

# Some of the Local Officers of the United Brothers of Friendship and S. of M. T.

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lodge, the bulk of the work has naturally fallen upon Mrs. L. B. Burton, general manager; H. A. Chiles, who is past master of the lodge and a grand officer, and who by his work last year at Keokuk succeeded in bringing the grand lodge here; and Mrs. Ray, the secretary. Mr. Chiles is assistant manager and treasurer.

The official program is as follows:

Public meeting Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Douglas county court house:

Welsome address by Mayor James C. Dahlman. Response by Dr. J. T. Caston, M. W. G. M.

A welcoming on behalf of the Ministry by Rev. John Albert Williams. Response by Rev. H. W. Botts, M. W. G. Chaplain.

Welcoming on behalf of Fraternity, Charles W. Dickerson. Response by Nelson C. Crews, M. W. G. M. of Masonic jurisdiction.

Welcoming on behalf of the U. B. F., Rev. W. F. Botts. Response by C. H. Calloway, grand attorney.

Welcoming on behalf of the S. M. T., Sister L. B. Burton, D. D. Response by Sister Ida L. Garrett, M. W. G. P.

Public Banquet in honor of the Grand Royal House, at Washington hall, Eighteenth and Harney streets, Tuesday at 8 p. m. Program by Omaha's best talent. Desdunes' full orchestra.

Memorial services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Douglas County court house. Everybody welcome. Music by Zion Baptist church and St. John's A. M. E. choirs.

Grand parade and picnic, Friday, August 20th, at 10:30 a. m. of grand lodge and grand temple, starting at the county court house, through principal streets to Rourke park, Fifteenth and Vinton streets, led by Faithful lodge No. 250. Music by K. of P. Military Band; U. B. F. bands of Kansas City, Hannibal and St. Louis. Bro. C. G. Garrett, marshal of the day.

Attractions: Competitive drill by Knights of Friendship from Kansas City, Hannibal and St. Louis. Baseball game between Omaha Owls vs. Council Bluffs Giants; also band concerts. We will have all the delicacies of the season, including barbecue meats.

Grand Public Installation at the Auditorium, Fifteenth and Howard streets, August 20th, 8:30 p. m. The grand procession will be led by worthy princesses in full uniform. From 10 o'clock p. m. until 2 a. m. Prof. Devrereaux's orchestra of twenty pieces will entertain the young people.

### VOTES FOR TEACHERS.

(By Miss Maria L. Baldwin, Principal of the Agassiz Public School, of Cambridge, Mass.)

Women teachers in those states where school suffrage has already been granted them have found out that even so meagre a share of voting power has given them a definite influence, and has brought about a few notable results. In several cases local schools have been kept, by the women's vote, from the control of persons who threatened all that was

best in them. Candidates for election to school boards reckon early with the "teacher vote" and hasten to announce their "rightness" on this or that issue supposedly dear to teachers. It is wholly reasonable to infer that the extension of the suffrage will enable teachers to secure more consideration for themselves, and to have an important influence on the quality of the persons chosen to direct the schools.

At the outset teachers will be confronted by the temptation of power—the temptation to use it for personal



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of selfish ends. What, as a class, will they do with this temptation? What motives will lie behind their advocacy of men and measures? What tests of fitness will they apply to the candidate for their votes? Will they decline to recognize fine qualities for school service in one who may hold heretical views about increase of salaries, or length of vacations? These questions, which would test any group of workers, I cannot answer. I can only submit what seems an earnest that this group may stand the test.

The profession of teaching has a rich inheritance. These convictions were bequeathed to it to have and to hold: that the dearest interests of life are in its keeping; that its peculiar service to society is to nourish and perpetuate those noblest aspirations called its ideals; that to do such work one must be devoted and unselfish.

This tradition still inspires the teacher. Some of the unrest, the dissatisfaction with conditions that are everywhere has penetrated her world, but probably no other work is done less in the commercial spirit nor any service more expanded beyond what "is nominated in the bond." Many school rooms are moving pictures of this spirit at work.

One is warranted in thinking that teachers will transfer to their use of the ballot this habit of fidelity to ideals.

### OUR DEBT TO SUFFRAGISTS.

(By Hon. Robert H. Terrell, Justice of the Municipal Court, District of Columbia.)

Of all the elements in our great cosmopolitan population the Negro would be most ardently in favor of woman suffrage, for above all others, he knows what a denial of the ballot means to a people. He has seen his rights trampled on, he has been humiliated and insulted in public, he has brooded over his weakness and helplessness in private, all because he did not possess the power given by

that he is not willing to grant to everyone else."

Finally, as a matter of sentiment, every man with Negro blood in his veins should favor woman suffrage. Garrison, Phillips, Frederick Douglass and Robert Purvis and the whole host of abolitionists were advocates of the right. I often heard it said when I was a boy in Boston that immediately after the Civil war Susan B. Anthony, Julia Ward Howe, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and other leaders of the woman's rights movement at the request of these men devoted all of their efforts towards obtaining the ballot for the Negro, even to the neglect of their own dearly cherished cause, hoping, indeed, that the black man, who would be in some measure the beneficiary of their work and sacrifice, would in turn give them the aid they so sorely needed at that time. Now what our fathers failed to do for these pioneers who did so much for our cause before and after the great war, let us do for those who are now leading the fight for woman suffrage. I believe that in supporting them we will render our country a great and much needed service.

Small Josnny was wriggling and twisting in a vain endeavor to put his arms through the sleeves of an undergarment and then get it over his head. After several futile attempts he called out to his mother:

"Say, mamma, when I get to be an angel, and have wings, I don't see how I'll ever get my shirt on!"

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have been hewers of wood and drawers of water. On the contrary, through long periods of time there were powerful black nations who have left the records of their achievements and of which we are just now beginning to learn a little. This little, however, which we have learned teaches us that the Negroes of today should work and strive. Along their own peculiar lines, in their own peculiar ways, they should endeavor to make contributions to civilization and to world progress.



John Davis, M. N. K.