

# THE MONITOR

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## Why Mayor Thompson Is Popular With Race

Some Pertinent Facts Concerning Chicago's Chief Executive's Treatment of Negroes.

### REASONS FOR APPOINTMENTS

Men Qualified for Positions—Duty to Elevate and Encourage—He Promised Square Deal.

Mayor Thompson's visit to Omaha recalls certain facts in his campaign and subsequent treatment of our race which accounts for his popularity with colored Americans.

During his residence in Chicago he has been friendly to and outspoken in behalf of fair treatment to the colored people. When he announced his candidacy for the nomination the colored people rallied to his support and, despite efforts made to divide their vote, they stood loyally by him; with the result that "the black ward" of Chicago nominated him. It was the vote of that ward which nominated Thompson and led to his election.

He had the manhood to acknowledge this service and, true to his pre-election promises to treat all classes of citizens impartially, he has given colored Chicagoans some excellent appointments.

In addressing 22,000 people at the close of the Lincoln semi-centennial celebration on September 16, Mayor Thompson gave the following reasons for his appointments, which by some were thought to be too good to be held by Negroes:

"Let me repeat that I am proud to be here, and let me add these words: I am asked why I have appointed Negroes in my cabinet.

#### Here's Why He Did It.

"Here is my answer:

"1. Because the persons appointed were essentially fitted and qualified for the positions they were selected to fill.

"2. Because, in the name of humanity, it is my duty to do what I can to elevate rather than degrade any class of American citizens.

"3. Because during the pre-election campaign I gave you my word that, if elected, I would give you a square deal, and Bill Thompson keeps his word.

"More than 100,000 colored men and women," he continued, "have passed through this great hall to see this great exposition; and yet there has been no disorder of any sort and none of the petty crimes which unfortunately so often mark big gatherings of people. I doubt if any great undertaking can equal that record.

#### Praises Race Women.

"I have been presented this evening with the Lord's prayer embroidered on a silk background and beautifully framed. The work was done by Mrs. Laura Davis, one of your people. That gift will go into the mayor's office of the city of Chicago, and it will remain in that office as long as William Hale

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## Three Lamps To Light

"THREE LAMPS THERE ARE: FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY; WHICH WE MAY LIGHT TO KEEP OUR SOULS FROM HARM. AND SWEET IT IS WHILE ON LIFE'S RESTLESS SEA TO HEAR THE WATCHER, CONSCIENCE, IN THE NIGHT WHISPER: 'ALL'S WELL, THE LAMPS ARE BURNING BRIGHT.'"



H. A. CHILES,  
Popular Head Waiter, Paxton Hotel, Becomes Undertaker.

## Twenty-Four Years In the Priesthood

Next Monday, October 18, St. Luke's day, is the twenty-fourth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. John Albert Williams to the priesthood. The service took place in St. Matthias church, on South Tenth street, the Rt. Rev. George Worthington, D.D., being the bishop ordaining. The Rev. Paul Matthews, now bishop of New Jersey, and the Rev. Irving P. Johnson, D.D., professor of church history in the Seabury Divinity School, of Faribault, Minn., were ordained at the same time. Father Williams has passed his entire ministry in Omaha at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon. On St. Luke's Day there will be the usual celebration of the holy communion at 7 a. m. and morning prayer at 9 o'clock.

## HELD JOB FOR SEVENTY YEARS.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 15.—Ebenezer Bishop of Bridgeton, N. J., aged 112 years, died at the Philadelphia hospital on Tuesday. He was born April 18, 1803, in the county of the same name. As a boy he worked on a farm and worked at the same place for seventy years.

## Prominent Negro Physician Wins Prize

Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 15.—The prize of \$25 offered by the New York Medical Journal for the best paper on the treatment of flatulence (distension of the stomach or intestines with air or gases) was awarded to Dr. F. Richard Newman, 1031 Chapline street. In the May issue of the same journal and in the Southern Medical Journal there appeared articles on pellagra by Dr. Newman. Dr. Newman recently came to Wheeling from New York City. For several years he was located in Memphis, Tenn., and helped to organize the Negro Baptist hospital, and for five years was assistant surgeon on the staff. While acting in that capacity he gained quite a reputation as a surgeon and gynecologist.

## AMERICAN NEGROES FOR LIBERIAN ARMY

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 15.—Dr. Ernest Lyon, Liberian consul to the United States, has received a cablegram from the Liberian government authorizing him to appoint Isaac W. Gillespie of this city, United States army, retired, to a captaincy in the Liberian constabulary, and William Roundtree, of Xenia, Ohio, to a lieutenantcy.

## Successful Meeting In Interest of Home

The Get-Together Movement on Behalf of Negro Women's Christian Association's Home Opens.

### A SUBSTANTIAL SUM RAISED.

To Be Applied on Payments on Property for Old Folks' Home on Pinkney Street.

The Get-Together meeting held in the interests of the Old Folks' Home at Grove Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Negro Women's Christian Association, the founders of this worthy charity, was a pronounced success. Less than one hundred people were present, but they were the people who do things.

M. F. Singleton, a member of the advisory board, presided. The Rev. W. F. Botts opened the meeting with prayer. The chairman in a brief, terse and well-worded address outlined the object of the meeting and introduced the speakers in the following order: Mrs. M. D. Marshall, president of the association; H. J. Pinkett; the Rev. W. F. Botts, the Rev. Dr. Logan, W. S. Metcalfe; the Rev. John Albert Williams, Mrs. W. J. Broatch, a loyal friend of the home, the Rev. W. T. Osborne and Henry W. Black. The addresses were brief, well chosen and to the point; each speaker happily supplementing the practical suggestions made by the one preceding. Mrs. Marshall confined herself to a history of the organization of the association and to what it had striven to do; Mr. Pinkett emphasized the necessity of such an institution; Mr. Botts stressed the importance of a living faith in the enterprise and urged that man and women of the race remember such institutions in their wills; the Rev. Dr. Logan endorsed the movement and emphasized the fact that the institution could not succeed unless the women identified with it show their interest in other movements in which the people are interested; Father Williams drove home the fact that this work had been begun in good faith, progress had been made and that the race could and ought to pay for it, if they would devote a small amount of their amusement money to it. Mrs. Broatch spoke of her interest in the home and urged the women to get busy and the home would be paid for. Mr. Metcalfe said the women needed money more than advice and proposed that 100 men give \$5 a year to help on the home. The Rev. W. T. Osborne urged enthusiasm and unanimity. Mr. Black speaking for the advisory board stated that they were with the women to make the home a success. Mrs. Martha Smith sang a solo which was much appreciated.

A check for \$50 to apply on the property was turned over to the association with the understanding that

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