

The Pinkston Recital

Large and Appreciative Audience Delighted With Excellent Program.

Had it not been for the severe and threatening storm which broke over Omaha at 8 o'clock Tuesday night there would undoubtedly have been a capacity house at the Pinkston recital. As it was the Y. W. C. A. auditorium was well filled by a large and appreciative audience, which was well repaid for its attendance by a delightful, well-balanced and artistically rendered high class program.

The opening number was "The Star-Spangled Banner," led by Cecelia Wilson Jewell, Dolores Johnson, Madeline Roberts and Corinne Thomas, in which the whole audience joined and sang as only our people can sing.

Mr. William G. Haynes, who has a good tenor voice and knows how to use it, sang "Perhaps," by Dorothy Forster, and as an encore gave "Just Smile," by Grace L. Watson.

Mrs. Pinkston was enthusiastically greeted as she appeared for her first number, which consisted of three selections: (a) Andante Molto from the pianoforte sonata in E minor by Grieg, (b) Impromptu by Chopin and (c) Hungarian No. 12 by MacDowell. In all of these her work proclaimed her an artist of the first rank. Her execution of the difficult Hungarian by MacDowell was brilliant. Another most difficult composition which tests musical skill is Pastels No. 3, by I. Phillip, and which was one of two selections given by Mrs. Pinkston for her second number; Harmonies Poetiques et Delicueuses, by Franz Liszt, being the other. Mrs. Pinkston showed herself mistress of her art in these numbers, also in the Three Preludes from Chopin and the Valse Chromatique by Godard, with which the program closed. In addition to her musical ability Mrs. Pinkston has a most gracious manner, which at once wins her audience. Omaha deserves to be proud of such an artist as Florentine Frances Pinkston.

Mrs. Cecelia Wilson Jewell, who has a rare contralto voice and has always been a favorite with the music-loving public, was never heard to better advantage than on this occasion when she sang "The Promise of Life," by Cowan, and "By an' By," by Burleigh, as her first number, and "When the Heart Is Young," by Dudley Buck, for her second.

Mr. Haynes was pleasing in his second number, "Rose in the Bud," by Dorothy Forster.

One of the most pleasing features of a most delightful program was the singing of the national Negro anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the words of which were written by James

Weldon Johnson and the music by J. Rosamond Johnson, by three beautiful young girls, Madeline Roberts, Dolores Johnson and Corinne Thomas, dressed as Red Cross nurses. Their voices are soprano, mezzo-soprano and alto, and their singing was faultless.

At the conclusion of the program the Rev. John Albert Williams made a brief but stirring appeal for liberal subscriptions to the Red Cross fund.

The Misses Otis Watson and Ozelia Lunning, as accompanists, are deserving of all praise.

The recital was under the auspices of the Woman's auxiliary of St. Philip's Episcopal church. Mrs. E. R. West being chairman of the committee.

It is worthy of note that the program was concluded by half-past 10 o'clock.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN; DO YOUR SHARE

In order that so far as possible full credit may be given to the Colored people for their contributions to the Red Cross war fund, a special committee has been organized, under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. F. Botts, with headquarters at Zion Baptist church, to push the campaign among our people. The campaign closes Monday, Friday and Saturday a systematic canvass for subscriptions will be made. Give what you please, but do give something. The average amount that is asked is the equivalent of one day's wages. Omaha's quota is \$200,000. Our people ought to give \$5,000 of this amount. The Monitor hopes that all our people who contribute will do so through this special committee, or at least report the amount they have given, so it may be known how we have responded.

Let everybody give something. Omaha is going over the top in this Red Cross drive and all will be pleased to have a share in it. And remember this: Your dime or dollar may help save the life of your boy in the trenches and bring him back to you. Or it may help some family whom you know.

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Colored Nurses For Our Soldiers

Editor Moore Says American Red Cross Must Stop "Passing the Buck" to the War Department When Colored Nurses Ask to be Sent to the Front.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—More than 2,000 young Colored women, as well as many others, attended a monster patriotic meeting at Lafayette Theatre Sunday, when a movement was launched to have Colored nurses sent to France to look after the sick and wounded Colored soldiers with the American expeditionary forces. The big audience applauded Attorney George Battle, Fred R. Moore, publisher of the New York Age, and chairman of the meeting, as they made strong pleas for the sending of Colored nurses.

"I have every reason to know that the trained Colored nurse is as competent as any nurse in the world," said Mr. Battle, who said he had been reared by a Colored foster-mother. He asked the Colored women to participate more actively in war work, thus doing their share in aiding their men who are now in France or about to go over.

Mr. Moore spoke of the courage of the Negro regiment, the 15th New York Infantry, now the 369th, somewhere in France.

"Looking at their bravery, and not their color, the French have received them with open arms," he said. "We are second to no part of our population in loyalty. But, speaking as an American black, I say we are not being treated right here."

"We have trained Colored Red Cross nurses, ready to go to the front and minister to the wounded in the hospitals. They are no longer content to stay here, and the American Red Cross must stop 'passing the buck' to the War Department whenever our nurses ask to be sent to the front."

"We want the best white women and men to tell the American Red Cross that the millions of Colored sympathizers with the United States in the war are not satisfied with the treatment of our trained Colored nurses. We don't want a black Red Cross, but a universal Red Cross, with every vestige of the old Southern anti-color prejudices wiped out, and with nothing else required from its workers but ability, respectability and character."

The speakers' arguments were strengthened by the presence in the audience by a squad of Colored Red Cross workers and by the members of the senior class of nurses from Lincoln Hospital.

The rally was held under the auspices of the Girls' Patriotic Service League, which is a division of the New York War Camp Community Service. It is the first of a series of meetings being arranged for girls and women throughout greater New York.

OMAHA'S COMING TREAT

Word has just been received at The Monitor office that Hon. Roscoe Conklin Simmons, the great race orator, is to come to Omaha, June 10. This is an event that all Colored Omahans have hoped for a long time. Mr. Simmons has startled the country with his fearlessness in going into the far South and condemning it for the wrongs practiced upon his race. Thousands upon thousands of whites have crowded his meetings and listened spellbound as he denounced them for their treatment of their colored countrymen. No assembly was ever too bitter for Mr. Simmons to attack with his fiery eloquence and bring it to understand that injustice against the race must cease and that the rights of American citizens must be for the black as well as for the white.

We trust that every man, woman and child of Greater Omaha will hear him. It will be an event that will never be forgotten. Further announcement will be made next week.

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Baltimore.—L. A. Hayden, a Colored inventor of Charlotte, N. C., has succeeded in having an airplane stableizer, his invention, accepted for use by the British government and has received a commission as a second lieutenant in the aviation corps of the British army. He failed in an effort to give the invention to the United States.

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