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Have you a friend in some town not represented in the Plaindealer? If so send us his name so that we may interest the people of that town in the Plaindealer.

### CRACKED HIS SKULL.

Milledgeville, Ga.—Recently on the Barnes plantation, about six miles from town, Ben Johnson, a Negro, brained a young white man, named Charlton Lockhart with a hoe.

Lockhart is an overseer on the Barnes place and was at work with Johnson and other hands in the field. It is understood that some Negro women were among the workmen and Lockhart's profanity in their presence led to a fight. Johnson reprimanded him pretty severely for his talk when Lockhart started toward him with a hoe. The Negro raised his hoe and warned him not to make another step. A minute later he struck Lockhart with full force upon the head, crushing the skull.

Lockhart was carried to his home and medical attention was called in. His condition is pronounced hopeless by his physicians and death is expected at any time.

Johnson was lodged in jail. Johnson's brother was arrested here this morning charged with murder, which was committed about twelve years ago. Investigation proved that he was not the brother wanted, so he was released.

### STRUCK—OUT OF WORK.

Anthony, April 5.—The expected trouble between the Italian laborers and the French Phosphate company at this place closed Monday. The laborers struck for higher wages on Saturday and were given a raise Monday morning. Then the Negro laborers kicked and wanted more wages, but were refused, consequently they struck and refused to work and are out of their jobs.

Near Lumpkin, Ga., April 10, Willie and Price Wimberly, 10 and 7 years old, respectively, killed an Afro-American boy by punching his entrails out with a sharp stick.

## TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

Two Efficient and Intelligent Regiments of the British Army.

### HE WON THE VICTORIA CROSS.

Composed Entirely of Colored Men and Almost Continually Employed.—A Pleading Incident.

From the New York Age.

Edinboro, Scotland, Feb. 20.—Honor to whom honor is due. This is a time-honored maxim—current coin that contains pure gold. But mankind has been heretofore very chary about extending it to us as a race. Tableau: Queen Victoria, decorating a brave British soldier with the highest military honor of the British Nation for personal bravery on the field in the face of an enemy in action. Her Majesty smiles graciously, she has performed a similar service but once before during her long reign, and the recipient smiles gratefully and proudly.

It may not be generally known by our race in America that two of the bravest, most efficient and intelligent regiments of the British army are composed wholly of colored men, and that they are employed constantly either in the West Indies or on the West Coast of Africa. To a man conversant with the whole history of our race, it is a pleasure long to be remembered, to see them drill. I have seen the soldiers of France, England, Germany and Spain, drill and go through military manoeuvres; but I have never seen anything about any of them to prove that they were one whit more efficient and skillful than the two English West Indian regiments of colored men I have seen go through their drill in the West Indies. As a people we shall cease by and by to record such things about ourselves, for we know that we are no different, neither better nor worse, than the average humanity. But the world continually keeps demanding of us to pronounce its little shibboleths. Continually we are called upon—all over the planet to stand up, as it were, back to back, with the men of the dominant race, in order that our comparative, intellectual and moral heights, might be taken. Our inquisitors starting with certain foregone and illogical conclusions which they are only too anxious to prop up and keep upon their tottering feet. The British Nation again honors colored blood. This time, it is a man. Her Majesty ended her pleasant experience with Mrs. Hicks by having painted and sent to her home in Liberia, her portrait, which has been placed in the Senate house of that Republic. Now the Nation honors a colored man with a decoration that is coveted by all the men and officers of the army.

The foundation of the Order of the Victoria Cross was as follows: In June 1857, the Queen and her advisers took into consideration the fact that there existed among them no means of adequately rewarding individual merit or gallant services of either officers or men for conspicuous bravery in action before an enemy. Because medals were only granted, in both army and navy, for long services or good conduct, instituted and created under Her Royal Sign Manual the Order of the Victoria Cross. The Victoria Cross consists of a Maltese cross of bronze bearing the inscription, "For Valour." It is awarded only on rare occasions, and only to those who have truly and particularly signalled their bravery above that of their comrades. A comfortable pension, on retiring from the army, is given to the holder of the Victoria Cross. The recipient has to be recommended to the Queen by a general officer before he can obtain it. Many of the foremost men of the British army have obtained the Victoria Cross; but only one other colored man has ever obtained it.

Private Samuel Hodge, of Fourth West Indian Regiment, for bravery at the storming of Juba, in the Kingdom of Barra, on the River Gambia, in June 1866. His colonel called for volunteers, to hew down a stockade door with axes. Private Hodge and two others who were killed, volunteered and accomplished the work under galling fire of the enemy. Private Hodge was afterward led out by Colonel Darcy and presented to the regiment as the bravest man in the regiment, a fact that regiment recognized with loud acclamation. As to the particular acts of bravery for which Corporal Gordon has received the Victoria Cross, I clipped the enclosed paragraph from a London daily—"Lance-Corporal William James Gordon of the West India Regiment, has won the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery during operations on the Gambia river."

On inquiring farther, I have learned the fullest particulars. Willie Corporal Gordon's regiment was engaged on the Gambia river in active warfare against native marauding tribes, he saved the life of his colonel commanding the regiment by bravely risking his own life. His colonel was engaged upon a mound

in giving orders, unarmed and unprotected by a guard. On a sudden a terrible yell, the natives and an onrush of armed men with spears and muskets who made straight for the colonel, Corporal Gordon bravely placed himself between his commanding officer and the enemy, and coolly dropped upon one knee and by deftly using his rifle kept the foe at bay till assistance came. For thus saving a life valued by the British Nation it has enrolled his name among her names honored for all times in the story of war and battle. Trace back genealogically the foundation and origin of some of the proudest sovereigns of Europe and you will find they can boast of no nobler ancestral rise than that of a man decorated for distinguished services on the field and was raised by the acclamation of his comrades in arms to the position of leader or "Dux."

In this manner, in the year 808, one Edward of Alsace thus distinguished himself on the field, was decorated, and laid the foundation of what is to-day the proudest monarchy of all Europe—that of the House of Hapsburg. In the year 1000, one Hugo, of Padua distinguished himself in battle in Italy, was made a leader, and then by marriage acquired a right and title to the property of the Guelphs, a powerful European family, and thus laid the foundation of the House of Brunswick, the reigning family of Great Britain. In like manner in the year 1032, Ubertus of Savoy, laid the foundation of the present monarchial family of Italy. So we find the Orleans family in France, and proved Hohenzollern, in Germany taking their rise. Every school boy knows how Napoleon by just this species of bravery laid the foundation of the dynasty that bears his name.

France has recently honored our race, making a general of that able and skillful Col. Dodds, who has successfully terminated the French operations against the semi-civilized people of Dahomey. During the Franco-Prussian war, France placed her very brave warriors from Africa in the very brunt of the fight and they did her excellent service. When France tried in the last century to throw troops into Ireland to help the Irish in time of the Great Rebellion, one of the regiments commanded by the brave General Hoche was composed of Negroes raised to the Mauritius. Of late years England has selected the most talented of her colored soldiers in the West Indies and had them sent to England for special training.

### THEY NEED INSTRUCTION.

New York, April 10.—At the church of the Divine Paternity, Fifth avenue and Forty-fifth street, last evening, a public meeting was held for the discussion of the condition of the colored people, especially in the South. The principal speaker was Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Normal school, at Tuskegee, Ala.

He said that the Afro-Americans were lazy and idle because they did not know how to help themselves. In Alabama, in many of the districts, the public schools were only open three months in the year. The state contributed about eighty-seven cents per year for the education of each child.

Mr. Washington said that the Afro-Americans should be taught trades. Mr. C. P. Huntington, who has contributed largely to the schools for the education of the Afro-American in the South, was present at the meeting. Miss Anna Dickinson was also there.

### STRUCK BY AN AEROLITE.

Oswatimie, Kan., April 8.—An aerolite fell near this town at 2:10 o'clock this afternoon, striking the monument to John Brown—or "Oswatimie" Brown, as he was sometimes called—erected to him by private subscription originated by Horace Greeley in 1863. The meteor broke off the left arm of the statue and passed through the dome and nave in a slightly southeasterly direction, and through six feet of clay just South of the crypt, stopping only at bedrock. Experts say the aerolite is composed of peltum metal, known to exist only in the sun.

### WHY DID HE RESIGN.

Louisville, Ky., April 10.—The resignation of W. W. Watts from the L. A. W. racing board was expected and did not, therefore, come as a surprise. All sorts of speculation has been indulged in as to the cause of his retirement, chiefest of which is the fact that he fought against the admission of the Afro-American into the league and was beaten. Since his elevation to the position of racing board member of Mr. Watts has been jocularly referred to as "kunnell" and all sorts of fun poked at him.

### WHY DID HE DO IT.

Atlanta, Ga., April 13.—J. W. Price, considered a highly respected citizen of Oconee county, Ga., shot and killed an Afro-American woman in his employ this morning. One report says he did it because she insulted his wife and another is that the shooting was accidental.

## A BYSTANDER'S NOTES.

Two Books Which Mark a Distinctly New Literary Departure.

### FIELD FOR A COLORED NOVELIST.

Prevalence of False Ideas in Regard to Actual Racial Conditions in this Country—Case in Point.

Two books have recently been published which are worthy of attention, not less for what they are than for what they indicate; they are entitled: "Dessalines" and "A Voice from the South."

The former is a drama by a colored man, William E. Easton, Galveston, Texas; the other a volume of essays by Anna Julia Cooper, a colored woman of Xenia, Ohio. Any one who wishes to study at first hand the most important element of the race problem in America, to-wit: the relation of the best products of the race itself to this great problem, can not do better than to order these two books. The By-stander does not know the price of either of them, but would judge from the general make-up that it would be about \$1 each.

The first thing that will impress the cultured reader of these books will be the general tastefulness and accuracy of the works themselves, and the next will be the accuracy and finish of the literary style of the authors. Not only is there nothing loud or garish about these books, but there is to be found through them both an indescribable charm of finish and verbal exactitude rarely excelled in the works of contemporary writers. The habit of a lifetime has made the By-stander's pencil almost infallible in its indication of verbal inaccuracies, which is, after all, the very highest test of literary merit. The word which exactly fills the place where it is used—is neither too large nor too small for the service assigned or the thought it is commissioned to convey—is literary workmanship what the perfect note is to music. It may be stirred a little, often without constituting actual fault, as the rush of some great movement may even hide or excuse a false note now and then, but only precision can give the feeling of finish which attests the genuine literary artist.

Rarely has the unsparing pencil passed so lightly over the pages of a book of essays as it did over the pages of this "Voice from the South," which yet has nothing of the South in it, except a bit more of vivacity and a little more evident desire to please, than the asperity of Northern culture usually permits, or at least encourages, in its feminine devotees.

"Dessalines" has a touch of Creole sentiment, and one finds occasionally in its words and phrases a flavor of French significance, no doubt unconscious to the author and not all ungrateful to one familiar with its origin. These, however, are very rare and not so pronounced as even to attract the attention of most readers. It, too, is singularly simple, clear, and correct in its verbal quality. Both books impress one with a sense of neatness, care, and unpretentious thoroughness, pleasing in any writer, and especially gratifying to note in the work of authors whose mental inheritance has not been one of painstaking care—members of a race not yet generally freed from the trammels of restricted opportunity and imperfect education. It will, perhaps, come with something like a sense of unpleasant surprise to some cultured men and women who may read this book, that there are persons of this race who need not even the artifice of what is termed "dialect" to place them on a high level in that elegance of simplicity which marks the best use of our English tongue.

Both of these books are not only by colored writers, but both proceed from the same motif—the relation of the colored race to Caucasian humanity and Christian civilization in the new world.

"Dessalines" is "a dramatic tale," based on the great Haytian struggle for liberty in which the arrogant hands of the old regime of France loomed hands with the savagery of the Sans Culottes and the Creole hatred of the slave, to overawe and overpower those whom only the love of freedom made accessible. The hero of the tale is Dessalines, the black and indomitable lieutenant of Toussaint L'Ouverture. The action of the play is direct and strong; its language simple, chaste and temperate—sometimes startling in its graphic plainness, but wholly without rant, and when the character of its motif is taken into account, showing a remarkable self-restraint and no slight degree of literary art.

The "Voice from the South," on the other hand, is a cultivated woman's view of the gulf which is set between white Christian man and womanhood and souls encased in

darker-hued integuments. It is not profound, and there is in it a somewhat too abundant use of second-hand material and a little parade of quotation. But that is the fashion of the times; the borrowed matter is always good, is aptly used in the main, and shows breadth of reading, keen observation, and thoroughly good taste in selection. But this half-fault is soon forgotten by the reader as he comes to note the debt but stinging satire, and keen but not ill-tempered wit, of the colored woman whose tactful self-restraint avouches her a cultured lady. Its perusal would be a new sensation to many a white-souled Christian woman of the "superior race," who, when she had perused its bright pages from cover to cover, would be forced to admit that, though she had encountered many a sharp thrust, she had not received one awkward or ill-tempered blow.

Defects the book may have. It is not so simple in purpose or profound in feeling as the man's work with which it is compared. There is an evident preparation and sometimes a little straining for effect; but few female writers have shown a dauntless wit, and few works, especially upon such a difficult subject, give promise of a finer literary art.

The By-stander has given this unusual prominence to these two books because they seem to mark a distinctly new departure in the literary production and intellectual quality of the race.

Aside from newspaper articles, some controversial pamphlets, volumes of sermons and speeches, the colored people of the United States can scarcely be said to have produced any literature. This is not surprising nor at all discreditable to them. The best sown sown on the strongest stock requires some period of growth before it produces fruit, and a race by law barred from the fields of literature for two centuries, need at least the lifetime of a generation in which to produce good literary work. The wonder is not that it came so late, but that it came so soon, and is of such simple, genuine quality. Except Mr. Chestnut, whose brief novels were something marvelous in their unpretentious realism, of which there are no more because prosperity in other fields has smothered his rare gift, hardly any colored writer has made a serious attempt in the realm of fiction, and not one has ventured upon good-tempered, keen, yet kindly, discussion of present conditions with any specific attempt at literary excellence. These books are practically the first fruits of literary culture of the American Negro.

That there are not more is due in part to various causes. A generation moves with doubt and hesitancy along a road which none of their ancestors have trod. Politics, religion, and especially the daily struggle for existence have abdicated an unusual proportion of the race's energy. The actors in such intensely dramatic scenes as have marked the days of freedom of this new people have rarely power to give expression to its pathos. The slave romance has yet to be written by the slave descendant. It indeed any pen can ever depict its lights and shadows. But the great field of first endeavor will not be the story of slavery, but the tale of half-freedom. The great opportunity which waits the pen of the colored novelist is not the plantation of yesterday, but the plantation of to-day. The literature which the colored man should strive to create should be along the line of the serious endeavor of which the Christian civilization of to-day—the literature not of argument, nor of protest, but of aspiration and truth. Is the Hugo born who will give the world the romance of the tenant's or the cropper's life so truly as to stir the world to justice?

The prevalence of false ideas in regard to actual racial conditions in this country is well illustrated by the following, which a friend sends us, clipped from a religious newspaper in Chicago:

"It is generally believed at the North that special cars are provided for colored people on the Southern railroads, and that they are forbidden to ride on the cars reserved for white people. Such is not the case. The simple fact is that every railroad in the South sells first and second class tickets, whereas only first class tickets are sold on most Northern roads. A second class ticket entitles one to passage on the smoking-car. As a rule the Southern Negroes are thriftless and poor, and but for second class tickets would hardly be able to travel at all, for the rates of fare are nearly double what they are in the North."

It is fair to presume that the editor thought he was telling the truth. This presumption rests, however, solely on the fact that he edits a religious journal; if it were the editor of a secular newspaper which had made such a statement no well-informed person would have doubted for a moment that it was an intended barefaced falsehood.

An intelligent person who reads in a daily paper could hardly help

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## CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

George Dixon Loses All the Fighters in Number of Battles.

### IS A GENTLEMAN AT ALL TIMES.

Has Engaged in Upwards of Five Hundred Contests and Agrees to Beat Any One in His Class.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 10.—George Dixon, the colored champion feather-weight of the world, with his diamond studded belt, postless ring, and band of comedians and actors, opened at the People's theater yesterday afternoon for a week's engagement.

Dixon is one of the few professional pugilists who is almost always in condition. As he appeared last night he looked ready to go in the ring for a finish fight on a moment's notice. His last fight, which by the way, is the best that ever traveled under a fighter's management, showed to big houses at both the afternoon and evening performances.

Dixon is a quiet, unassuming fellow, who rarely ever says anything unless spoken to. He does a sparing turn at every performance with Eddie Daly, champion feather-weight of New England. Dixon has it rather easy when not in training or fighting, for he leaves the business affairs of his show and match making to his manager, Tom O'Rourke. The latter is thoroughly posted in all the affairs of the ring, and under his protecting wing the colored champion is not likely to get the worst of it.

Manager O'Rourke was in the wings, directing the different turns, when the writer found him last night. He is well pleased with his show and the business it has been doing. "We have made money right from the start," said he. "We haven't showed to a losing stand this season."

"Will Dixon go on with any of the local men during his engagement here?"

"Nothing would please him better, but I'm afraid it won't go," said O'Rourke. "The authorities won't have it. I hear there are several feather-weights in the city who would like to try at Dixon, and I would like to give them a chance."

"Has Dixon a standing offer to stop anybody in his class in four rounds?"

"Yes, and he does it in any town or city where they will allow it to go. George has done more fighting than any of the champions. His record totally eclipses any other pugilist now in the business, and I will wager that he can say what none of the other champions can, and that is, that he has not a broken hand or even a jammed knuckle."

"How many finish fights has your champion taken part in?"

"Thirty-seven, and has stopped or bested no less than 400 different pugilist in four round goes. We have a standing offer of \$50 that he will stop or best anybody in his class in four rounds, and we have never yet had to pay it. It is remarkable with so much fighting his hands should be in such splendid condition."

"Is the arrangement for Dixon's fight with Griffin completed?"

"Yes, all but the purse. We have signed articles of agreement for \$10,000 a side, and the Coney Island club signed a contract to give a purse of \$10,000 for the fight. Now the club is making an effort to cut down the purse \$2,500. If my fight is worth \$10,000 the go between Dixon and Griffin is. They are both well advertised, and the fight has been talked of more than other now in prospect."

"When will you fight?"

"June 30 is the date."

"Will the fight interfere with Dixon's go with Solly Smith?"

"Not in the least. We have posted \$1,000 to fight him in August, and it will be a go—provided some club will give a suitable prize. Dixon will not fight unless he can get a prize worth fighting for."

### A CLEVER FIGHTER.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 10.—Wiley Evans, the well known colored California welter-weight, who is matched to fight Fred Morris, better known as Muldoon's Cyclone, will start in training to-day. The match is for \$500 a side, and it ought to be a contest well worth seeing. Evans, who is one of the cleverest fighters that ever tarried in this vicinity, is backed by Covington money, while Jack Fogarty, the well known middle-weight of Philadelphia, who backed Denver Smith in his go with Joe Goddard, is furnishing the money for Morris. The Eastern fighter is described by people who have seen him fight as a wonder. He is said not only to be clever, but a hard hitter as well. Evans realizes that he has the fight of his life on hand, and will set in to train so as to be at his best possible notch when he toes the scratch.



# FROM MANY STATES.

## IMPROVING THE PROPERTY.

Frankfort, Ky., April 17.—Mr. C. H. Greenup was raised to the Master's degree by the Meridian Sun- lodge, No. 24, E. A. and A. M., on last Thursday night, a fine lunch was spread.

Miss Minnie A. Scott, one of the city school teachers, is making some improvements on her property, that will add greatly to its value and appearance.

Rev. P. H. Kennedy, Baptist missionary for the state of Kentucky, spent the Sabbath in our city and preached at both of the Baptist churches during the day.

The Literary failed to meet on last Friday and that famous journal, which had two names inside of 24 hours, failed to appear. Grafton will tell you all about it, in his next.

Rev. J. M. Turner, of St. John's, left this week to attend a meeting of the finance committee of the A. M. E. general conference at Wash- ington, D. C.

Don't forget the Corinthian choir concert on the 28th inst. Professor C. C. Monroe is leader and that means something in the way of good music.

Rev. Eugene Evans, delivered a strong and highly appreciative lecture to the students of the city public school last week, upon the subject: "Youth."

Mr. Robert Davis who has been attending the State Normal, left last week to enter the college at Hampton, Va. His many friends regret to lose his association.

The Capital City Lodge, G. U. O. of O. F., purchased a desirable corner lot on Washington street, on last Saturday and will shortly erect a handsome building for the lodge meetings, etc.

## CHATHAM NOTES.

Chatham, Ont., April 18.—Mrs. W. Walker, whose illness we have men- tioned in these columns frequently hitherto, died Friday morning. The circumstances attending her demise have occasioned a feeling of sadness, which we hope will seldom again pervade our city. She came here from her home in Overton, Neb., where she has lived for several years, to visit her people and friends here. She nor her husband little dreamed that the visit was destined to be the last as well as the first she was to pay here. The fatal malady, inflammation, seized on her a little over three weeks ago.

Her funeral took place from Victoria chapel, B. M. E., Sunday after- noon, and was entirely filled to hear the comforting remarks of Rev. R. K. Ball, the pastor, assisted by Rev. P. Brooks, of North Buxton. Mrs. Walker was 39 years old and leaves a husband, six children, father, mother, two brother and numerous acquaintances to mourn her loss. She was a devout Methodist, being a member of the M. E. church. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved husband and the little children away out in the far West.

We have also to chronicle the death of beautiful little Gladys May, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ed- ward G. Green, formerly of Chatham, now of Chicago. The little child died at Chicago, Tuesday, April 11th, of pneumonia. Her grief- stricken parents brought the body here for interment, Sunday after- noon from the home of her grand- mother, Mrs. J. L. Brown, after a most touching discourse by Rev. Ball, little Gladys was borne to Maple Leaf cemetery. The coffin and room where it lay were profusely decked with flowers, beautiful tributes of the inroads made on the affections of the friends of the family by Gladys during her short pilgrimage of 13 months.

She is not dead—the child of our affection,  
But gone into that school  
Where she no longer needs our poor  
protection,  
And Christ Himself doth rule.  
In that great cloister's stillness  
and seclusion,  
By guardian angels led,  
Safe from temptation, safe from  
sin's pollution,  
She lives whom we call dead.  
—Azrael.

## ACROSS THE BORDER.

Windsor, Ont., April 19.—The B. M. E. church have quarterly meeting, Sunday April 30.

The Open Hearts society will meet at Miss Fannie Stewart's, next Mon- day.

Mrs. Lavina Williams and Miss Min- nie White, of Pontiac, spent a few days here, the guests of Miss E. Vincent.

Rev. Brown and wife attended the silver wedding of Rev. Alexander, of Detroit, last week.

Mrs. Thomas Johnson's baby is very ill.

The social given by the young lad- ies, last evening for the benefit of the pastor in charge of the B. M. E. church, was well attended.

The A. M. E. quarterly meeting Sun- day, April 30.

Mrs. W. H. Brown is in our city this week.

The revival meetings at the A. M. E. church, will continue all next week.

The concert given for the Rev. Ball was a success and the program well rendered: Miss Ada Larter, in- strumental; Misses Faulkner, Lee and Washington, chorus; Miss E. Vincent, reading; Miss V. and M. Haines, recit- ings; Miss E. Smith and H. Wright, duet; Miss Evans, reading; Mrs. Wash- ington, Lee, Faulkner, Haggins and Sims, quartet; Miss V. Haines, reading; address by Rev. R. Ball.

Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. Charity Reed, also Mrs. William Reed, are on the sick list.

Mr. Allen Long has an attack of the grip.

## SOUTH BEND NOTES.

South Bend, Ind., April 17.—Mrs. Stella Curtis, of Elkhart, was in the city Friday.

Miss Mattie Curtis, of Niles, visited the city last week.

Children's day at the Mt. Zion Baptist church, the second Sunday in June.

One of the members of the A. M. E. church misinformed the reporter for the Plaindealer concerning the baptiz- ing being the first Sunday in May, and caused the pastor to put all the blame on the reporter. The churches here should be more in union with each other and pull to- gether.

The A. M. E. church is now lighted by gas.

Miss Minnie Moore, of Niles, attended the children's concert here.

Grant Walden, of Cassopolis, was in the city Sunday.

Miss Minnie Finley, of Niles, Mich., is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Ed. Perry returned from New York, where she went several weeks ago to visit her sick sister, who died while she was there.

Ed. Powers and wife of Laporte, Ind., were in the city Sunday.

The Sunday school of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, have their pas- tor, Rev. G. D. Smith a splendid sur- prise party at his home Saturday night, and left many nice presents.

The quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church Sunday was largely attended. Collection \$92.

The concert given by the Chil- dren of the A. M. E. church Friday night, was largely attended and a financial success, netting about \$33.

A children's concert at the Mt. Zion Baptist church, May 12.

## ADRIAN PERSONALS.

Adrian, Mich., April 18.—Henry Harris, who is holding down a posi- tion at the Capitol in Lansing, visit- ed here yesterday. He says the early adjournment resolution will be rescinded and the merry grind con- tinue till the middle of June.

Miss Emma Taylor, of Toledo, was in the city this week visiting par- ents and friends.

Miss Julia Harris, of Olivet college, is in our city. She will remodel her pleasant home on Futch street and hereafter reside here.

Rev. Stewart left Saturday for Ann Arbor, to preach on Sunday.

Mrs. Tom. Foster left last week for Chicago.

Mrs. Grasson spent a part of last week in Toledo, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis. She re- ports a very good time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, ac- companied by Mrs. Ed. Jackson and daughter, of Chicago, left for De- troit the 13th inst., to attend the reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pelham, Jr., by their parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pelham, Sr.

The regular monthly meeting of the Baptist league occurred Friday evening. A pleasing program was carried out, after which a general good time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Wm. Taylor is spending the week in Detroit.

Rev. J. D. Underwood, of Ann Arbor, spent last week in the city with his family.

Mrs. Johnson, of Main street, gave a pleasant little party Wednesday evening in honor of her daughter who has just returned home.

The maple sugar social given at Mrs. Craig's Wednesday evening, was a success financially.

The citizens are called to meet at the A. M. E. church, Friday even- ing to elect officers for the county league, and transact other busi- ness.

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## WHAT THEY THINK OF IT.

Commendations for The Plaindealer from All Points of the Compass.

Mr. Editor:—I have played "the devil" in two or three newspaper of- fices in my time, and gutted one in my capacity of editor and proprietor in a mad race for fame essay- ing the hopeless task of serving the race acceptably in that way. Hence, even you yourselves would readily give me credit for knowing the dif- ference between a "guage pin" and a "side stick," but I wish I may never be "called down" again if I know how you can afford to turn out 52 numbers of such a paper as the one you send me for the bagatelle of \$1. To be sure, of course, that is entirely your own affair, and, as I enjoy almost anything from the latest practical joke to help- ing a fellow mortal entertain his misery, here goes the stipulated equivalent.

Henry Clay Gray,  
Helena, Tex., Feb. 4, '93.

Hon. John C. Dancy, formerly edi- tor of the Star of Zion, now Col- lector of Customs at Wilmington, N. C., in writing to a member of the Plaindealer company, says: "Accept my congratulations on the make-up, appearance and strength of the Plain- dealer. It is certainly setting the pace for colored journals. Your suc- cess is phenomenal all things con- sidered."

Mr. James Howard, of Paw Paw, West Virginia, writes under date of Feb. 8th, '93. "Your paper shall al- ways have a place in my house, so long as I can raise the money to pay for it, and I shall do all I can for it. I am one with you. May the Plaindealer ever grow and prosper is my earnest prayer."

Mrs. H. W. Harrison, of Albion Mich., in subscribing says: "I am glad to get the Plaindealer."  
Mr. Frederick W. Lee, of Buffalo, N. Y., in renewing his subscription said: "The Plaindealer is a great paper."

Rev. A. J. Means, of Rendville, O., says: "The paper is meeting with great favor among our citizens."

Agents wanted to canvass for the Plaindealer in every town in Michi- gan, Ohio, Illinois and all parts of the South and West.

## FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

Jimmy a Prisoner of War.

In 1889 the dervishes from Khartoum made a desperate effort to drive the Egyptians from their advanced post at Wady Halfa. Under the leadership of the famous Wad Nejumi, the great general of the dervishes who defeated Hicks Pasha and was the military adviser of the mahdi, a vast mob of dervishes, with their wives, children and camp fol- lowers, advanced along the Nile valley to-



ward Wady Halfa. They were met by the Egyptian troops, led by English offi- cers, at Toski, and after a hard fight were utterly defeated. Wad Nejumi was killed in the desperate charge made by his men, and a great number of his followers were also shot down. Among the prisoners were Abdullah Nejumi, the infant son of the general, and his nurse. The child was taken to Cairo, where he was placed under the charge of the English nurses in the government hos- pital as a kind of state prisoner. The English soldiers gave him the name of Jimmy, this being as near as they could get to Nejumi. Jimmy has a high opin- ion of his own importance and returns the salutes of the Soudanese soldiers and policemen with grave politeness. By the Soudanese he is considered a personage of high rank—in fact, a dervish chief—and already the authorities are begin- ning to ask themselves what is to be done with the boy. This question will soon become one of importance, for Jimmy is now about 5 years old. The accom- panying illustration is from a photograph by Mr. C. S. Sheppard.

## A Story of Mr. Blaine's Youth.

A story is told by Mr. Boyd of Mr. Blaine's early boyhood which illustrates his aptitude for diplomacy even at an early period of his career:

"Having access to the river and a frequent witness of the boats that passed, he desired to have a boat of his own. He dammed the stream that flowed down the Indian hill and launched upon it a tiny bark of his own construction. But the neighboring boys repeatedly tore down his dam and spoiled his navigation. He applied to a stalwart ferryman for help and offered to bring home his cows for the entire week if he would build him a dam out of stone so large that the mis- chievous boys could not move them. The ferryman accepted the offer, and little Jimmie soon had the satisfaction of com- plete triumph over his enemies, for the rocks which the strong ferryman piled in resisted all the efforts of the boys for their removal."—Cor. New York World.

## Mechanical Kittens.

A wonderful mechanical toy has been on private exhibition in Paris lately, and it is understood that efforts are to be made to secure the curiosity or curiosities for the Chicago exposition. This remark- able piece of mechanism consists of seven life sized kittens covered with real skin, but with eyes of emeralds set in white enamel. Each kitten is pro- vided with some musical instrument, such as a flute, a zither, a violin, a drum, a harp, a cornet, an accordion, all perfectly harmonized. With these the kittens play the most difficult pieces of music, operas and such. The mechan- ism is similar to that of a common music box, and the apparatus, kittens, etc., is valued at about 20,000 francs. The curiosity is even reported to be insured for 12,000 francs.—Paris Letter.

## Effie and the Rose.

Only once this winter  
Did my favorite rose-bush bloom:  
Then the daintiest, loveliest blossom  
Blushed in my little room.  
But, ah! as its leaves were unfolding—  
Growing pinker and brighter each hour—  
Came Effie, our baby to visit,  
And away went the beautiful flower.  
"Oh, Effie! Oh, baby! how could you,"  
I said, "when the sweet scented thing  
Had come, in the midst of the winter,  
To bring us glad tidings of spring?"  
"Ea," said Effie, and tenderly kissed it,  
"Tis as boomer as boomer can be,  
An I fought 'cause it was very boomer  
Dod made it on purpose for me."  
—Detroit Free Press.

## Easy For the Judges.



Geoffrey (to rejected candidate for honors at the dog show)—Never mind, Smut! We'll have a dog show that shall be all cats except you, and then you'll have it all your own way!

## It Didn't Work.

Nervous Lady.—There! I've had some ashes put on the hill outside, and now I guess those noisy coasters will go some- where else.

Boy (outside)—Hi! All of you! Here's a bully place to shine y'r runners.—Good News.

## To Agents and Correspondents.

To enable all of our readers to get the paper as early as Saturday of each week the management of The Plaindealer have decided to go to press on Thursdays instead of Fridays as heretofore.

Beginning from this date your correspondence and all news matter MUST BE MAILED so as to reach the main office at Detroit not later than WEDNESDAY NOON. This is IMPERATIVE and correspondents and agents should govern themselves accordingly. Detroit, February 9, '93

## CASSOPOLIS ITEMS.

Cassopolis, Mich., April 17.—Many of our citizens have improved their personal appearances by having the mumps. R. T. Stewart says it is no fun if he did look healthy.

Jacob Chavos is able to be out again, after a six weeks care of rheumatism. Henry Morton, as men- tioned sometime ago, is still on the decline.

A few of our citizens are looking forward to April 24—"an excursion" to Chicago, \$2 for round trip, good for two days.

Rev. J. C. Cross, of Allegan, assist- ed by Wm. Allen, of Calvin, held service in the Baptist church Sun- day. Mr. W. Allen will again hold services Sunday 23rd inst.

Whoever cares for a father or mother in their advanced age in life, are only reciprocating the cares that they did not realize when they were growing into manhood under the parental roof. We should bear the burdens of the weak more pa- tiently. To keep one's eye on the county poor house and the other be- grudgingly on an aged parent of good repute, while you in your youthful manhood, hale and hearty subject to amusement and detra- ction, is sure evidence of an imperfect heart. You are committing a crime against nature. Your heart's wishes are evil. You should be haunted by the dying soldier's phrase, "who will care for mother now?"

## LANSING, MICH.

Lansing, Mich., April 11.—Sun- day's services were well attended. Rev. Collins, our pastor, preached an eloquent sermon in the morning. In the evening, the pulpit was filled by the talented, energetic, Rev. W. W. Browne, of Richmond, Va., whose very eloquent remarks can- not fail to affect their purpose. A crowded house sat in rapt at- tention to his lecture last evening and there are few who will not profit by having heard him. On their departure, he and his private secretary, Mr. Ellis, will leave a great many friends.

Miss E. Leek's improvement is very slow.

Messrs. Scott, Bell, Valentine and Emma Davison, are on the sick list.

A church social is the feature for Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Crump and also Mrs. Lucas, have returned.

Mrs. W. H. Parker gave a recep- tion in honor of her mother, Mrs. S. Brown, who leaves our midst Sat- urday.

## A QUIET WEDDING.

Pontiac, Mich., April 17.—Rev. C. F. Hill will give a prize to the one who will recite the most scrip- ture verses. The contest will take place on May 1.

A quiet wedding took place on the 12, at the home of the bride, Rev. C. F. Hill officiating. Mr. An- drew M. McSpadden, of Orchard Lake, and Miss Rosa Crocker, were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. Friends from Detroit were present. The bride received many valuable presents.

Rev. Hill made Flint a flying visit last week.

The second Sunday in May will be rally day for dollar money.

Rev. Mrs. G. T. Thurman is ex- pected to be present.

Rev. C. F. Hill has been on the sick list for the past two weeks. Better at this writing.

Mr. Sanford Black visited our city last week.

Mr. Hardy and Mr. Baynard, of Dresden, Ont., are in the city.

Pontiac, Mich., April 17.—Mrs. J. Williams and Miss Minnie, are visit- ing friends in Detroit and Windsor.

Miss Carrie Cornelius, of Ann Arbor, is visiting her father and friends in our city.

The Sabbath school at the Beth- el church was largely attended and very interesting. Mr. Nott gave a reading with illustrations, showing the seven steps upward, and seven steps downward, which were very fine and well appreciated by all.

Miss Emma Ihne, of Chatham, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Mrs. S. A. Carter.

We miss the genial smile of Mr. J. Williams who left for Cincinnati a few weeks ago. His wife will join him in the near future, may success be theirs.

Miss Belle Fortler is expected home soon from Fort Assiniboine, Mont. She will be gladly welcomed by her many friends here.

Mrs. S. A. Carter intends visiting Grand Rapids, and thence to Chi- cago, where she will remain during the summer. Mr. John Anderson has moved in his new residence.

## CUPID HAS A CORNER.

Lima, Ohio, April 17.—The Probate Judge of this county never had such a rush as he had to-day. About 150 Afro-Americans were imported here from Memphis to work on the extension of the Ohio Southern Road. They left some unpaid bills behind them and the parties to whom they were indebted threatened to garnishee their wages unless they settled. To avoid this they studied up the Ohio law and found they could beat the garnishee process by marrying some one. With them were quite a num- ber of women from the South, and this morning they began to take out permits to wed, and they kept the of- fice besieged.

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In Design and Workmanship it is a Work of Art.

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

—Mr. A. S. Thomas has been appointed as park policeman by the board of commissioners.  
—Mr. Clarence Gray is visiting relatives at his home in Chillicothe, O.  
—T. S. Moore, of Knoxville, Tenn., was the guest of James Powell last week.  
—Ollie Anderson who has for the past eleven years been employed as letter carrier, is lying very low at the home of his sister, 1111 George Street, with consumption. His devoted wife attends his bedside.  
—John A. Ciseo, of Cleveland, now employed as Engraving Clerk of the senate, at Columbus spent a few days in the city last week the guest of Hon. and Mrs. Geo. H. Jackson.  
—Miss Carrie Griffin, of Dayton, came down to attend the Grand Pythian banquet last Friday. It is said that Miss Griffin will soon become a resident of Cincinnati.  
—Miss Eva Nichols, of Xenia, and her cousin, Miss L. M. Clark, who have been spending a few months in Xenia were in the city Sunday, visiting relatives.  
—Mrs. Isaac Overton, of Covington, Ky., mother of W. A. Gahnes, is quite ill at her home.  
—Miss Della Hill, of Court St., is spending a few days in Xenia, Ohio, on a business trip.  
—Isaac Clayton, of Piqua, Ohio, was in the city a few days last week circling.  
—The oratorical contest to be given at Zion Baptist church has been postponed until next Monday night.  
—The lecture given under the auspices of the John C. Riley debating club by Prof. P. H. Clark, last Friday night at Union Baptist church was well attended and proved to be quite entertaining. The musical numbers of the program were well executed.  
—Stephen H. Waters and Miss Sullinger, of Lebanon, were in the city last Friday to attend the Pythian banquet.  
—John B. Browder has purchased an elegant three-story brick, 79 Barr St. It is being entirely refitted etc., and will be used as his dwelling.  
—Rev. C. H. Washington has organized a Baptist Church at Fairmount Sunday was Communion day, and seven converts were baptized.

## OBITUARY.

Oliver Anderson, who for the past two years or more has been ill of consumption, died at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Lizzie Robinson, at 114 George St., last Saturday night at 6 o'clock. For eleven years he had been employed as letter carrier in this city and his great speed and accuracy was such a recommendation that his route was one of the most important in the city—for the past two years, however, his complaint has not permitted him to be on regular duty. On Friday he was stricken while uptown with a hemorrhage, and carried to the home of his sister, at which place he died last Saturday. His funeral took place from the Cathedral on last Tuesday at 2 p. m. The Rev. Father Mackey performed the last sad rites. Deceased was born in this city April 9, 1854 and was 39 years old. He was always courteous affable and gentlemanly, and well liked by all who knew him. He leaves a loving wife and two children, a mother, four sisters and two brothers to mourn his loss. He was a member of the Letter Carriers Association, which body presented a beautiful design, "A Broken Column." The pall bearers were fellow carriers—J. H. Early, Chas. W. Johnson, J. S. Nesbitt and Jesse J. Woodson.

## LOCKLAND — WYOMING.

Lockland, Ohio, April 18.—Rev. Carter, of Walnut Hills, Ohio, preached two able sermons at Mt. Zion Baptist church, last Sunday afternoon and evening.  
Mr. Frank Moss, of Wyoming, a few weeks ago had a race with a certain young white man on a safety bicycle. They started from Wyoming, and we are glad to say that Frankie came out a head.  
Mr. Charles Gray is on the sick list this week.  
Rev. Lowell, of Glendale, preached two worthy sermons last Sunday morning and evening, at Bethel A. M. E. church.  
Miss Edna Fox, of New Richmond, O., will make her future home with her brother, M. F. Fox.  
The ladies of the A. M. E. will give a neck tie social Saturday night, April 22. Admission free for gentlemen, but the ladies must each bring a neck tie or forfeit 10 cents.  
Under the management of Mr. Malcolms Hunt, the plantation play at the Maple street Christian church, was a grand success.  
Why not have a contest between the two bands and see which can play the best. Look out Lockland Corner band.

## WALNUT HILL NOTES.

—The Christian Temperance Band of Brown chapel, Walnut Hills, met last Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 p. m., with its president, Mrs. M. A. Smith, in the chair. It was the occasion of the re-election of officers and so the meeting held quite late. Mr. Adams delivered a speech which the hearers were pleased to hear. His subject being, "Knowledge is Power." The meeting adjourned by repeating the pledge of the society.  
—Rev. Nichols, the pastor of Little Zion, on Lincoln avenue, near Park, has moved to Columbus. Rev. J. H. Payne, his successor, took charge last Sunday. A great many were out to hear him.  
—The Church Aid society of Brown chapel, Walnut Hills met last Friday night.  
—The Baptist Young People's meetings which are held at Bethel Baptist church every Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock, are proving to be a great benefit to the young people. The young president, Benj. McWilliams, invites all who wish to attend.  
—The Young Folks Literary society, of Bethel Baptist church, on Willow street, met last Wednesday night, a concert was held there at that time.

## PIQUA POINTS.

Piqua, Ohio, April 17.—A week ago last Thursday, young Klaidie suddenly left home and his parents did not know it. He was thrown from a train in some manner and badly bruised. His father, Mr. David Keadie, went to Greep Castle, Ind., and brought him home.  
Miss Maud Randolph was called home from Tippecanoe, to attend her sick grandmother.  
Miss Bertha Keadie, formerly of Piqua, but now of Dayton, was in the city last week.  
Mr. George Bowles will open a first class barber shop.  
Mrs. James Johnson and daughter, Effie, of Middleport, Ohio, are in the city, and will make it their home.  
Mr. John Anderson, of Urbana, spent Thursday in the city.  
Mrs. N. M. Mitchell and sister, Miss Gertrude Johnson, are home from Wilberforce.  
Mr. J. T. Wilson has returned from Maryland, where he was called to see his mother.  
Mr. Joseph Lower, of Troy, was here over Sunday.

## HAPPILY SURPRISED.

Greenfield, Ohio, April 17.—Electric lights will be in use May 1st.  
Miss Carrie Ogle was happily surprised Saturday evening by a party of girl friends.  
Messrs Clifford Turner and Warner White returned to Wilberforce college after a short visit to this place, last Tuesday.  
Rev. J. J. Jackson, of Washington, C. H., delivered an interesting lecture at Shiloh Baptist church, Friday evening, subject, "Dat Joe."  
Mr. Charles Rains, formerly of this place, at present a resident of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Miss Cassie Coleman, of South Salmer, Ohio, were married at the residence of Rev. La Sourd, April 12th, and returned to their future home in Fort Wayne.  
Mr. J. Gaits and wife, moved to Columbus, O., last week.  
Mr. J. W. Bailey has returned from Wilmington.

The funeral services of Mr. H. Newby, a resident of Springfield, O., were conducted at Shiloh Baptist church of this place, Sunday, April 16th. The deceased leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. A special train, consisting of five coaches, brought about 75 Odd Fellows, and a great many friends from Springfield to Washington, C. H., to pay their respects to the deceased. Rev. Williams was the officiating minister at the funeral services of Mr. Newby.

## WOODSTOCK WAJFS.

Woodstock, Ohio, April 17.—Mrs. S. Harren who has been ill for some time is now recovering.  
Miss L. Miles visited her sister at Fountain Park.  
Miss Emma Burkley spent Saturday with Miss Georgie Turner, of Woodstock.  
Quite a number of friends called on Miss Emma Burkley Sunday evening, at the residence of E. C. Moulton.

The Misses Alberta Hicks and B. Harrison, called on Mrs. Grant Scott, Harrison.

Mr. Eddie Burkley was the guest of his sister over Sunday.  
Messrs Charles and John I. Hicks, spent a few days with their parents, last week.

Mr. A. Hicks, after spending a few days with his brother, General Lafayette Hicks, in Lima, Ohio, has returned home.

## WON A VICTORY.

Peoria, Ill., April 17.—The Rev. McCracken is visiting his aged parents at his old home.  
The Rev. Cooper is here in the interest of a high school to be built in the Southern part of the state.  
W. H. Carter, the successful barber, has regained his health.  
Mr. Ross left for Springfield, Sunday.

The ladies who voted for free schools last Thursday, won their cause.  
Mrs. M. Preax celebrated her fifty-fourth anniversary at her home last Wednesday evening. She was the recipient of many valuable presents, among which were a silver casket, water set, chairs, etc. Lunch was served and at a late hour the guests repaired to their homes, wishing their hostess many pleasant returns.

## LONDON LOCALS.

London, Ohio, April 18.—Quarterly meeting was held at St. Paul's A. M. E. church last Sunday, conducted by presiding elder, J. W. Gansaway. Rev. Coleman, pastor in charge, rendered a like service at Yellow Springs, Sunday.  
Mr. Harry Crouter left this morning for Lima, Ohio.  
Quite a number from here spent Sunday in Springfield.

Mr. E. Washington, of Springfield, is visiting his mother this week.  
W. H. N.

# A GRAND OPENING,

## APRIL 29, 1893.

J. B. BROWDER will remove to his new place, 308-310 West Fifth Street, between Central Avenue and John Street, North side.

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Yourself and friends are cordially invited to attend this Grand Opening.

Music by JOHNSON'S STRING BAND.

## CHAMPION CITY.

Springfield, Ohio, April 18.—Mr. J. Curry, of Columbus, was visiting in the city Sunday.

We think the second requirement on which the future of the Negro depends as determined by the Equals Rights Association ought to be the greatest aim of any colored boy or girl in the United States. The requirement in question is education. We cannot afford to neglect it for it paves the way for our advancement in life and with it, the other two are bound to come.

There was no preaching at the Second Baptist church Sunday morning, the pastor being suddenly called to go to Greenfield, to preach the funeral sermon of Mr. Hartwell Newby.

We are glad to hear that Mr. John Taylor, the blacksmith of Hurler, has built for himself a good trade.

The male members of the Second Baptist church, met last Sunday afternoon at the church, and organized a Men's Financial society, with Mr. C. C. Jackson as president and C. D. Swayne, as secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. James Green's son and daughter's birthday, were celebrated by an evening party, at which there were about thirty guests. Games and plays were indulged in till a late hour, when a lunch was served. After which playing was again indulged in until the wee sma hours when the young people departed.

Last Sunday was the day set for the baptizing of the converts of the Third Baptist church. After the usual preliminary ceremonies, ten converts were immersed by Elder D. E. Green, the pastor of the church.

Head of the Plaindealer for all the news of this and other cities.

There was quite a number of friends besides the Odd Fellows that went to Greenfield to attend the funeral of Mr. Newby. On account of the numbers that went, the fare was reduced to eighty cents.

The Literary society of Solomon Temple lodge will meet Friday evening at the lodge rooms on Main street. All are invited to attend.

Professor Scott, of Wilberforce university, preached at North street church Sunday morning and evening.

You should read the Plaindealer for all matters pertaining to the race.

The Calumet club recently organized by some of our young people, had a very pleasant meeting last Wednesday evening at Miss Julia Hawkins, No. 88, South Mechanic street. After a few preliminary remarks by the president, Mr. Rufus Kirkpatrick, quite an interesting program was rendered. Messrs James, Dunson and Lawrence rendered delightful music on the guitar, mandolin and harp. Select reading by Miss Dickson, solo by Miss Moore.

"The Convent Bells," accompanied on guitar by Miss Grunell. Recitation by Miss Deane, "The Leak in the Dyke," duet by Miss Taylor and Miss Hawkins, "Oh, for the wings of a dove." Refreshments were served and everyone spent a very enjoyable evening.

The Literary society of Allen chapel, A. M. E. church, met Monday night with Mr. G. Hyton in the chair. After the opening exercises, a good program was rendered. Next Monday night the general subjects of all debates, essays and recitations will be missions. And Monday evening of May 8th, the subject to be studied will be temperance.

Mr. Essex Brown, an old soldier and member of John Brown post, G. A. R. was buried Sunday from the Third Baptist church. His old comrades and members of the post turned out to escort the body to its last long resting place.

There will be an entertainment Tuesday night, May 2, at the Champion Binery lodge rooms, on Main street.

With profound sadness we chronicle the death of one of our respected citizens, Mr. Hartwell H. Newby, Thursday, April 15, who was a worthy member of the Second Baptist church of this city. Also a member of Champion Binery lodge, No. 3027, and Household of Ruth, No. 6028. He was taken by these two lodges, accompanied by Solomon Temple lodge, No. 1498, G. U. O. of O. F., and many of his friends to Greenfield, Ohio, his former home. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss.

Alma corset band furnished excellent music for the Odd Fellows on the 14th.

43 members of Champion Binery lodge, and 28 of Solomon Temple, went to Greenfield last Sunday, by special train.

Some of the prettiest decorations seen for sometime were those seen at the funeral of Mr. Hartwell Newby. One was a beautiful holder of roses. At the top round was the following inscription: O. H. N., below the initial of the Household of Ruth, H. H. who presented them. The Champion Binery lodge, No. 3027 also present.

a pillow of beautiful roses, with three larks, the initial of the G. U. O. of O. F.

Mrs. J. W. Moore went to Indianapolis, last week to confer the 1st and 2nd degree upon some of the members of Jerusalem. She also went to Oxford, Ohio, to set up a new council there.

## WAITERS CONVENTION.

MILWAUKEE MENTION.  
Milwaukee, Wis., April 17.—The waiters convention held in Chicago, was very successful. Many matters of interest to the craft were discussed and forcible resolutions drawn up. It is a matter of regret that Milwaukee, whose waiters are known for their progressive spirit, was not represented.

The ladies of Masonic families met Monday and perfected their organization. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. R. A. Gantt, the temporary chairman and after the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the following prominent officers were elected: Chairman, Miss Lydia Hughes; treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Matthews; secretary, Mrs. W. A. Hawkins. J. B. Buford, the district deputy grand master read the names of the ladies eligible to membership to the Eastern Star chapter and satisfactorily explained several points which were not clearly understood, after which the meeting adjourned until April 17.

The prosperous season for Widow's Son, still continues and many applicants for membership are constantly being received. On Tuesday, April 18, five will be received and eight more at the regular monthly communication, the first Tuesday in May. All Master Masons are cordially invited to be with us Saturday, April 22, and come prepared for work, as there are ten candidates to be initiated in the mysteries of Masonry. W. G. M. Smith, Past District Deputy, G. M. Cooper and W. M. Dickerson, of Hiram lodge, Chicago, are expected to be present.

The protracted meetings held by the Rev. Williamson for some reason was not successful.

The order at the church services Sunday evening, though better than it has been, was not what it should be. The officers should carefully weed out those young people who are so ignorant as to misbehave in church and compel them to be orderly or leave the church.

The members of the K. of P., did not turn out to hear the sermon prepared for them by the Rev. J. Woods.

The dancing class now numbers 37 and is progressing nicely.

The visitors recently are: Mr. H. Anison, Mr. A. V. Rainey and Miss J. Williamson, of Chicago.

Mr. George Townsend, Mr. P. C. Clark and Mr. Walter Hawkins, spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. L. Hooper has returned from Nashville.

Mrs. H. H. Bland, L. W. Wallace, L. Doss, S. Robinson and Mollie King are all recovering their health and able to be out again.

J. E. B.

## OF SWEET SIXTEEN.

New Richmond, Ohio, April 18.—The communion services at the Second Baptist church were largely attended and many communed.

Miss V. Ringold was very much surprised Friday evening by a grand party which was given in honor of her sixteenth anniversary.

The young men of the Busy Bee society made their report Sunday evening, proceeds \$18.90, with which they intend to purchase some chairs for the pulpit of the Second Baptist church.

Little Allie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson, departed this life Friday, April 14. The funeral services took place Sunday at 11 o'clock, Elder Wm. Alford officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of Middletown, Ohio, have decided to reside in our pleasant little town for the future, so as to be near their daughter, Mrs. Ed. Graves.

Elder Young and wife have returned home, after a pleasant visit with friends.

Mr. Ed. Pagan is visiting relatives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss Etta Fox left last week for Lockland, O., where she will reside with her brother, Mr. Henry Fox, for the future.

Mrs. Louisa Smith has returned from visiting friends and relatives in Felicity, Ohio.

Mr. Ollie Moore arrived home Monday evening to visit his mother, Mrs. Henry Depugh, of Avondale, Ohio, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Robert Hunter, this week.

Mr. I. Houston, of Cincinnati, Ohio, spent a few days of last week here, among friends.

Elder Cook, pastor of the Second M. E. church, of this place, preached here Sunday.

Mr. Peter Wilson was visiting friends and relatives in Cincinnati, last week.

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## HAMILTON AFFAIRS.

Hamilton, Ohio, April 18.—Mrs. M. E. Lawrence is convalescent.  
The Church Aid society held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening.

The Social Circle met Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Works. A short program was rendered, after which a dainty lunch was served. The guests of the Circle were Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson, and Miss Mary Works.

The mother of Mrs. James Townsend, Mr. H. C. Settle, of Richmond, Ind., Mr. Josiah Settle, of Memphis, Tenn., and Robert Settle, living six miles West of this city, died at her residence in Richmond, Ind., Friday, and was brought here for interment Monday morning.

The above mentioned members of the family were present. The floral designs almost hid the casket from view.

Mr. G. W. Watson has opened a fine hair dressing establishment, and ladies' bath rooms. Miss Henrietta Kimmons has accepted a position in the ladies' establishment.

Mr. B. Anderson is teacher of class No. 3.

Mrs. Rector was pleasantly surprised and presented with two handsomely bound poems by her class.

The Missionary band met at Mt. Zion Baptist church, Sunday 16. There will be an entertainment given at the Odd Fellows hall by the Household of Ruth, Saturday evening.

## MECHANICSBURG MATTERS.

Mechanicsburg, Ohio, April 17.—The art entertainment rendered by Professor J. K. Nickens, of Cincinnati, last week, was quite a success. The young lady selling the most tickets, Miss Jessie Steward received the first prize for having sold the most tickets; Miss Annie Adams, received the second prize.

Mr. E. Washington who has been very ill with pneumonia is recovering.

Miss Alice Harness is on the sick list this week.

Rev. J. M. Green was called last Thursday to preach the funeral of Mrs. Robert Malone, at Hickwood, Ohio. She was a member of the first Baptist church of Hickwood, O., and was about 68 years old. A husband and three children mourn her loss.

Rev. B. A. Phillips spent Sunday in Contsville.

Professor W. Wiley was the guest of his parents, Sunday.

Mr. A. C. Walden spent a few days last week in Paulding county.

Rev. J. M. Green spent last Sunday in Hickwood, Ohio.

Rev. B. A. Phillips will return to Contsville next Saturday, and on Sunday will administer the ordinance of baptism and communion.

Quite a number attended the singing school Saturday night.

## TWENTY-FIVE CHILDREN KILLED.

Tulsa, Miss., April 12.—News reached here of the terrible work of a cyclone which struck Robinsonville at 4:30 o'clock this evening.

One colored school house on Indian Creek, one mile West of the place, was swept off and about twenty-five children are killed.

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## CHURCH IMPROVEMENT.

Youngstown, Ohio, April 18.—Mrs. A. Summers gave a fine tea party Friday evening, in honor of Rev. Meadow and wife, Rev. B. H. Lee and nine couples of personal friends. The evening was an enjoyable one.

Mr. Polindester spent Sunday with friends in Cleveland.

Mr. Ross, of East Wood street who has been unable to attend his work for the past two weeks, will be able to be out in a few days.

W. H. Miller who is now located in Warren, was in the city Sunday.

Miss Maud Dowell, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tolliver.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith is better.

The grand rally at the A. M. E. church on last Sunday, was a success. Able sermons were preached by Revs. Cartwright, of Bellmont, avenue church, H. Tape, of the English Lutheran and B. H. Lee. The sum of \$12 was collected. The work of remodeling the church will be given in a few days. It will cost about \$1,000. The trustees have got a little over half of that amount in hand.

## MIDDLEPORT ITEMS.

Middleport, Ohio, April 17.—Mrs. Jos. Warren, Jr., and little daughter Eva, are quite ill.

Mr. Wesley Wilson, a young man living near Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., was drowned here Tuesday night, April 11th, off the Steamer Handy, No. 2.

The Phantom Drill given by the A. M. E. church, last Saturday night, was a grand success.

Mrs. S. B. Allen, of Rendville, O., is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. J. Lewis.

Mr. James Wiley, of Pomeroy, O., spent Sunday here with friends.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 21, '93.



Mr. and Mrs. C. Jackson, of Windsor, Ont., have removed to Indianapolis, where they will open a business. They will be sorely missed in church circles.

Mrs. Nancy Martin, better known as "Auntie Martin," who has nearly reached her one hundredth birthday, is very ill at her home.

Mrs. Taylor died at her home on Hastings street, Monday morning.

Mr. John Lanston has accepted the foremanship in J. L. Hudson's barber shop, under Mr. Preston Jones.

The entertainment at St. Matthews Mission House last week was a success financially, and the beautiful program of last Wednesday evening, elicited much applause, the Misses Jackson filling a number very creditably.

Mrs. Wm. Lambert is lying dangerously ill at her home with but little hope of her recovery.

Mr. James Cole, Sr., displayed the American colors from the flagstaff of his new block this week.

Little Chester Washington who had his head cut open a short time ago, is now threatened with blood poisoning.

Mr. George Young entertained a party of friends at luncheon at the residence of Mrs. E. McCoy, in honor of Miss Susie Stanley, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Will Martin, formerly of Detroit, who has been making San Jose, Cal., his home during the past two years, passed through the city this week, en route to Chicago.

Mrs. Wm. Hackley visited Tecumseh, Mich., last week, instead of Ypsilanti and Howell, as mentioned.

Mrs. Mamie Hale, of Springfield, O., passed through the city last Thursday, en route to Chatham, Ont., to attend the funeral of her little niece.

There is a proposed slugging contest which will take place soon, between two of Detroit's (unknown) tenor singers. These gentlemen have often held debates as to who had the best voice, and it may come to a contest for the public to decide.

Rev. W. A. Meredith died Wednesday evening.

Mr. Peter Anderson, Jr., left Wednesday for Chicago.

Messrs. Lee and Lester of the U. of M. spent Sunday in the city.

The Misses Byrd, of Port Huron, came down to attend the Porter-Cole testimonial and were the guests of Mrs. J. H. Dickinson.

Thomas Stewart, of Kalamazoo, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday looking after business connected with his car indicator patent.

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Attorney Barnes filed application Tuesday to have a guardian appointed for Mr. Burton, an old gentleman now in Grace Hospital, who will be sent to the asylum. Miss Mary Harbard has been asked for as guardian.

Mr. James Cole, Sr., is just getting around after a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. William Johnson, of Alfred st., has been visiting friends in Dresden the past week. She will be home the last of the week.

Mr. Robert Willis, a law student at Ann Arbor, who finishes his course this year, is in the city. He is now prospecting for a home and an office as he expects to locate here. Mr. Willis is a very promising and energetic young man, who will some day make his mark in the world.

Rev. N. F. McBayne has removed from 167 Mullett street to 222 Maple street.

Invitations are out for the first grand ball given by the Enterprise Athletic club, May 3rd.

Geneva Scott, of Chatham, is taking a course in the public schools of Detroit.

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The old wooden side-walk in front of the Second Baptist church, has been replaced with artificial stone.

Miss Anagnia Young has removed from Macomb street to 226 Brush street.

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Miss Laura Montgomery, of Petite Cote, was the guest of Miss Pelham, last week.

Mrs. Ed. Jackson, of Chicago, attended the reception given for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pelham, Jr., and was the guest of Mrs. Wm. W. Ferguson.

Mr. Joseph Ford, of Grand Rapids, Mich., came in from Lansing with the Hon. Wm. W. Ferguson, Thursday night to attend the Pelham reception.

Miss Julia Evans who has been a resident of Detroit during the past three months, returned to her home in Mansfield, Ohio, last Monday.

It costs but a trifle to get notice of your entertainments before the readers of this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lewis, of Adrian, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Pelham, Jr., from Thursday until Monday afternoon of this week.

Advertise your entertainments in the Plaindealer.

It is said that in New Orleans, Afro-Americans have almost a monopoly of organ-grinding.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

On the evening of Wednesday, April 12th, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Alexander celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The house was prettily decorated with evergreens, flowers and plants. The guests were received by Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Alexander, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Henderson, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Gregory, of Wabash, Ind., Rev. and Mrs. Wm. H. Brown, of Amherstburg, Rev. G. B. Pope, Rev. John M. Henderson, Mrs. W. C. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. David York, of Ypsilanti. Mrs. J. H. Alexander wore silver gray henrietta cloth, cream lace trimmings and natural flowers. Mrs. E. E. Gregory black bedford cord, feather trimmings, natural flowers. Mrs. W. H. Brown black silk, lace trimmings, natural flowers. Mrs. W. C. Lewis black silk and lace, natural flowers. Mrs. David York black bedford cord, passamenterie trimmings, natural flowers. Mrs. James M. Henderson camel hair cloth, fur trimmings, natural flowers. A constant stream of guests filled the parlors during the evening and a very pleasant time was had by all present. Many beautiful and costly presents were received. The following is a list of the presents received: Among them a dozen silver tea-spoons from the following ladies: Mesdames A. McKie, R. Blakemore, Welis, G. Duncan, J. Beeler, M. Cook, E. McCoy, W. C. Lewis and Evans.

Mrs. George Bell, silver spoon-hold; Mrs. Missouri Allen, silver cream pitcher.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hart, Indianapolis, Ind., berry spoon; Mr. and Mrs. J. Webster, cake stand; Mr. G. Besheer and daughter, Princeton, Ind., soup taddle; Rev. and Mrs. James M. Henderson, berry spoon; Mrs. Susan McCughlin, butter knife and sugar spoon; Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Collins, Lansing, Mich., fruit knives; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bibbins and family, berry spoon; Mrs. Mary Smith, knife and fork; Mr. and Mrs. H. Wright, Flint, Mich., fruit knives; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Turner, Logansport, Ind., cream spoon; Mr. and Mrs. D. York, and Mrs. C. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Boardman, Ypsilanti, Mich., cake stand; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Park, napkin rings; Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Gregory, Wabash, Ind., pepper stand and water cup; Misses L. and E. Evans, Windsor, Ont., pickle caster and fork; Rev. and Mrs. E. H. McDonald, sugar spoon; Mr. and Mrs. J. Pettiford, Franklin, Ind., berry spoon; Miss C. Hunter, ornamental jugs; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellis, cream spoon and butter knife; Mrs. J. Franklin, sugar spoon; Mrs. A. Costen, fruit plates; Mr. and Mrs. Foster, pickle and tongs; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lennox, berry spoon; Mrs. A. King, Ypsilanti, Mich., sugar spoon and butter knife; Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, Amherstburg, pickle forks; Miss Rena E. Allen Columbus, Ohio, sugar spoon; Miss Bita Foster, bronze images; Mrs. M. Pesick, Mrs. A. Bishop, sugar bowl and fruit dish; Mrs. A. Lewis, sugar spoon; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gregory and Martha Ward, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Davis, and Mrs. Emma Collins, pickle caster and tongs; Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, Ypsilanti, Mich., cream spoon; Mrs. Mary A. Smith, butter knife; Miss R. Ambrose and Miss Estelle Ambrose, Ypsilanti, Mich., nut picks and cracker; Mrs. Titus, Indianapolis, Ind., \$2; Mr. Walter Dean, napkin ring; Mr. Solomon Doo, cake stand; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Craig, Grand Rapids, and Miss E. Lockett, Louisville, Ky., half dozen orange spoons; Miss Mattie Lancaster, napkin ring; Miss Christina Stewart, syrup pitcher; Mrs. Gilman and daughter, orange spoon and knife; Mrs. C. Collins and Mrs. Andrew Turner, Ypsilanti, Mich., napkin rings; Mr. and Mrs. E. Leatherman, Jackson, Mich., cream spoon and butter knife; Mrs. J. Sanford, Ypsilanti, Mich., souvenir spoon; Mrs. T. Forbes, Mrs. J. J. Adams, Grand Rapids, Mich., butter dish; Mrs. W. M. Mitchell, sugar bowl; Mrs. A. Powell, Mr. J. Collins, butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hartwood, Green Castle, Ind., napkin rings; Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Coates, Litchfield, Ill., salt and pepper cruets; Rev. W. S. Kane and family, Grand Rapids, Mich., sugar spoon, butter knife and sugar tongs; Mrs. S. M. Raines and Mrs. I. E. Jones, Fort Wayne, Ind., fruit knives; Mr. A. E. Prince, cream pitcher and tray; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carmichael, salt and pepper set; Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen, Des Moines, Iowa, Communion set; Mrs. J. A. Duggard, Atlanta, Ga., silk handkerchief and mitts; Mrs. M. Thomas, Miss B. Vickers, Mrs. J. Thomas, Miss Addie and Sarah Thomas, silver knives and forks.—(Indianapolis World and Freeman, please copy).

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John Lucas, the notorious colored tough, was fined \$50 or six months by Justice Whelan this morning. Lucas, his wife Martha, and David and Mary Hamilton, were arrested in a bunch by Officer Reisthal for disturbing the peace in front of Boston's saloon. Mrs. Hamilton had come there to get her husband out of trouble, for she had heard him and Lucas say they were going to rob a tailor shop and get enough cloth to make three suits of clothes. Martha Lucas was fined \$15 or 30 days and David Hamilton \$10 or 30 days. Sentence was suspended on Mary Hamilton.

"I like you; you're a dandy," said Lucas to Justice Whelan as he went back to the bull pen with a broad grin of appreciation.

John M. Henderson.

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## CHORUS AT CHATHAM.

The Chatham Daily Planet of April 8th contained the following pleasing notice of the concert given there by the Porter-Cole Chorus:

The program rendered by Porter-Cole Chorus at the Grand last night to a fair sized house well sustained their reputation as singers and are far above the average company of melody slingers.

As a soprano soloist, Mrs. Porter-Cole perhaps exceeded anything ever before heard in Chatham. Her bird like notes in "Staccato Polka" were entrancing; the purity and great compass of her voice being marvellous.

The tenor solo by Mr. Wm. Abernathy "I'll tell I love her so," was artistically rendered, as was also "Three Grenadiers" of Mr. Owens. Suffice it to say that Mrs. Porter-Cole has made a lasting impression on a Chatham audience and its a pity her company of artists were not more favorably received by their being awarded a better house.

THE TESTIMONIAL.

The Plaindealer of this week copies an article from the Chatham Planet on the work of Mrs. Porter-Cole and her Chorus at the concert given in Chatham. Coming from a disinterested yet critical source, the report is not only flattering but applies to the testimonial of last Friday night. As far as concerts go no finer has ever been given by Afro-Americans in this city. The walls of Bethel have never resounded to such a grand chorus as "Inflammatus" nor to such a solo by a male voice, as "Jerusalem" by Mr. Bennest. Those who missed hearing this concert missed a treat. The church, however, was fairly filled and the appreciation in which Mrs. Cole is held both for her talent and her industry was displayed by the applause her efforts met. Every one can see that Detroit has entered a new era in the entertainment line, one that is finer in quality and more inspiring to the mind.

THE PLAINDEALEER WAS RIGHT.

To the Editor of the Plaindealer:—

The long continued series of public entertainments of high order which have been planned and conducted by the ladies of the various churches and societies of our community emphasize the presence of a new era in the social and intellectual life of the race. The concerts, recitals and bazaars have met with such success as proves the existence of an appreciative public and have taken their high character, not in advance of the general taste, but in harmony with it.

I have an old issue of the Plaindealer, containing an editorial in which it is declared that the entertainments of that day were really not up to the demands and that more advance steps would be successful. At the time I did not fully share the opinion, yet recognized in it a suggestion that could not conscientiously be ignored. So, since then, I have persistently labored to inspire and encourage entertainments appealing to higher tastes. It was surprising to find so much general readiness to respond. Contrast the concerts, recitals, bazaars, etc., with the olden festivals and hops.

At Bethel church alone the receipts from entertainments since last September amount to \$687. That the quality of the entertainments may be recalled, I will name them to the best of my recollection. Bergen concert; Porter-Cole concert; old folks concert and Thanksgiving dinner; pink tea; Harrison recital; Young Men's Orchestra concert; dust cup social; Dunbar recital and dust cup social. The musical taste has been chiefly appealed to. The ornamental and useful articles exhibited in the bazaar and pink tea display, the taste of the contributors and the ready sales indicate the number of homes where such things are appreciated.

The flower sale marks an important epoch, while the Dunbar recital boldly emphasizes a gratifying fact in the advancement of intellectual tastes.

Each of these entertainments has been the outcome of careful preparation and have been presented with consistently planned environment in the way of stage effect, decorations and ornamentalities.

It is quite clear that a just appreciation and relish of what is beautiful, proper, elegant and ornamental implies a corresponding relish for these qualities and the home life. Thus it is that the new order of entertainments leads to most gratifying conclusions concerning our general advancement as a race.

I only wish that a thousand persons could have been at the Dunbar recital and I hope that no standing room will be unoccupied to-morrow night at the Porter-Cole concert.

John M. Henderson.

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## RECEIVED THEIR FRIENDS.

Thursday afternoon of the 13th inst., the hospitable doors of the Pelham home were opened to bid welcome to the hosts of friends whom Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pelham had bidden to meet their son Mr. Robert Pelham, Jr., and his bride. The cheerfulness for which this home is noted was accentuated by the occasion and the accompaniments of soft lights, masses of Easter Lilies—favored flowers of the bride—and Finney's string orchestra which from the library filled the rooms with sweet sounds. Mr. and Mrs. Pelham gray and black striped silk, old lace and silver trimming, were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, gray satin, princess en train, black lace and gray tulle—and Mr. and Mrs. George Barrier, gray crepe, en train, gray chiffon, pink roses; Miss Laura Montgomery, pale silver tint-wood, satin ribbon and crepe flounces; Miss Fannie Anderson, cream silk, moss velvet trimmings; and Mrs. E. H. Jackson, black silk and jet. Presentations to bridal party were made by Mrs. W. W. Ferguson, Empire gown, soft yellow wool and chiffon, diamonds; and Miss Meta Pelham, pale lavender silk, old Roman jewelry. The bride in wedding gown of white crystal silk, princess en train, Duchesse lace, Bertha, pearl girldie, was attended by Miss Nora Ferguson, in white silk, Empire gown, yellow sash. The groom wore the regulation full dress and at his right stood Master Robert Barrier in page suit of white velvet and yellow sash; and Messrs Ben and Fred Pelham. Some of the gowns worn by the guests were poems of color and artistic in design. Miss Lulu Gregory wore green and red surah, trimmed in green velvet and passamentarie; Mrs. H. C. Clark, black and gray chaille, trimmed in gray silk; Mrs. Thad Warsaw, heliotrope cashmere; Mrs. Wm. Anderson, black silk, grenadine trimmings; Miss Amanda Lockett, white brocade satin, pearl trimmings; Mrs. John Anderson, gray crepe, green velvet and brocade silk; Mrs. Charles Welch, bridal gown of white crystal silk; Mrs. Walter Stowers, black silk, trimmed in black lace and jet; Mrs. Will Johnson, bridal gown of white surah silk, lace trimmings; Mrs. Will Byrd, bridal gown, Greek costume of white silk, and Miss Amy Watson black and corn colored silk.

Telegrams of congratulation were received from Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Washington, Hammbur, New York, Chicago and other places. Among the guests from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, of Adrian, parents of the bride; Mrs. E. H. Jackson and daughter, of Chicago; Mr. J. C. Ford, Grand Rapids; and Miss Laura Montgomery, of Petite Cote.

Mrs. Emma Cole and Hangsterfer catered, which leaves nothing to say as to service and that served.

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Miss Susie Stanley, of Cleveland, O., is spending the week with Mrs. J. B. Anderson, Winder street.

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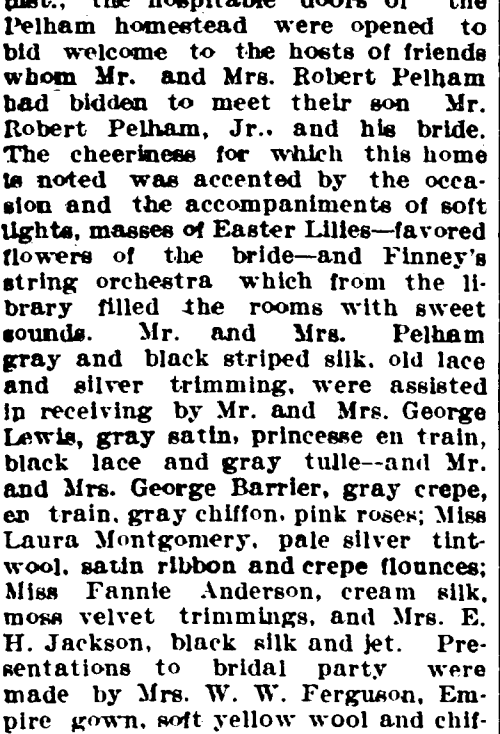
Miss Lillian Collins, of Lima, Ohio, is expected in the city the first of next week.

Mr. Editor:—Of the seven different papers I take, I think the Plaindealer the most valuable. My subscription does not expire until July, but you can count on my continuing it.

H. W. Sample.

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TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

Oberlin, Ohio, April 18.—Rev. W. H. Brown will visit his mother in Lorain for a day or two this week, and then will return, take his family, and on Monday go to his new work at Hardingsburg, Ky.

There was a grand surprise given at No. 49 Groveland street on last Thursday, in honor of Miss Minka Robinson, of Cleveland.

Mrs. Butler, of Groveland street, is somewhat ill.

Mr. James Butler was visiting in Cleveland on last Sunday.

Miss Lula Childer, of the Conservatory, sang a solo at the Union Endeavor meeting, on last Sunday evening.

Mr. W. G. Huffman is actively engaged in organizing a tennis association.

Mr. W. H. Rogers, of Cleveland, was in town last week.

Mr. Martin who is now studying at the Chicago university, was in town a few days ago.

Miss G. Harris, of the Conservatory, is on the sick list.

Mr. W. L. Washington who carried off the laurels of the first prize in the junior middle class, stood only second against the whole academy at the declamation contest last Friday night.

Mr. Walters, our beloved friend and student, who has been sick for a long time, is now able to walk out on very short journeys.

The body of Mr. John Hudmel, of Lorain, who was accidentally killed in the cars, was interred at the West Wood cemetery, on last Thursday.

Mr. Husted, of Water street, has gone to Cleveland to engage in business.

Mrs. Copes, of Water street, continues to be very sick.

Mr. John Gaters was in Pittsfield, last Saturday on important business.

There will be a grand rally at the Mt. Zion Baptist church, on Sunday, April 18th, to finish raising \$2500 for the building of the new church.

Rev. R. L. Dickerson who was appointed pastor of Rust M. E. church from the last annual conference, preached to a crowded house last Sunday evening. He will preach the annual sermon for the Odd Fellows next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

To create a positive basis for thorough church work and a better outlook for a future church, the Sunday school has been changed from 2 p. m. to 9 a. m.

The Epworth league which was organized two weeks ago, is doing good work. It has forty members.

Add Oberlin.

Banquet Lyceum will meet at the town hall, Monday at 8 p. m. Debate, resolved "that Cleveland has proved a greater president than Harrison." Affirmative, Thomas Jenney, C. W. Carden. Negative, T. P. Smith, Edward Mitchell. Address by Walter Hayden. Music by Miss Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

A NOVEL SUPPER.

WENT AS DELEGATE.

Toledo, Ohio, April 19.—The Hawthorne club and a number of friends were entertained by Mrs. James Steward, on April 12th, at a mask supper. The supper which will long be remembered was served in six courses. Mrs. Ed. Clemens received the first prize for being the best represented character. Mrs. Jas. Steward received the second prize, but as she was hostess she gave the prize to Mrs. J. P. Haynes. Mrs. Ed. Clemens received the booby prize. Aside from these prizes each person received a souvenir. About thirty-five persons were present.

Miss Annie Kemp entertained Mr. C. Williams, of Cleveland, and the Misses Lula and Fanny Fitzpatrick, last Monday evening.

The Queen of the West council held a social at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Brown, last Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. H. Brown and Mrs. C. daughters convention, held in that week as delegates to the King-daughter's convention, held in that city on April 7, 8, and 9.

Miss Lizze Highwarden entertained the Halcyon club last Tuesday evening. Cards and games were the amusement of the evening.

Miss Grace Emerson will visit in Springfield soon.

Mr. Patrick Shelby after a painful illness, passed quietly away on April 11, and was buried from Warren chapel on Thursday. He leaves a wife and several children.

Mr. Geo. Mason who has been sick for sometime, died last Saturday, and was buried from the A. M. E. church.

Mr. W. Davis who so lately came to the city to take a position with Mr. Ferguson, now has a position in one of the leading shops in Adrian.

The Rev. Dyer went to Cincinnati last Friday on business.

Mrs. Chester Richmond and Mr. John Crawford, are able to be out.

The Lookout circle will give a bag social in the A. M. E. church, on April 20.

Mrs. Thomas Jones, Mrs. John Bird, Mr. Thomas Jones and Mr. John Hall, are on the sick list.

IRWIN ITEMS.

Irwin, Ohio, April 17.—C. I. Moxley and father, went to Marysville, last week, to work on the new railroad.

Miss S. Viney and Mr. S. Viney, of Millford Center, were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Wyatt Howell, Sunday.

Gertie Moody is still very low.

Barbara Stewart and Miss Della Stewart and Mr. Frank Stewart, of McBurg, were visiting friends here, Sunday.

Miss Choe Moody, of Millford Center, spent Sunday with her parents.

Messrs W. H. and J. C. Moxley, attended singing school at Mechanicsburg, Saturday.

Miss Laura Bunch, of this place will make Millford Center her home for a short time.

Little May Moxley is on the sick list.

CHILLICOTHE NOTES.

Chillicothe, Ohio, April 18.—Sunday April 16th, the Odd Fellows, of Frankfort and Pee Pee united, with the Odd Fellows of this place, and held a union Thanksgiving service at Quinn chapel, A. M. E. church. Attended in their beautiful regalia, they reached the church, where they were greeted by one of the largest audiences that ever assembled in the chapel. Rev. D. D. Lewis, pastor in charge, delivered a very instructive and practical sermon, and gave some very interesting statistics relative to the numerical strength and financial standing of the order in the district of Ohio.

The ladies of the Eastern Star will hold a grand social and literary entertainment at the city hall Thursday evening, April 27.

Mr. Frank McNabb, of Zanesville, was in the city last week, the guest of Miss Octavia Ogilvie.

Misses Emma Burrill and Jennie Higgins, of Kingston, spent Sunday here, the guests of Miss Alice Tunstall.

Rev. S. W. White, of Circleville, made a business trip to the city, Monday. While here he was the guest of Rev. D. D. Lewis.

Mr. Clarence Gray who has been spending the past two weeks with his parents, returned to Cincinnati, Monday.

Miss Dollie Patterson, a charming and accomplished young teacher, of Frankfort, spent Saturday and Sunday, in the city, the guest of Mrs. George R. Hicks. She is quite a pianist, and a vocalist of more than ordinary ability.

Rev. J. W. Strubbing, of Lebanon, is becoming quite a frequent visitor to our city. We are patiently waiting for the chimes of the wedding bells.

Very pleasant and most enjoyable was the social entertainment given Saturday evening by Mrs. George R. Hicks, in honor of her guest, Miss D. Patterson, of Frankfort. The evening was delightfully spent in games, music and recitations, after which refreshments were served.

Among those who were present were: Misses Cora Starr, Nettie Gilmore, Sallie Gatliff, Jennie Harris, Mrs. Charles Gatliff and Messrs Chas. Dell, Lyman Cox, Clarence Gray, Jno. Powell, Alex. and Charles Gatliff and W. E. Viney.

Owing to the high waters, the baptizing at the First Baptist church has been postponed till the first Sunday in May, when the sacred rite will be administered to 28 candidates.

Plato.

Chillicothe, Ohio, April 11.—The missionary exercises held at Quinn chapel, A. M. E. church, Sunday evening, April 9th, proved to be the most interesting. The program containing twenty-eight numbers was varied and extensive, consisting of essays, addresses, select readings and recitations by the adult members and declamations by the children. Where it acquired themselves so nobly, it seems that special mention of any particular exercise would be unjust, hence we forbear. The music was good, rendered by Quinn chapel choir, under the direction of Professor W. E. Viney, superintendent of the Sunday school. Miss Cora B. Medley, owing to the illness of Mrs. Frank Bell, presided at the organ. The collection amounted to \$10.

The audience was very large.

Mr. Fleming S. Cox, our popular and efficient mail carrier, who has been indisposed for the past week, is now able to make his usual rounds.

Miss Margaret McKinley returned Tuesday from Winchester, Ky., after a visit of six months with friends and relatives.

Mrs. A. C. Redmond is repairing her residence on West Fourth street. When completed, it will be one of the handsomest dwellings in the city.

Messrs Edward and Fisher Sutton were called to Columbus, Sunday, to attend the funeral of their relative, Mr. Alfred Gray.

We regret that the Grand jury have indicted Messrs Henry Gilbreth and Henry Nichols for burglary and grand larceny. Attorney C. R. Doll is representing the interests of Mr. Gilbreth.

Mr. Alexander Pettiford, of Columbus, and Miss Sarah E. Roe, of Bourneville, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock Monday evening, at the parsonage. Rev. D. D. Lewis performing the ceremony.

A bright little story entitled, "A Typographical Error," appeared in Sunday morning's Post, from the pen of Miss Mamie E. Fox, a talented young graduate of our high school, and is eliciting much favorable comment.

The young converts at Quinn chapel have been organized into a class which meets every Wednesday evening. Miss Alice Tunstall has been appointed leader, and Miss Susie Preston, assistant.

Rev. D. D. Lewis attended the district conference at Greenfield, last week, and reports an enthusiastic session and a pleasant time.

Mr. Sam. W. Butler, the enterprising coal merchant, went to Lancaster, Monday, on a business trip. He returned Tuesday evening.

Miss Geneva Evans and Mr. Albert Hamilton, have been elected delegates to represent the Baptist Sunday school in the district convention which convenes in Athens in May.

Mrs. J. W. White, of Circleville, spent a few days in the city this week, the guest of Mrs. Rev. D. D. Lewis.

The grand rally at Quinn chapel has been announced for the 30th of this month. Let all the members become interested and make the day a grand success. The ministerial assistance will be announced later.

The grand opening at the Harris boarding house occurred Monday night. The commodious building was beautifully illuminated and tastefully decorated. The dining room was set with the two large tables, literally groaning beneath the weight of delicious viands of every description. The orchestra was concealed and discoursed soft, sweet music throughout the evening. From an artistic point the affair was a complete success.

IRONTON NOTES.

Ironton, Ohio, April 17.—Messrs R. Thomas and Quincy Hunt, attended the baptizing at Huntington, W. Va., Sunday.

Mrs. Ceeli Smith and daughter Edith, of Portsmouth, Ohio, were the guests of Mrs. A. G. Moore.

Mrs. Beegie Guy who has been visiting in our city, left last week for Steubenville, Ohio.

The pink tea entertainment, given by the H. W. R., last week, was well attended.

Rev. G. D. Gray preached Sunday at Tried Stone Baptist church.

Rev. S. S. Cochrane attended the baptizing at Portsmouth, Ohio, Sunday.

Master Henry Reynolds, of Burlington, Ohio, was in attendance at Miss Bertie James' birthday party.

Mrs. Lillie Johnson, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents in this city.

Miss Josie Barnett spent Sunday at Huntington, W. Va.

Miss Effie Bryant and others whose names were not learned, attended the baptizing at Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mr. Samuel Scott is very sick at his home, on 8th street.

Mr. Joseph Mosby who has been quite sick, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reynolds returned Sunday from Cincinnati, Ohio, on the Steamer Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elliot, of Catlettsburg, Ky., were down Sunday.

Tried Stone Baptist church will hold their Sunday school convention here, April 28, 29 and 30.

Messrs Thomas and Frank Bryant, and Andrew Washington, spent Sunday in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. James gave a party last Friday evening, in honor of their daughter, Bertie's 16th birthday. Many attended and a nice time was had.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

ENTERED UPON HIS DUTIES.

Monday, Ohio, April 18.—The concert given by G. U. Johnson, E. Russell, A. Johnson, B. F. Carter and Ben. Williams, at the A. M. E. church, was a grand success. The boys were heartily cheered at the close of each number. Each performed his part so well that comment is unnecessary.

Mr. Cory Adams, our popular letter carrier, is attending night school, taking a course in stenography.

Mrs. J. H. Winbush is conducting a very prosperous hair dressing establishment.

Madames Scott, York, Brown and Woods, served an elegant lunch and refreshments after the concert.

Mamie Rogers, assisted by Mrs. French and Mrs. Woods, our home talent, gave a very interesting concert Thursday evening.

Hazel Gray is developing great musical facilities as was shown by her performance on the piano at the concert Thursday.

Finlay has talent of which she feels justly proud, and by a little encouragement it may be brought to that standard that would stand the test in comparison with larger cities. We have essayists, whose compositions would grace the pages of some of our leading literary journals and would be considered literary genius had they the signature of some one of the leading and popular writers.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson, are the happy parents of a bouncing boy which came to gladden their hearts Sunday morning.

At the present writing T. A. York is confined to his bed with neuralgia fever.

The Relief society of the A. M. E. church, which met Sunday afternoon held memorial services in honor of the late Mrs. Allen. Touching remarks on the life and character of this sainted mother were made which will bear print in time to come.

G. U. Johnson is a member of the Y. M. C. A. and will accompany the club to several surrounding towns. The professor is considered the best in the team and we are proud of him.

B. F. Allen will visit Columbus, Monday, to be present at the close of the State legislature.

Sunday was grand rally day at the A. M. E. church. Dr. C. E. Newsome, of Westerville, Ohio, was present and preached two excellent sermons.

Grant Johnson played ball with the Y. M. C. A. team at Lima, Thursday.

Mr. C. N. Johnson has gone to Indianapolis, Ind., where he is employed slating a large building. He is our representative mechanic in this line of work.

Dr. Newsome met the Odd Fellows Monday evening, and gave them a very able talk touching upon the most vital points relating to the good of the order.

Mrs. Charles Johnson has been seriously ill with the heart trouble and is in a very critical condition.

B. E. Ramsey has been promoted to the responsible position of operator in the nail mill, having under his charge quite a number of machines. This is a just reward for his faithful service of two years.

The Literary society met Monday evening. The regular program being postponed, and the reading of the society journal was called for. This paper, edited by C. D. Williams, is a very interesting sheet, and this issue certainly was a worthy one.

WOMAN'S WORLD.

LOVELY COSTUMES AT THE QUEEN'S LATE DRAWING ROOM.

Inventor of the Hoopskirt—Two Interesting Princesses—Earning Money For a Church Fair—A Woman's Defense—The Lavender Girl.

The queen had a perfect sunshiny spring day for her drawing room on Thursday, and the showing of toilets was all that the greatest lover of gowns in the world could have asked for.

The colors which seemed to find most favor were delicate pinks, soft shades of green and dull gold—except for debutantes, who of course wore white or cream. Myrtle green and violet prevailed everywhere. Had all the ladies pledged themselves not to wear reds and blues, and to combine in having gowns of delicate tints, they could not have been more successful in the dainty "impressionist" effect produced.

Green and violet, violet and green—these were the colors one saw on every side, displayed by matrons and maids from St. James' palace to Grosvenor place.

Turquoise seemed to be the favorite stone in jewels and to find as much favor as did the emerald and the sapphire formerly.

Light, ethereal fabrics—like chiffon gauze, lisse and crape—were much used to trim dresses. Satin was certainly the favorite stuff, and in many instances it was shot with another hue than its own, producing a fine effect.

Lace lappets were worn in some instances instead of white tulle veils and accorded well with court costumes in light colors.

Very few short skirts were seen, and unfettered flounces were the principal form of trimming for dresses, especially for those of the younger ladies. The balloonlike arrangements of chiffon, gathered in at intervals, and especially around the hem, were not again observed, as they were found to be rather ungraceful at the first drawing room.

Almost the only American present was the bride, Lady Grey Egerton, who only a few weeks ago was Miss Cuyler of Baltimore. She has been going everywhere since her marriage and promises to make rather a stir in the social world.

She wore a magnificent gown of creamy satin, made empire style and trimmed with a quantity of lace, ostrich plumes and pearl embroidery. The train was of satin, draped inside with figured gauze and bordered with ostrich plumes.

The dowager Lady Egerton, who presented her daughter-in-law, wore a black satin gown, quite veiled on the skirt and bodice with an embroidery of cut jet in curved lines. The train of mirror velvet was shaded in tones of deep violet and hyacinth and was lined with satin of a paler hue.

In all the frocks there was a suggestion of greater fullness and evidence of crinoline that perhaps may still come.

More unpleasant to record even than this is the fact that there seemed to be a general revival of the chignon. Not only was it very much in evidence among those in the drawing room, but at various social functions of the past few months there has been a tendency toward the propagation of this unsightly bulb on the head. With it of course has come the untidy net, for all this building up of the hair needs a net to confine it. From a purely masculine standpoint, and speaking as one without authority, the effect is certainly not pleasant.

The general impression left after the drawing room is that the chignon and fuller skirts are what the immediate future has in store in the way of fashions.

—London Cor. New York World.

The inventor of the Hoopskirt.

If the hoopskirt is to be a fact, Brooklyn will be ready for it, as the head dress-maker of one of the large houses has been experimenting with a dress skirt six yards round the bottom. One woman walking round its extent of fullness declares that "she will never, no never, wear anything as hideous, even if she should be the only woman in the city to stand out against it."

"But you must keep in the fashion," says the next, and the third suggests that after all it is "dreadfully stylish," which meets with a murmur of applause from those who have hardly dared express their opinions. If neither one's own good taste nor common sense can reconcile a fashion any other way, then it must be dreadfully stylish, and that settles it.

The woman who invented the hoopskirt in the first place was a bright woman, so bright, in fact, that she invented it for some one else to wear, and then stood aghast at the rapidity with which it was taken up. It does not matter that the fashion may have been devised to cover the deformity of some titled or conspicuous person; hitherto there have been plenty eager to copy.

Mrs. Selby died in January, 1717, but she lived to see the article she devised for reasons other than beautifying the rage of the fashionable world. The mysterious origin of many other ridiculous fashions might be traced in the same way. Yet once encouraged by the elegantes, few ask the how or why. But this is not the first time within recent years that there has been an attempt to bring in the crinoline again. During the winter of 1890 fashionable modistes tried to pave the way for its reappearance by asking their customers if they knew the hoopskirt was coming back again.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Spider Versus Lawyer.

One day, upon removing some books at the chambers of Sir William Jones, a large spider dropped upon the floor, upon which Sir William with some warmth said: "Kill that spider, Day! Kill that spider!"

"No," said Mr. Day, with that coolness for which he was so conspicuous, "I will not kill that spider, Jones. I do not know that I have a right to do so. Suppose, when you are going in your carriage to Westminster hall, a superior being, who may perhaps have as much power over you as you have over this insect, should say to his companion: 'Kill that lawyer! Kill that lawyer! How should you like that? I am sure to most people a lawyer is a more noxious insect than a spider.'—Slater on Book Col-

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Casualties. -J. H. Meriwether, a department clerk at Washington, who recently resigned his position, is said to be worth \$250,000. -Senator John P. Green, of Ohio spoke at a tariff banquet in Canton, Ohio, on "the American citizen." -Mr. Alexander Miles, of Detroit, Minn. is said to be worth \$100,000. -Mr. Joseph Douglass, the violinist, will leave for Chicago the last of April. He has engagements in New York, Philadelphia and Brooklyn, before reaching Chicago, where he will display his wonderful musical talent. -Mr. B. F. Cooper, of Michaknock, Iowa, is said to be the only Afro-American druggist in that state. -Mr. Winston Smith has been appointed assistant trainmaster of the Union Pacific railway, at Kansas City, Mo. -Mr. Henry S. Martin, of the 5th ward, Philadelphia, was re-elected secretary of the school board, at its re-organization. -Whooping-cough, croup, sore-throat, influenza, bronchitis, cold, and cough are at once relieved and positively and permanently cured by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the incomparable remedy for all pulmonary and throat affections. -Henry Berger jumped off a Lake Shore passenger train, at Can. age was caught beneath the wheels and his right leg was crushed. -Thomas Barnes, an Afro-American, was assisting in placing an additional dynamo in a power house at Cairo, Ill., last week, when he fell head foremost into the fly-wheel pit. His head struck the belt knocking it from the fly-wheel and stopping the dynamo. He fell directly under the swift revolving fly-wheel, which cleared him by only a few inches, and he remained there until the machinery was stopped. His injuries were slight. -PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL. Urbana, Ohio, April 17.—The council organized to-night by the election of John H. Anderson, Afro-American, Republican, as President. Who says the Afro-American is not progressing. -The Hon. John M. Langston will write a series of articles on the distinguished colored men of the past, for the Pilot.



# A BYSTANDER'S NOTES.

Continued from page one.

knowing the fact that the colored people throughout the country have for two years been doing their utmost to bring the question of a State's power to compel passengers upon trains to be asserted as to race before the United States courts for adjudication. Such person ought also to know that it has twice been held that such a law is unconstitutional so far as interstate passengers—that is, passengers going from one State into another, are concerned. This, however, does not affect passengers whose route lies wholly within a single state. This question will for the first time be presented to the Supreme court in *ex parte Plessy*, from Louisiana, now pending, wherein the Bystander is of counsel for the plaintiff in error.

The simple fact is, that in eight states of the South, it is a crime punishable with fine or imprisonment for a colored man to ride in a car with white people, no matter what rate of fare he pays or is willing to pay.

The conditions stated with such particularity by the editor, in regard to first and second class tickets, do not prevail in these states. All tickets are of the same class, or if there is ever a second class ticket sold there must also be separate cars for white and colored second class passengers. The only trains which are permitted to carry white and colored passengers in the same car in any of these states are construction trains, on which the passengers are their workmen. There is not a single road in either of the South in which the separation is effected, as this editor so particularly describes, by a difference in rate or class of ticket. The colored man pays exactly the same fare as the white man, but must ride in a separate car or compartment. There was a time when the second class ticket system abounded on all roads of the South; but then, there was also a time when these states were the special habitat of the scoundrels, and the one is about as ancient now as the other. The separate car law was a deathblow to the second class ticket, because it would require on every train at least four separate cars or compartments; one for first class whites, one for second class whites, and the same for the two classes of colored passengers.

This extract we have quoted is all the more misleading because it claims expressly to be the statement of one who knows, intended and designed to set right those who unwittingly have fallen into error. If the editors' religious lucubrations have no better basis of truth than his deliberate misstatements as to mundane affairs, he certainly can not complain if men count him "a blind leader of the blind."

Such imaginary statements as to easily ascertained facts are lamentably frequent with those who claim the place of "spiritual leaders." Another religious journal, commenting on the recent Texas immolation, remarks:

"It is consoling to know these barbarities are neither participated in nor approved by the enlightened or religious elements of the South. They are the work of the low, raffish class of Southern whites whom the more respectable elements are unable to restrain. It is not the Christian people of the South who are responsible for these things."

This is another instance of that inability to distinguish between fact and the result of an over-imaginable imagination in discussing Southern conditions. The writer simply concluded that it must be so, because he could not imagine that men he had known in amiable church relations could be guilty of such crimes against law, humanity and civilization.

The truth is that the so-called "hoodlum element" of the South of which we have recently heard so much has hitherto been the willing tool of the so-called "better class." In certain parts of the South they have very recently broken away from such leadership, especially in Southern Mississippi, which is now overrun by "poor white" regulators, as recently set forth in these notes. Jobs of 5,000 and 10,000 do not gather in open day, however, without the approval of the "better class" and the active participation of "Southern Christians," a fact which the man who penned this statement must have known if he read the published accounts of the barbarity.

His mistake lay in the fact that he quite ignored the fundamental truth that a Christianity colored by slavery has no regard for the personal or political rights of the formerly enslaved race. The right to enslave included the power to deprive the enslaved person of all natural rights. The slave might ask and receive favor, but he could have no right. His person, his labor, his progeny belonged to another to do with as he pleased. He lived and enjoyed only on sufferance. To the rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" he had no shadow of claim.

This state of society was sanctioned, maintained and defended by the church as a part of the divine ordinance. It was part and parcel of Southern Christianity, and to tell the exact truth, part and parcel of a considerable portion of Northern Christianity as well. Northern Christians mobbed men for defending the religion of Jesus of Nazareth against this foul aspersion, who would never have thought of using violence against one who wholly denied the existence of a "First Great Cause."

It was an inevitable consequence that a religion on which was based the right of a white man to take away all the natural rights of a colored man should support and maintain the right of a white people to regulate and control in their own way the rights and privileges of a colored people.

And this is exactly the position of the "Southern Christian" to-day. He says: "We had a legal and divine right to hold the persons of these people and bar them from every privilege save what the master chose to give. This right the government of the United States took away from us by force; but we have still the right to rule and control them as we choose, collectively, and we intend to do it."

Thus "Southern Christianity" becomes again the Gibraltar of Southern barbarism. If a man had fired into the crowd that conducted the Texas incineration the chances are at least even that he would have hit a "Christian" or a "colonel"—that is, a church member or one of the best of the much vaunted "better class."

The South is a great mass of very real and easily apprehended facts, even if they be very unpleasant ones; and it ill-becomes a religious teacher to mislead those who seek for truth in his pages by arguing from wholly imaginary and impossible hypotheses in regard to them. Northern Christianity has enough to answer for in having debased the God of justice, truth, and love by making Him the author and justifier of slavery without becoming in this day the excuser of that barbarism which sprung from and is based upon the same infamous theory of God's favor and partiality to the white men. If it has not learned that God is just and demands first of all things that they who take His name and claim to be exponents of His spirit should be just to their fellows, then, indeed, the blood shed in explanation of the crime of slavery was shed in vain.

Abion W. Tourgee  
Mayville, N. Y., April 7, '93.

## AN APPEAL FOR VIRTUE.

### GUARD WELL YOUR HOMES.

Springfield, O., April 13.—Special Correspondence.—Mothers and fathers, as you value the happiness of the young people, as you desire the good of the race assist in purifying our society. Some of the worst enemies of our young men and women are men and women old enough to be their fathers and mothers. Men and women who under the guise of the best and most interested of friends persuade the young folks that their parents are "too strict," are "old fogies," not up to the times," and thus, little by little, girls and boys are led to their destruction; and these very old men and old women, who have undermined their characters are the first ones to begin in the destruction of their reputation.

Brothers and sisters, let no one on any day say a word to you against your mother or your father; even if you have a step-mother or step-father allow no one to talk to you about them.

Let it be known that you accept your step-mother or step-father as your real mother and father; and take my word for it, (for I speak from experience), your family life will be far happier and more peaceful and you will be better able to perform the life work laid out by God for you to do.

Another common fault among the race, is the mixture of the good and the bad, the pure and the impure in our societies and social gatherings. If a young and pure girl goes to a party, even though it may be at the house of a friend she is likely to be thrown in contact with some of the most worthless ones in the community. For many mothers through fear of giving offense, dare not have a party for their sons and daughters unless everyone in the neighborhood is invited, and thus the worthless men with bad reputations, as well as the fallen girl bringing with her the evidence of her disgrace, and the drunkard with the effects of his sin written in his face and bearing, are all made welcome and treated just as those who have always lived pure lives.

Mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, for the love of God, for the love of our race, let us begin immediately to purify our societies, if one falls from virtue, be it a man or a woman, bar unto them the entrance into your society. If they desire to reform, help them to do it; but make them not your friends and equals until they have shown by their living their change from evil to good. Be not only pure yourself, but demand purity in your friends; if, by going into society you find you will be thrown in contact with those not up to the standard of morality, stay at home and seek your enjoyment with your mother and father, your brothers and sisters.

You may be branded as "stuck up," "too good for common folks," etc., but remember this, the young people of whom this is said are always the ones most respected in a community, the ones who have the most enjoyment.

Then, let us as a race honor God above all, walk in such a manner that His help will always be with us; let us grow wealthy, become educated, but hate and discourage vice while we love and reward virtue, and the race problem will be solved to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

## A DISASTROUS FIRE.

Lexington, Ky., April 12.—About 9 o'clock to-night a frame cottage on Tucker street was set on fire by some unknown children who were stopping in the old building for shelter. Three white children were burned before assistance could reach them. The flames caught the training stable belonging to Ed. Brown, the well known Afro-American thorough-bred trainer, and burned it to the ground. Some valuable horses were in the stable, but were saved by the aid of the firemen and others. The stable with its contents was worth about \$3,000, covered by insurance.

—The meeting of the Mississippi State Bar Association will be held May 3rd and 4th at Natchez, Miss.

Two things are certain—You want the news and we want to publish it. You can help us by sending us the names of your friends in different parts of the country so we may induce them to send us the news from their section of the country.

## Common Sense With Poultry.

Ways, means and methods with poultry, vegetables, stock and farming generally should be interesting and timely topics with many of our people. Pleasure, profit and a good deal of personal independence can be worked out of these things when rightly managed. It is not my purpose to touch upon all the items indicated by my opening sentence above; for this time I propose to confine my remarks to, "Common sense with poultry."

Many persons who have never tried the experiment can easily supply themselves with all the table birds and eggs they need, but they cannot do this without incurring risks of many vexations and disappointments.

1. A common error, is to over-stock to begin with, and with "fancy," instead of the common breeds. Care and attention are worth more than pedigree in the poultry yard, certainly at least for beginners. A half dozen common hens and a cock will often yield more satisfactory returns than a dozen "fancy" hens and two cocks. Moral: Don't try to keep too many hens.

2. Another common error is to imagine that if fowls are properly fed and housed, it is enough. Vermin that commonly infests poultry, and flith often more than counter balance feeding and housing. A hen cannot nightly snuff a stench and yet at the same time gather egg good. One thing at a time is a good rule with the hen. Wage an eternal and persistent warfare with vermin in all its forms: it will be your commonest and most destructive enemy.

3. A companion error to the foregoing is to imagine that fowls will do best when left free to shift for themselves. Such persons will keep a hen as long as she can cockle, and will allow her to run herself down to a shadow foraging to keep life in the body. A hen will continue to lay, up to her ninth or tenth year, but few hens are worth their keep after the third or fourth year.

4. A very common error is to fall into a raging fever for feathers instead of looking out for flesh and eggs. If your fowls be for market, symmetry of form and uniformity of coloring are not to be despised, because many people who buy fowls, buy by "looks," or "appearances," rather than by a discriminating judgment as to essential qualities. But do not imagine that in order to obtain symmetry of form and uniformity of coloring you must necessarily burden yourself with a "fancy" breed. Care in selecting common breeds will give you all you require in the way of paying fowls.

5. If you live where hawks and the like are troublesome, select dark rather than white breeds, and if room for forage is limited, select the large rather than the smaller or medium sized breeds.

6. If you want eggs in all seasons see that there is a graduated difference in the ages of your hens. For example, suppose you can keep but twelve hens; let four of them be of a spring clutch, four of an advanced summer clutch and four of a late fall clutch, or of a winter clutch if possible.

Henry Clay Gray.

## EXPRESSES HER GRATITUDE.

To the Editor of the Plaindealer:—  
Sorr—Please accept my sincere gratitude for your kindness and efficient aid in the testimonial just tendered me by "my chorus."

The young people have worked hard and earnestly the past few months and had thereby doubtly endeared themselves to me, for I can not grow too old to love young people and delight in their pleasure. The conducting of the Porter-Cole chorus, therefore, has been one of the bright spots in my life. Their progress has been all I could desire, and their love for me as demonstrated in this last beautiful act and in their conduct throughout our intercourse, I am proud to acknowledge. The months have been full of pleasure and I am sure musical profit to them and to me. Their noble effort to help extricate me from the "Black Patti" failure, is one I can never forget, and I wish publicly to thank them from my heart of hearts.

They, however, would have accomplished little, had not the Plaindealer come to their rescue.

I can do but little, while you slip, are doing so much for the up-building and education of the "Afro-American," yet such as I have give I to them. And I am glad I can contribute even a mite, and that, that night, has your approval. Nothing, or no one can succeed without the Press.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,  
Maggie Porter-Cole.  
245 Warren avenue East.

## THE DEPOSED MESSENGER.

Columbus, Ohio, April 11.—Milton Green, messenger at the governor's office, who, according to current report, was removed yesterday, denies that his connection with the Executive Department had been severed. He states that he secured a leave of absence from Governor McKinley until May, in order to take his wife, who is ill, to Charleston, W. Va., for a change of climate. Private Secretary Boyle declines to say anything whatever relative to the matter. Green admits that Mr. Boyle's refusal to talk practically substantiates the suspicion that there is something of a serious nature behind it all, but says he himself does not know what it is. Governor McKinley is still absent.



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## GRAND KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

By far the most delightful social affair in society circles of the season and probably the grandest affair of the kind ever given in this city was the Grand Pythian Banquet held at Dexter hall last Friday night. Unique invitations had been issued by the committee of arrangements to about two hundred brave, valiant knights and their escorts and friends in response to which, the guests began to arrive at the hall about 9 p. m.

The evening was a most disagreeable one, interspersed with rain, snow and hail and caused many to be late in their arrival, but all were happily enjoying the enrapturing strains of Johnson's superb orchestra, keeping step with the music of the Grand March by 11 p. m., and a Grand March, too, it was; two hundred persons; the ladies richly, tastefully and fashionably attired in their silks, satins, etc., accompanied by their escorts, either in full dress or military attire, is a sight seldom witnessed in spacious Dexter hall.

The Grand March was led by Professor W. H. Johnston, whose superior knowledge and skill, has ever been equal to any emergency and whose ability to artistically perform his arduous task was sustained upon this occasion. He was ably assisted by Professor David Hamilton, floor manager.

The numbers upon the program were executed until 12:30, when the supper march ushered the guests into the dining-rooms, where the caterer, Mr. Edward Berry, had bountifully provided for the wants of the inner man with a supper that satisfied the epicurean appetite of the most fastidious. Shortly after the guests were all seated and were served with the first course of the menu, Toast Master, Sir W. Louis Wharton, introduced Samuel H. Bush, who responded to the toast "Our Guests" in his usual good style of oratory. L. H. Wilson, P. C. C., responded to the toast of "Our Supreme Lodge" in an interesting speech. Sam. B. Hill, Grand Chancellor, responded to the toast of "Our Grand Jurisdiction," Brigadier General, S. T. Sneed, responded to "Our Uniform Rank," and John S. Fielding spoke of "Our Court of Calanthe" in a neat speech.

Supper over, the guests repaired to the hall, where dancing was indulged in until the wee sma' hours called each from his place of pleasant enjoyment to his home.

Take it all in all the arrangements were the most complete—the entertainment the most elaborate and enjoyable of any affair given in this city in many years, and too much credit can not be given to the committee of arrangements, who spared neither time nor expense to make the affair a grand success.

## ECHOES.

"After the banquet was over" a piece of music especially arranged for this occasion was played by the orchestra.

The guests of Hon. L. H. Wilson, S. B. Hill, S. T. Sneed, John S. Fielding, were in good spirits.

Harry G. Ward was as happy as any body after supper. "Sherry wine."

John Stowers, Henry W. Forte, W. Brown, Dr. Johnson and Mack Rutherford, were often seen in the locality of the "Punch Bowl," imagine results. The ladies all looked beautifully.

Here's to those who did not get there! Sorry; but you were not missed.

Capt. E. B. F. Johnson and party arrived late and left early.

Want of space will not permit us to publish a complete list of the guests.

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## FLAMES FOLLOW WIND.

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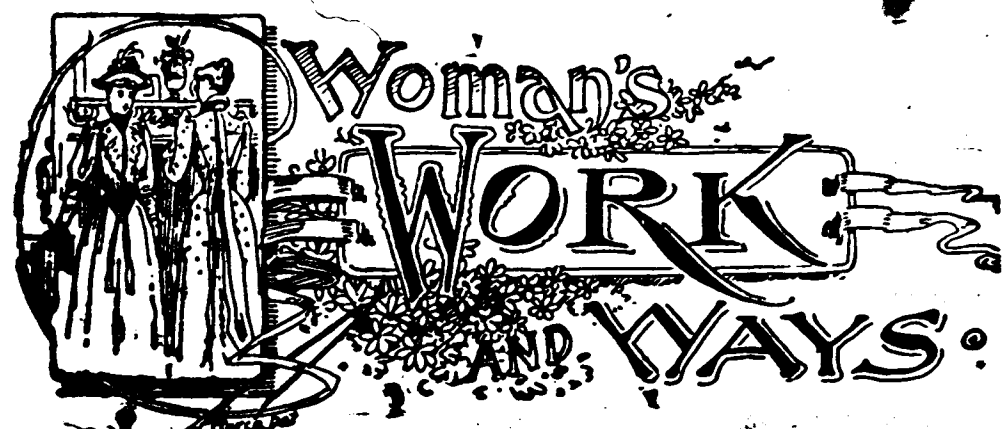
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The "green and yellow" season of spring fever is at hand and if you wish to escape its most unpleasant effects, change your diet, eat freely of fruits and vegetables; drink hot drinks and take all the advantage of fresh air, sunlight, exercise and good company, that is possible in the day time.

At night induce sweet sleep by sponging the body, cleaning the teeth and brushing the hair. Finish with a big drink of hot water or lemonade, and you will wake up with a sweet taste in your mouth, a satisfactory consciousness of refinement and the power of enjoying these beautiful Spring mornings which the victim of Spring fever seldom possesses.

If you have an ugly hand try to keep it clean without much washing. One dose of soap and water during the day ought to be sufficient. If the finger tips are soiled wash and brush them without wetting the whole hand. Don't use perfumed soap, nor wear tight gloves, tight fitting sleeves or tight shoes, they are worse for the hands than rough work.

Did you know that there was a particular etiquette about when and to whom to say "good morning" and "good afternoon"? I have just had my ignorance on the subject enlightened and pass the information along for the benefit of others, who like me may have thought that the spirit and heartiness of the greeting was of more importance than the form. "Good morning" and "good afternoon," like the words, "ladies" and "gentlemen," may be correct or incorrect according to the time in which they are used. For instance at a morning call they would be out of place, unfashionable and odd. "How do you do?" and "good bye" being the recognized formulas between friends and acquaintances; while between strangers or between business men, or between inferiors and superiors, "good morning" and "good afternoon" are the only expressions in use by way of salutation farewell or dismissal.

It is not good form either to answer the question, "How do you do?" with the words, "Pretty well I thank you." You should say instead, "How do you do?" with the emphasis on you. If during your call you are asked to take tea, you should accept the offer whether you wish it or not. In fact, the golden rule of society is to slight no courtesy extended to you, which you can possibly accept. Even if the thing offered is not to your mind, back of it is the kindly spirit which dictated it and the true lady or gentleman will never ignore this.

There is no sin more flagrant in the social world than a churlish spirit toward those who seek to entertain or amuse us and none which is punished more severely when once the idea becomes current than so to be so indifferent or ungrateful about accepting social courtesies.

Don't make the mistake of speaking of your friend who is always correctly and perfectly dressed as "stylish." She is "smartly gowned" and it is chic for you to say so.

Shun as you would deadly poison a male gossip. Women often gossip because the routine of their lives has a tendency to exaggerate small things and because their sphere is so limited as to make these trivialities uppermost in their thought, but a man who comes in from the great world of affairs with nothing more to talk of than the last scandal or domestic fit bit is a creature to be despised and cruelly left to the misery of his own bad company.

I always did think it a barbarous custom to torture the tender stem of a delicate flower with wire and tin foil, and I am glad to know that the boutonniere for men now is a single flower and its foliage carelessly thrust through the button-hole, with its stem as much in evidence as need be. Being an English fashion it will surely be adopted by all good Americans.

So live that her own words shall praise her. Be old and wrinkled, yet beautiful and sweet. Be poor in material possessions, yet rich in character. So live that she will be sorely missed when she is gone. Be a "mother" to all the little waifs in her neighborhood.

Mrs. Caroline Woodruff, of St. Louis, Mo., claims to be 104 years old. Recently she was a witness in one of the courts. She is a with-

ered and decrepit creature, and it was with great difficulty that she walked into court. She told Judge Morris that she was brought to St. Louis from Virginia by the great-grandfather of the notorious James Brothers. She remembers well and describes minutely many historical places and events connected with the in its early days.

#### THE TIE THAT BINDS.

Washington, D. C., Wednesday April 5. Miss Lucy Stanard to Mr. Wm. Kennedy.

Charleston, S. C., April 6. Miss E. Turner Allen to Mr. P. H. Wilkinson.

New York City, April 3. Mrs. Ella Tucker to Mr. Thomas Johnson. Binghamton, N. Y. Miss Lillian Robinson to Mr. Thomas Ellis of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Philadelphia, Pa. Miss Lucille Sheppard to Mr. J. H. Williams, Wednesday, March 29.

Philadelphia, Pa. Miss Sarah Hilyard to Mr. Frank Jordan, Wednesday, March 22.

New Haven, Conn. Miss Julia Skinner, of New York, to Mr. Jas. Jackson, of Middlebury, Conn.

Washington, Pa. Miss Ardella Henderson to Mr. Adam Saunders, March 28.

Oh City, Pa. Miss Maggie Carter to Mr. W. F. Hansberry.

Zanesville, Ohio. Miss Belle Weeks to Mr. Geo. A. Sly, of Cannonsburg, Pa.

Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Ellen Coleman to Mr. Thomas Capitol, of Lancaster, O., March 27.

Dayton, Ohio. Miss Daisy Selter to Mr. Geo. B. Fether, of Lebanon, O.

#### HARVEST OF DEATH.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Miss Pattence Johnson, Monday, April 3.

Binghamton, N. Y.—Mr. James Travers, Tuesday, April 4.

Murray Park, N. J.—Mrs. Emeline Ruse, March 19.

Chester, Pa.—Mr. Uriah Winfield Comper, of gastric fever, March 30.

Belkair, Ohio.—Mr. David Woodson, consumption.

Sewickley, Pa.—Mr. Geo. W. Marlotte, age 62 years.

#### COLORED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

The proposed application of the income of the Slater fund, now amounting to about \$1,000,000, to the establishment of a new industrial school at the South for Negroes has much to commend it. Heretofore this income has been devoted to educating Negroes to professional pursuits, but it is felt that the money can be better employed in training pupils for occupations demanding manual skill. There are only a few such institutions at the South, the most prominent being those at Hampton, Tuskegee and Tongalo. More institutions of the kind would unquestionably be of advantage to the South as an industrial community as well as most beneficial in training the colored people for useful occupations. The colored race has made wonderful advancement since enfranchisement, and any assistance in promoting its industrial and intellectual progress should be welcomed by all who have the interests of the country at heart.—New York Press.

#### LEFT HIS ESTATE IN CONFUSION.

Robert Graves, the wealthy colored carter who died last week, at Philadelphia, has left his estate and his heirs in confusion. Although he owned about \$50,000 worth of real estate, no papers or securities can be found, and only a paltry sum of money was found on the premises, instead of the large amount expected. Four claimants have also arisen for the estate. They are James and Frank Harding, half brothers, Robert Graves, Jr., who claims to be a son, and Mrs. Hicks, of Philadelphia, who declares she is a niece.

#### FREAK WITH A CABIN.

Gallatin, Tex., April 12.—A damaging wind and rain-storm visited this section this afternoon and to-night, laying in waste a great deal of timber, wrecking many houses and killing a great deal of stock. The force of the storm seems to have touched the upper edge of the country and at Rocky Knot was most severe, where it wrought great destruction. A cabin occupied by Afro-Americans was taken up by the wind and carried nearly a quarter of a mile away and, strange to say, none of the occupants were injured. Much damage to property was done, but no deaths are reported.

#### FEARFUL EXECUTION.

Memphis, Tenn., April 13.—It is hardly possible to exaggerate the havoc made by the cyclone and fire at Robinsonville yesterday. There are parts of two houses and a water-tank still standing, and everything else was razed to the ground and most of it burned. The number of killed, so far as can be ascertained by a census of the bodies found, is seventeen, one white and sixteen colored, and about ten more injured, two so seriously that they are expected to die.

Miss Henrietta N. Davis, the eminent elocutionist and character impersonator will appear next Tuesday evening at Bethel A. M. E. church, in Chicago, Ill.

—The Brooklyn Colored Ministerial Association has decided that no more funerals will be attended on Sundays.

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#### BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Atlanta, Ga., April 15.—Bob Burnett, a country merchant who slept in a room in his store, near Fort Gaines, Ga., was murdered Thursday morning by an Afro-American who entered the store for purposes of robbery. The murderer was captured in the afternoon and taken to the scene of his crime, where a crowd had collected. He confessed the murder, and at once preparations to burn him alive were made. A fence was torn down and the rails piled around a lightwood stump and the prisoner tied and laid on top of it. Kerosene was poured over him and on the pile of wood. The man begged piteously to be spared, while the crowd yelled with fury and delight. Some one touched a match to the wood and the flames shot twenty feet in the air. Amid the crackling of the flames and the screams of the victim pistol shots rang out on the air and a dozen balls perforated the body of the helpless wretch. The Afro-Americans formed a majority of the mob and did most of the work of preparing the bonfire. Negro men and women with long poles stood around and heaped the coals on the roasting flesh. The victim's name is unknown. Young Burnett, whom he murdered, was one of the leading young men of Quitman county and belonged to an old and aristocratic family, whose mansion is one of the finest old houses remaining from antebellum days.

#### CRAZY OR DEPRAVED.

Pine Bluff, Ark., April 11.—Last night at English, a small village near here, Henry Beal, while loitering around a church filled with people, fired two shots from a gun into the congregation, seriously wounding a woman and badly wounding two men. The assassin then repaired to an adjacent lane and quickly closed up the ends with rails and thus fortified himself. Several men finally discovered him and by the light of the moon recognized him, and observed around his body several pistols, while in his hand he held a Winchester, and another rested on his leg. He held his position for some time and later a cloud enveloped the moon and he made his escape to the swamp lands of Bayou Bartholomew. To-day parties were formed and with dogs they are trying to catch him. No cause is known for this terrible act, but most of the people think that Beal is crazy.

#### TO THE PUBLIC.

World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, March 30, 1893.—To the Public: Because of many misrepresentations and misstatements relative to Exposition management and affairs being in circulation through the press and otherwise, both in this country and abroad, and in reply to many letters of inquiry or complaint touching the same matters, it seems advisable that some official statement regarding them should be made to the public. Therefore I respectfully ask that the widest publicity be given to the following facts:

1. The Exposition will be opened in readiness for visitors May 1.
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  3. Ample provisions for seating will be made without charge.
  4. About 1,500 toilet rooms and closets will be located at convenient points in the buildings and about the grounds, and they will be absolutely free to the public. This is as large a number in proportion to the estimated attendance as has ever been provided in any exposition. In addition to these there will also be nearly an equal number of lavatories and toilet rooms of a costly and handsome character as exhibits, for the use of which a charge of five cents will be made.
  5. The admission fee of 50 cents will entitle the visitor to see and enter all the Exposition buildings, inspect the exhibits, and, in short, to see everything within the Exposition grounds, except the Esquimau village and the reproduction of the Colorado cliff dwellings. For these as well as for the special attractions on Midway Plaisance a small fee will be charged.
  6. Imposition or extortion of any description will not be tolerated.
  7. Free medical and emergency hospital service is provided on the grounds by the Exposition management.
- The Bureau of Public Comfort will provide commodious free waiting-rooms, including spacious ladies' parlor and toilet rooms in various parts of the grounds.
- H. N. Higginbotham, President.

#### LIGHT PUNISHMENT.

Pine Bluff, Ark., April 10.—Lee Burnett, Henry McElroy and Ike Newhouse, the former white and the others colored, were convicted of voluntary manslaughter to-day in burning and afterward murdering Phil Garver, the colored boy, at Sherrill, some ten days ago. The community was surprised that so horrible a deed should be so easily excused.

—Tennessee Afro-Americans will petition the legislature to abolish the separate car law.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON V, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, APRIL 30.

Text of the Lesson, Prov. 1, 20-33—Memory Verses, 20-23—Golden Text, Heb. xii, 25—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

20. "Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets." When we read in the New Testament such words as these, "Christ, the wisdom of God," "Who of God is made unto us wisdom" (I Cor. 1, 24, 30), we have no difficulty in understanding who is meant in this book by wisdom. Just as Jesus Christ is both the living personal word and also the written word, so He is wisdom as to His person and as to His utterances. It is no wonder, then, that it is written, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom" (iv, 7).

21. "She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates. In the city she uttereth her words, saying." The great multitude are in the broad way of self and self pleasing, with little or no thought of a hereafter and a day of judgment. They care not for the fact that "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," and their only thought is pleasure and prosperity here and now (Math. vii, 13; Gal. vi, 7). Wisdom is represented as calling unto them as they hurry along their downward road.

22. "How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity, and the scornors delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?" Simple ones, if they believe the devil, are easily led astray. If they believe God, they are easily led aright. If they go astray, they are soon among the scornors and the fools. Yet wisdom loves them and cries unto them: "How long?" "How long shall thy rain thoughts lodge within thee?" "How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before Me" (Jer. iv, 14; Ex. x, 3)?

23. "Turn you at My reproof; behold I will pour out My Spirit unto you; I will make known My words unto you." He calls so lovingly, so patiently, so perseveringly. "Come unto Me; return unto the Lord; turn, O backsliding children; take with you words and turn to the Lord." These are some of the many words of the Lord to the erring ones as He entreats them to come unto Him (Isa. lv, 3, 7; Jer. iii, 1, 7, 12, 14; Hos. xiv, 2). He only asks us to turn to Him, and He will do all the rest, giving His words and His Spirit, His words which are Spirit and Life (John vi, 63).

24. "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded." It does not seem possible that a people who had been so wondrously dealt with could so treat such love, but the human heart is still the same, and the same love on His part is turned away from by those to whom His hands are imploringly stretched out. How is it with you?

25. "But ye have set naught all My counsel, and would none of My reproof." They mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and misused His prophets until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy. (II Chron. xxxvii, 16). They even went so far as to say, "We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves" (Isa. xlviii, 15). Like the men before the flood, whose houses God filled with good things, they said unto God, "Depart from us, what can the Almighty do for us" (Job xxii, 15-18)?

26. "I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh." Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap, and he that soweth the wind shall reap the whirlwind" (Gal. vi, 7; Hos. viii, 7). Concerning all who take counsel against Him it is written, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision" (Ps. ii, 4), and if His loving invitations are persistently despised we must remember His words, "None of those men which were hidden shall cast me off my support" (Luke xiv, 24).

27. "When your fear cometh as desolation and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you." In due time these things will come upon all who despise His love and make light of His salvation. Because there is wrath, beware lest He take thee away with His stroke; then a great ransom cannot deliver thee (Job xxxvi, 18).

28. "Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me." They shall cry, "Where is the Lord, but He will not hear them; He will even hide His face from them at that time, as they despise themselves ill in their doings (Mic. iii, 4). He told Jeremiah that the intercession of Moses and Samuel could not save the nation, and He told Ezekiel that the presence of Noah, Daniel and Job would be of no avail (Jer. xv, 1; Ezek. xiv, 14, 20). Sin may become so great that nothing will do but judgment.

29. "For that they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord." They say unto God, "Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of Thy ways" (Job xxi, 14). The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, a foundation of life, a great treasure (Prov. 1, 7; ix, 10; xiv, 27; Isa. xxxiii, 6). But they had no reverence for God, no respect for His ways, no gratitude for His gifts. The fool says there is no God, and many a one who would not say this wishes that there was no God. The carnal mind is enmity against God (Rom. viii, 7).

30. "They would none of my counsel; they despised all my reproof." Our Lord Jesus said that whosoever heard His words, but did them not, was like a man building on sand, only to have everything swept away (Math. vii, 26, 27).

31. "Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way and be filled with their own devices." Their own wickedness will correct them and their backslidings will remove them. Hear, O earth; behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words (Jer. ii, 19; vi, 19). If people will not receive the truth, God will let them receive delusion and a snare (II Thes. ii, 10, 12). He simply lets them have their own way, with its consequences, if they insist on having it.

32. "For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them." To turn away from God is to turn one's back on the only source of love and light. It is to choose darkness rather than light (John iii, 19).

33. "But whose hearkeneth unto Me shall dwell safely and shall be quiet from fear of evil." What a wonderful salvation our wonderful Lord has provided for His enemies if they will only turn to Him in true penitence. Life, eternal life, abundant pardon, forgiveness of all sins, with the assurance of there being no more remembered, an inheritance incorruptible, a joint heirship with Jesus Christ, with the promise of all things temporal and spiritual that we can possibly need.

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