

MISS VIVIENNE A. WARD.

Industrious and Well Qualified Social Service Worker in General Office of the National League on Urban Conditions Among Colored People Given Charge of New Branch Office in New York.



New York.—The Urban league closed the last ten days of its fiscal year, ending in September, with a financial campaign to raise \$3,400 in order to complete its year's work without a deficit. John D. Rockefeller and A. T. White pledged \$1,600 of this amount if the \$1,800 could be raised before the fiscal year expired. The league was successful in raising this sum through the assistance of many wealthy people of the downtown district and several of the leading colored citizens.

Among the colored people who contributed substantially to the campaign are: Rev. Hutchins C. Bishop, Bishop Alexander Walters, Dr. Leo Fitz Nearon, Mrs. Lelia Walker Robinson, Hon. Charles W. Anderson, Edward A. Warren, Mrs. W. F. Trotman, Dr. E. P. Roberts, Fred R. Moore, Claude M. Moton, Major R. R. Moton and members of the Union Baptist church, of which Dr. G. H. Sims is pastor.

The league is extending its work locally by the opening of a branch office at 202 West Sixty-third street, this city. Miss Vivienne A. Ward, for many years an assistant in the industrial department of the league, will be placed in charge of the office, which will be conducted in co-operation with the work of the Lincoln House.

The league recently completed an intensive investigation of the social causes underlying the high infant mortality on Columbus hill. When the facts discovered are presented in final form by Miss Naomi B. Spencer, investigator, the work of organizing a movement for reducing this death rate will be inaugurated. This will take the shape of house to house visits to mothers of young babies by experienced nurses and women who know the best methods of rearing children and possibly the establishment of a day nursery.

The extension of the league's work to other cities will be carried on vigorously during the winter. Eugene Kinckle Jones, executive secretary of the league, will spend most of his time in October in Chicago and Cleveland to promote movements in those cities. Mr. Jones has visited Richmond and Washington in the same connection. Dr. George E. Eaznes, executive secretary, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., visited cities in Tennessee during September for the same purpose.

In conducting the work of the league during the past year more than \$30,000 has been expended through the league's treasury. The colored people have contributed more toward this work this year than at any time since the league has been organized.

GILLIEAN IN NEW FIELD.

Newspaper Reporter Appointed Texas Agent For an Insurance Company. Harrison M. Gilliean, who was for many years one of the chief promoters of the Chisolm news service at Denison, Tex., was recently appointed state agent for the Standard Life Insurance company of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Gilliean is one of the most energetic young men in the state and has the capacity and persistence necessary to win success in his new field.

Mr. Gilliean has traveled a great deal in the different sections of the state and nation and is well known. As a former official and as a member of the National Negro Press association, Mr. Gilliean represents the interest of the association with vigor. He is naturally gifted as a newspaper "booster," and his reports of important happenings among our people are always informing.

Tea leaves are gathered four times a year from the tea plant after its third year.

HOUSE WREN

(Troglodytes aedon)



Length, four and three-fourths inches. The only one of our wrens with wholly whitish underparts that lacks a light line over the eye.

Range: Breeds throughout the United States (except the South Atlantic and Gulf States) and southern Canada; winters in the southern United States and Mexico.

Habits and economic status: The rich, bubbling song of the familiar little house wren is one of the sweetest associations connected with country and suburban life. Its tiny body, long bill, sharp eyes, and strong feet peculiarly adapt it for creeping into all sorts of nooks and crannies where lurk the insects it feeds on. A cavity in a fence post, a hole in a tree, or a box will be welcomed alike by this busybody as a nesting site; but since the advent of the quarrelsome English sparrow such domiciles are at a premium and the wren's eggs and family are safe only in cavities having entrances too small to admit the sparrow. Hence it behooves the farmer's boy to provide boxes the entrances to which are about an inch in diameter, nailing these under gables of barns and outhouses or in orchard trees. In this way the numbers of this useful bird can be increased, greatly to the advantage of the farmer. Grasshoppers, beetles, caterpillars, bugs, and spiders are the principal elements of its food. Cutworms, weevils, ticks, and plant lice are among the injurious forms eaten. The nestlings of house wrens consume great quantities of insects.

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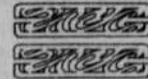
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