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METHODIST PRELATE GIVEN A WELCOME BY LARGE AUDIENCE

Bishop Robert E. Jones, First Man of His Race to Be Elevated to Episcopate by Methodist Episcopal Church, Visits Omaha.

DELIVERS NOTABLE ADDRESS

"God Not a Principle, But a Personality Interested in the Daily Affairs of Men," Declares Speaker.

Declaring that God is not a principle but a present, potential Personality, intimately interested in the everyday affairs of life, Bishop Robert E. Jones of New Orleans, La., former editor of the Southwestern Christian Recorder, and first man of his race to be elevated to the episcopate by the Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered an eloquent and instructive address to a large audience in Grove Methodist Episcopal church, of which Rev. T. S. Saunders is pastor, last Friday night.

This was Bishop Jones' first visit to Omaha. He is a man of charming personality, unassuming and unostentatious, magnetic, scholarly and eloquent. His address made a favorable impression upon all who heard him. He expressed his pleasure at being in the city of which he had long heard and from which he had received many courteous invitations.

"With absolutely due appreciation of the splendid work all Methodists and other Christian bodies are doing among our race, I believe I may be pardoned, if I say that I do not believe any Christian body has done or is doing more for the evangelization, education and recognition of the colored people of the United States than is the Methodist Episcopal church," said Bishop Jones.

"There are three great denominations, commonly spoken of as white churches, aside from our own, with colored communicants and doing good work among Negroes. These are the Presbyterians, the Episcopalians and the Congregationalists. We have five times as many colored members as all three of these combined. Our membership is 350,000. Our educational work among Negroes stands without a parallel, not only in instructing our youth but in recognizing the ability of our own people to stand in positions of leadership and administration. Institutions like Wiley, Sam Houston, Rust and George R. Smith colleges and Claffin university are among the striking examples of this. For theological education we point with pardonable pride to Gammon Theological seminary; and it must not be forgotten that Meharry Medical school was founded and maintained by the Methodist Episcopal church for the education of Negro physicians and dentists. The latter institution has just been turned over by this board to the race, with all its buildings and the sum of \$400,000 for the development of its splendid work. From the Centenary fund which centers around Negro work, there has been already appropriated the immense sum of \$1,750,000 for educational work among Negroes. Moreover, there is not a single board administering the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal which has not at least one colored member on it. So, I think it must be conceded, that no other Christian body in America has done or is doing more for the advancement of our people or in giving us merited recognition."

Bishop Jones then passed on to the discussion of man's relationship to God and God's relationship to man. Among some of his striking utterances on this head were: "One and God make a majority." It was Frederick Douglass who put this statement upon the lips of 100,000,000 Americans, who use it without thinking of the author. One and God make a majority, if that one is of the right type. God is not a principle but a present potential Personality, deeply interested in every day affairs of life. God to me is a Personal God, who thinks, loves, wills, judges and helps men in every time of trouble. I love to think of God not far off on the circle of the earth but down here among the busy haunts of man, where men are at work in the shop, office, field or mart; by the editor as he sits down to write with the desire to help men, with the physician at the bedside, with the teacher in the school room. I like to think of God with a labor union card in his pocket, in sympathy with his fellow workman, and by the washtub with the toiler there, a God of love and sympathy who is interested in our work a day world.

"God can use men, if they will let Him. In order that God may use men, men must be unselfish, good, not saints, but genuinely good in their hearts, loving and prayerful.

"Our race has a characteristic which I hope they will never lose. It is said with truth, Negroes quickly forgive and soon forget. This is the manifestation of a loving heart, and after all love is the power that will conquer. Not force, but love. The world war was a manifestation of force and hate. It settled nothing. No man can make me hate him, for hate damages more the hater than the one hated. Therefore, let love rule the hearts of this race and no-power can hold it back.

"God is not a luxury but a necessity in every life. X plus Y plus Z minus God is a failure in every life. X may equal intellectual ability; Y, great wealth; Z, untold influence, but minus God life will be a failure. X plus Y plus Z PLUS God is a success in every life, always and everywhere. X may equal ignorance; Y, poverty; Z, weakness, but PLUS God that life is a success, always and everywhere."

The combined choirs of St. John's A. M. E. and Grove M. E. lead the singing. The lesson was read by the Rev. W. C. Williams, pastor of St. John's; prayer was offered by the Rev. O. J. Burckhardt. Several ministers, physicians and dentists, many of the physicians being alumni of Meharry, had seats on the platform. The Rev. Dr. Griffin G. Logan, presiding elder and former pastor of Grove, introduced Bishop Jones. The Rev. J. O. Williams of Paris, Tex., and the Rev. C. S. Williams of Beaumont were also present.

BISHOP JONES PAYS MONITOR COMPLIMENT

Bishop Robert E. Jones of New Orleans, La., in speaking at the Grove Methodist Episcopal Church last Friday night, paid The Monitor an appreciated compliment. He said that he was anxious to visit Omaha for many reasons, one among many being that he desired to meet Father Williams, editor of The Monitor, the splendid publication which as editor of the Southwestern Christian Recorder he had always read with delight and inspiration. He then asked for those who were subscribers, "not mere readers, but subscribers of The Monitor, to hold up your hand." Many hands went up.

"That's a good showing," said the bishop, "but it ought to be better. It's an able publication and deserves unanimous support."

Thank you, Bishop Jones.—Editor Monitor.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN OPENS

The Monitor Offers Handsome and Valuable Premiums Which Any Wide-Awake Person Can Easily Secure.

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The Monitor is a paper good enough to go into any home. You need not confine yourself to securing subscribers among colored people, but are sure many of your white friends and neighbors will be willing to subscribe to help you secure one of these prizes.

The premiums offered are a beautiful chocolate set; a handsome electric lighted vanity bag, something new which every lady wants; a beautiful watch, and an Eastman kodak.

SMARTER SET SOCIETY GIVES DANCING PARTY

The annual dancing party which was given by the Smarter Set Society last Monday night at the Hanscom Park Pavilion was a delightful social function from every point of view. The pavilion was artistically decorated in the club's colors. A large number of guests were in attendance. The music was furnished by "The Melody Boys' Orchestra," a new organization composed of Messrs McPherson, Sayles, Dillard, Moseley and Williams, which gave eminent satisfaction. Everybody had a good time.



One of Omaha's popular Municipal Bathing beaches showing how this progressive city provides for her cosmopolitan population.

HAITIAN EDITOR IS TWICE IMPRISONED BY U. S. MARINES

Black Patriot Vigorously Opposes American Plan to Force Loan Totaling \$40,000,000.00 on His Country.

JOHNSON MAKES STATEMENT

Declares Acceptance of Loan Will Perpetuate American Occupation and Domination of Island Republic.

New York, Aug. 18.—J. Jolibois, of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, editor of Le Courier Haitien, a leading newspaper of Haiti, was twice arrested and confined to jail during the month of June, for protesting against certain financial powers in the United States forcing a loan of \$40,000,000.00 on the Haitian government, according to a letter received and made public by James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. M. Jolibois has been one of the most outspoken of Haitian leaders in denouncing the acts of the American occupation.

In commenting on the arrest of M. Jolibois and the causes of his having been imprisoned, Mr. Johnson said: "It is obvious that the efforts now being made to force this loan of forty million dollars on the Haitian government, which the Haitians declare they do not need and do not want, is for the purpose of future justification of continuance of the occupation of Haiti by the United States Government. When unpleasantly direct demands are made on the American Government in the future to end the occupation of this Republic, the obvious re-

tort would be that such a step would be impracticable until money loaned by American banking houses is repaid. "The arrest and imprisonment of M. Jolibois for daring to speak out on a matter regarding which there should be the utmost freedom of speech and press is simply another incident in what is already a record in imperial despotism. In spite of the recent report by the Senate Committee, headed by Senator McCormick of Illinois, which almost completely absolves the Occupation from all blame, the case of M. Jolibois is indicative of just what our neighbors to the south are undergoing in the process of 'benevolent tutelage' by the American Government."

TWO PROMINENT TEXAS MINISTERS OMAHA VISITORS

The Rev. J. O. Williams, district superintendent of the Paris District, Texas Annual Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, Paris, Texas; and his brother, the Rev. C. S. Williams, pastor of St. James M. E. church, Beaumont, were Omaha visitors last week. The former preached at Grove M. E. church last Thursday night. They left Saturday morning for Sioux City, Iowa, to visit the Rev. R. M. Williams, pastor of the Haddock Memorial church of that city, who is the son of Rev. J. O. Williams.

SON IS BORN TO FORMER OMAHA GIRL

A fine son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gibson at Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 9th. Mrs. Gibson was formerly Madeline Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Roberts of this city, where she was born and reared, and was a general favorite. Omaha friends send congratulations and best wishes. Mrs. Roberts is in Tacoma with her daughter and grandson.

EXPRESSES MIND ON AMERICAN ATTITUDE TOWARD NEGROES

Mme. Schumann-Heink, World-Renowned Opera Singer, Says Negroes Are Real Americans and Should be Given Better Treatment.

MANSION NOW MUSIC SCHOOL

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Miss Pauline Lee, President of the Chicago University of Music, which institution has stirred the pride of Chicago from center to circumference, has again thrilled the populace with her achievements. Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, who was in the city for a few hours, on her way from California to New York, wired Miss Lee to arrange for a private conference on the progress of the school since its inception in the Schumann-Heink mansion. The madame was highly pleased with the report of Miss Lee and the progress of the institution.

While in the city Mme. Schumann-Heink gave out a remarkable interview concerning her attitude on colored Americans, which appeared in the Chicago Daily News. The interview said:

"Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, grand opera singer, Saturday paid Chicago, 'the city she adores,' a brief visit. Coincident with her arrival announcement was made that her old homestead at East 37th street and South Michigan avenue, where she lived for eight years, has been leased to the Chicago University of Music, a school for colored musicians, for a period of three years, with an option to purchase. "Few recognized the singer as she stepped from a Santa Fe train at the

Dearborn street terminal. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Greif, who recently arrived in this country from Leipzig, Germany, and the latter's twin sons, Heink and Horst, aged 16, and their sister, Gertrude, 15. The party went to the Auditorium hotel.

"I always love to come to Chicago; I adore it," said Mme. Schumann-Heink after they were comfortably settled at the hotel, where she confirmed the report that she had rented her home in Chicago to the school.

Has No Fears
"I expect to be criticized by some for turning my home over to and patronizing the colored people, but I don't care. Negroes are real Americans, and we are in duty bound to treat them as human.

"I am independent and have no fears. As I stood by the soldier boys I will stand by the colored folk. If we would treat them right we wouldn't have strikes and crime and we wouldn't be the laughing stock of the world.

"We should give the Colored people a chance to develop instead of welcoming with open arms Russian radicals and other foreigners, who, in many instances, do our country more harm than good.

Refers to South's Great

"Look at the great men and women of the South; all were cared for by colored mamies. Many of our colored people are good enough to act as our servants and do useful work. We should treat them as humans. "It hurts me to see strangers in my home, but it has been vacant for two years, and with some one in it now it will be cared for."

Mme. Schumann-Heink arrived from San Diego, Calif., where she has taken up her residence. She was en route East, where she has a number of concert engagements.

CONVICT WHITE MAN IN ASSAULT CASE

Jury of White Men Find Married Man, a Father, Guilty of Criminally Attacking a Fourteen-Year-Old Colored Girl.

Tifton, Ga., Aug. 18th.—Coming as a climax to one of the most sensational court trials in the history of the local courts here, a jury of 12 white men found another white man guilty of criminal assault upon a 14-year-old colored girl. The man was sentenced from two to three years in the penitentiary.

The crime, one of the most revolting in years, was perpetrated by A. P. Cox, a married man and the father of several children. Feeling was tense following the outrage and for a time it was feared that the man would be lynched.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

"Hill Crest," the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, was a scene of unique beauty last Thursday evening when the engagement of their daughter Irene to William Bernard Reed of Denver, Colo., was announced at a seven o'clock dinner.

The 24 guests who were members of the younger social set were seated at small tables on the spacious lower veranda which was decorated with ferns and hanging baskets. The color scheme was lavender. Just as the elaborate four course dinner was being brought to a close, a miniature newspaper was passed to each guest. Surprised indeed were they when upon examination they found a heart-shaped photo of Miss Jones upon the inside announcing her engagement. A little item about each guest also appeared in the paper. Out of town guests were Miss Irene Newman of Chicago and Mrs. Ethel Nash of Nashville, Tenn. The wedding will take place October 2nd, 1922.

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON.

The services of next Sunday will be at the usual hours, 7:30, 10 and 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Public invited to all services. Next Sunday is the time appointed for payment of subscriptions on the repair fund. Mrs. Floretine Pinkston has been serving as organist for the past two Sundays.

BOY SCOUTS GO TO CAMP GIFFORD

Twenty-six boy scouts go to Camp Gifford for a two weeks' outing Friday. They will be in charge of Scout Master Craig Morris and other scout executives. This annual encampment is eagerly anticipated by the scouts of Omaha and does the boy a world of good.

Miss Lucille Bivens left Tuesday to visit relatives at Hopkinsville, Ky., and expects to be absent from the city for two weeks.

WHITE EDITOR TAKES HIS RACE TO TASK FOR RIDICULING US

William Allen White, Famous Newspaper Man, Does Not Approve of Derisive Attitude of Caucasians Toward Black Folk.

COLORED PEOPLE ARE HUMAN

Their Aspirations for Recreation and Culture Are Normal and Fun-Poking Whites Betray Own Stupidity.

(Associated Negro Press)

Chicago, Aug. 18.—William Allen White, nationally famed daily newspaper editor of Emporia, Kansas, in a syndicated article, published recently in a number of daily papers, told the "white people where to get off," so far as "poking fun" at Colored people is concerned. Said Mr. White:

"At Westfield, N. J., a Colored golf club has been established and a nine-hole course laid out. A Colored colony there seems to warrant the golf course. The item that this course is laid out will cause a million giggles to sizzle across the country. Cartoonists will make funny pictures of it. Vaudeville artists will do sketches about it. Something exquisitely funny seems to excite the white race when it sees the Colored race doing things which are ordinary parts of the day's work and play to the white people. It is as though the elephant should drive an auto or a horse play the piano.

"The reason for this risibility of the white man at the black man's human activities is obvious, and it is no credit to the white man. He thinks it funny to see the black man doing things that normal human beings do, because the white man does not think of his darkskinned fellow traveler on the planet as a human companion. The white man considers any Colored man—black, brown, red, yellow or maroon—as an animal. The anthropological conceit of the white man is ponderous, unbelievable, vastly amusing to the Gods.

"Why should not the black man play golf if his economic status gives him leisure for golf? Why should he not have a motor car and a country house if he can afford it? Why giggle at the normal activities of men whose skins differ from our own? Something of the same psychological reason is behind the fact that my middle-class people make merry over the fact that the worker in the mines or shops or furnaces wears a silk shirt or rents a house with a bath or rides to work in a car. Why shouldn't he? Is he an elephant doing stunts? Is he a horse playing the piano? What's the joke if he develops the same desires and aspirations that we do? And who in God's name are we, anyway?"

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

5233 South Twenty-fifth Street. O. J. Burckhardt, Pastor.

Sunday will be a day of unusual interest with services all day, beginning with praise service at 10:30 led by Messrs Rayford and Herman. The sermon at 11 will be by the Rev. W. S. Metcalfe, with the invitation song by Mrs. Sadie Rivers. Class reports by Supt. Tolle Stars, and class meeting led by Deaconesses Severe and Gray will follow. Doxology by the Rev. F. Oliver.

At 2:30 song service will be led by Deacon Whit Clark of Bethel and Mrs. Elizabeth Clark. Rev. W. F. Botts will give the invocation; Rev. T. S. Saunders will read the Scripture lesson; the Rev. Russel Taylor, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian, will preach; the Rev. W. C. Williams will give the invitation; the benediction will be given by the Rev. S. M. Graves.

At 7:30 the praise service will be led by Mesdames Sarah Jones and Laura Jefferson; invocation by Rev. Robert Ewing; Miss Fostoria Logan will sing a solo, and the Rev. J. Fletcher Bryant, Y. M. C. A. secretary, will preach. The Rev. Mr. Burckhardt expects the co-operation of all the ministers of the association to the extent that their congregations will attend at least one of the services during the day.

A CONVERSATION

"Oh, isn't that silver chocolate set a beauty? I want one."
"Get subscribers for The Monitor and it's yours."
"But, can't I buy one? I'll pay you cash for one, right now."
"No, thank you, they are not for sale. We give them as premiums."
Conversation that took place in the Monitor Business Office Monday, August 14, 1922.

Miss Mary L. Blackney of New York City is the guest of Miss Bessie Talbot, 2616 Burdette street.

Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1893.

Sec. 1. Civil rights of persons. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person.

Sec. 2. Penalty for Violation of Preceding Section. Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons of law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denials, shall for each offense be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and pay the costs of the prosecution.

"The original act was held valid as to citizens; barber shops can not discriminate against persons on account of color. Messenger vs State, 25 Nebr. page 677. N. W. 638."

"A restaurant keeper who refuses to serve a colored person with refreshments in a certain part of his restaurant, for no other reason than that he is colored, is civilly liable, though he offers to serve him by setting a table in amore private part of the house. Ferguson vs Gies, 82 Mich. 358; N. W. 718."