENRY M' CRAVEN.

Henry McCraven was born at Mt. Sterling, Montgomery County, Ky., in the year 1856, July 4th. His early childhood was spent in slavery.

He came to Des Moines in 1873 and entered school. After going through the grammar schools he went to Missouri and taught school two sessions among his people.

He was ordained to the ministry in 1884 by Bishop Brown. His work along missionary lines is highly commended and his efforts in behalf of the struggling people of his race in this city are worthy of special mention.

During his sojourn in Des Moines, Mr. McCraven has accumulated some wealth and is the possessor of a beautiful home on 10th St.

As an evidence of the sterling qualities of this citizen may be mentioned the various offices of trust held by him: In 1884 he was appointed Honorary Commissioner to the World's Cotton and Industrial Exposition held in New Orleans. In April '03 when President Roosevelt visited the city Mr. McCraven was a member of the reception committee.



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QUARTET.

JEFFERSON LOGAN.

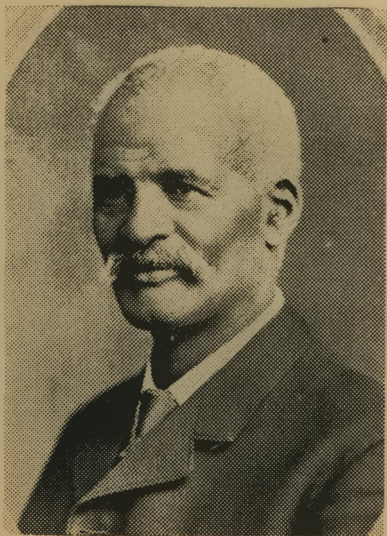
The subject of this sketch was born in the state of Missouri in the year 1839. He came to Des Moines, Iowa in 1872, without a dollar. In 1863 he entered the employ of Mr. Wesley Redhead, with whom he remained for twenty-one years, becoming one of Mr. Redhead's most faithful and trusted employees.

By dint of hard work and economy, Mr. Logan has accumulated something over six thousand dollars worth of property, consisting of a neat and well kept home at 1332 Lyons street and a number of valuable cottages in a prominent and wealthy part of the city.

He is the father of two boys, one of whom is holding the office of bailiff in the district court of Polk county.

Mr. Logan is the most widely known and one of the wealthiest negroes in Iowa. For eight successive terms he has had charge of the cloak room of the senate, being elected to that responsible position by members of that body. He has served many times as a juror in Polk county. Mr. Logan's responsible position has given him a large circle of acquaintances. Another thing that has given him prominence is the event of his annual possum supper to the governor and his staff.

There is a lesson in Mr. Logan's career that the young man who is striving for success and position will do well to study.



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INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.



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Perhaps no Negro in the city of Des Moines, has a more unique history than has the subject of this sketch.

He was born in slavery about 1828. His grand mother was a native African and his grand father an Irishman.

He served his country during the War of the Rebellion, after which he took up the study of medicine and completed a regular course in St. Louis, Missouri, but until recently, has divided his time between preaching the gospel and practicing medicine, during which time he built and pastored some of the largest Baptist churches in the country.

He came to the state of Iowa in 1881, and to the city of Des Moines about twenty-two years ago, and was formerly pastor of the "East Side Baptist Church," and Moderator of the Iowa Baptist Association. But his fame as a healer of diseases spread so rapidly, and his practice grew so extensive that he was compelled to give up active pastoral work, and at present devotes his entire time to his practice, which is almost entirely among those of the Caucasian race, who come from every state in the Union to consult and receive treatment from this remarkable physician. During his residence in Des Moines he has accumulated property to the value of over \$6,000, including a lovely residence and Sanitarium at 1619 East Walnut street. The Doctor contributes much of his success to the kindly assistance of his devoted wife Mrs. Mary Dulin, with whom he has lived happily for more than half a century.

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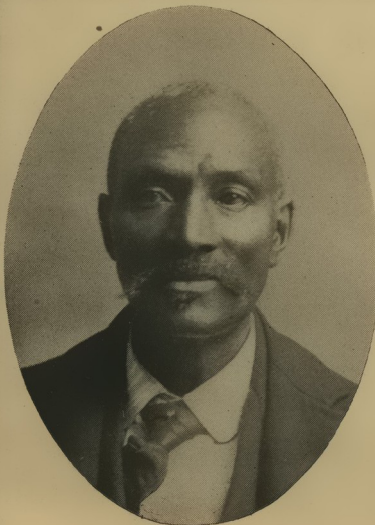
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JOHN EARLY.

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The subject of this sketch is one of the early settlers of Iowa, coming here in 1865. He was born into slavery in 1837, in Jamestown, Va. During the war he was a body servant of Gen. Early. He was captured by Phil. Sheridan's army in the Shenandoah valley; later enlisted in the Union forces, serving under Gen. Sheridan in Sherman's division during their memorable march through Georgia. Mr. Early, like many of those who came here while the city was young has accumulated considerable property, including a beautiful residence at 1149 B. Street. He owns and operates a three chair tonsorial parlor on Sixth Avenue. He is the father of eight children, five boys and three girls. Each of his sons, like their father, has seen service in the army of the United States. One is at present serving his country in the Phillipines and has taken as a wife one of the fair damsels of that Oriental country.



REV. HORACE S. GRAVES.

Rev. Horace S. Graves.

In 1870, when Des Moines was yet a small prairie town, there was a sufficient number of negroes within its borders to attract the pioneer preacher. This veteran of the cross of Christ was Rev. John W. Malone, now presiding elder of the Iowa District. Upon the recommendation of Rev. Malone, Rev. Geo. W. Benson, of the Illinois conference, was sent to this place, and organized the St. Paul A. M. E. Society. The charter members numbered forty, of whom Mrs. Amanda Allen at 1117 Park street is the only known survivor.

The church has experienced the ups and downs, that is common to pioneer enterprises, nevertheless it has borne abundant fruit for good.

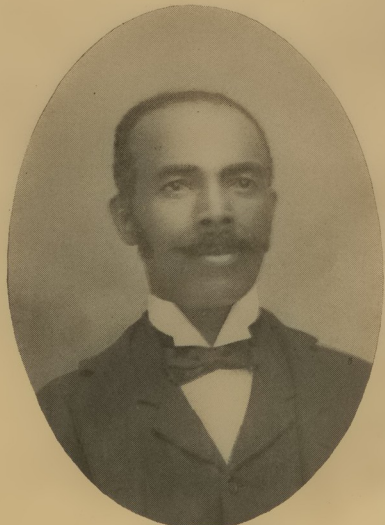
In the last two years under the leadership of Rev. Horace S. Graves, the church has taken on new life in all its departments and has become a very potent power for good in the city. The membership has increased by 127 and an old outstanding debt of \$2,042.70 has been reduced to \$640.00 besides meeting an annual current expense of \$2,352.

One of the secrets of Rev. Graves' success, is his splendid system of organization. Over one hundred of his members are organized into clubs, which meet once each week for the discussion of means and methods of furthering the interests of the church.

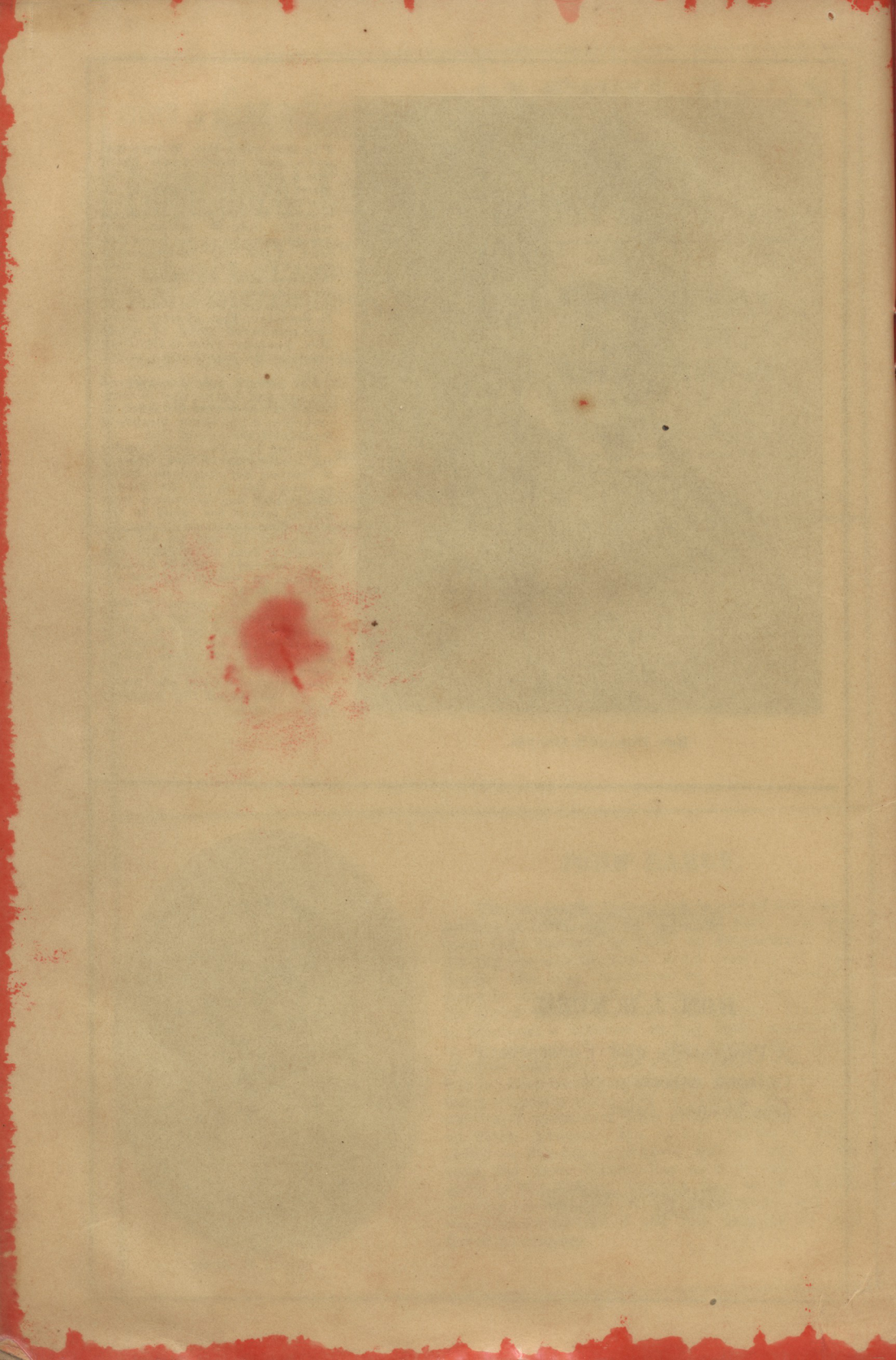


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