

**PRIEST TO BE GIVEN  
TESTIMONIAL ON SILVER  
ANNIVERSARY**

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 8.—Roman Catholics and other citizens are planning a big testimonial reception to Rev. C. Randolph Uncles on January 8th, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his elevation to the priesthood. He was the first Colored man to be elevated to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church in this country, and Roman Catholics of both races as well as members of other denominations will join in the celebration. It is planned to present him a testimonial gift of \$1,000 on the night of the reception.

On the morning of the celebration, a solemn high mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church at which time Cardinal Gibbons and other notables are expected to be present. Benediction services will take place at St. Peter Claver's Church.

Father Uncles is a native of Maryland. Before entering St. Hyacinth's College, Canada, to get his scholastic training for the priesthood, he taught school in Baltimore county. He received his theological training at St. Mary's Seminary, this city, where Cardinal Gibbons was also educated. He has been an instructor at Epiphany Apostolic College, Walbrook for a number of years.

**FOR WELFARE OF  
SOUTHERN WORKERS**

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 8.—A meeting was held here November 29 to consider plans for the welfare of the 500 Colored workmen who have recently emigrated here from the south. It was the result of the interest of the Smithsonian League, recently organized to look after new arrivals.

Rev. J. W. Freeman, president of the league, in calling the meeting to order said:

"Uncultivated and crude, from the rice swamps, cotton fields, turpentine farms and other menial spheres of Southern industry, segregated, ostracised, disfranchised, the spirit of manhood crushed within them, they have stepped into the world of unbounded privileges. Intoxicated with these new surroundings, like the wanton boy they embrace every opportunity for pleasure which caters to their craving appetite. They need counsel, they need friends, a strong hand to guide them from the haunts of vice and mold them into good and valuable citizens."

**FARMERS MAKE PROGRESS**

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 8.—That the Colored farmers of Halifax, Dinwiddie, Surry and Southampton counties are making fine progress is the assertion made by Judge G. E. Cassell, publicity agent of the Norfolk Railway, following a trip of inspection in those counties.

He said that though labor was scarce the farmers are prosperous. Speaking of the success of the farmers he had the following to say:

"This is especially true of the Colored farmer, who is doing much in the way of development of the agricultural interests of the southside," and he told of one Colored farmer of Halifax county, who has three large houses filled with the finest kind of tobacco. He said also that there is hardly any Negro farmer who has not a big tobacco crop, which is now selling at topnotch prices.

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**ORCHESTRA TAKES LONG TRIP**

Adams' Saxophone orchestra left Sunday morning with the Overland Automobile agents of Omaha, on a trip to Toledo, Ohio. This is the first time in Omaha history that a Colored orchestra has received such recognition. A finely decorated car with polished floor and a thousand dollar piano will be the ball room on the way over, designed especially for the members of the Overland company and their wives. A drawing room was reserved for the orchestra and all the pleasures and privileges of the train are accorded them. Beside their expenses and salary, they were promised many gratuities and free time in Toledo to see the town and paint it red.

We guess the union orchestras will have to get a hump on their playing before they can get into our class, eh?

**ST. JOHN A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES**

A large and appreciative audience attended the Union Thanksgiving services. The Rev. W. F. Botts was at his best and preached an interesting logical Gospel sermon. The Thanksgiving offering was \$20.00.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McCullough had as dinner guest on Thanksgiving, Rev. W. T. Osborne.

So far the Grant Brotherhood leads in the rally. The other auxiliaries are doing well. The rally will continue till January 1, giving every member and friend a chance to pay their assessment.

Mr. and Mrs. Plummer Walker entertained at dinner Sunday, Rev. W. T. Osborne, Mrs. Zenobia Diggs, sister of Mrs. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ray, Mrs. E. Golden and Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood.

Mr. Ralph Mead was buried from St. John's M. E. Church Sunday. Chiles & Jones in charge.

Mr. Elmer J. Romine and Miss Viola Majors were quietly married at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Thomas, Monday evening. The Rev. W. T. Osborne officiated.

Mrs. Jessie Wright, from Seattle, Wm. and Mrs. Smith, from Nebraska City, united with St. John's Sunday.

Mrs. Osborne is much improved. Dr. Hutton says she will be out in a few days.

Mrs. Zenobia Diggs, of Parsons, Kas., sister of Mrs. Osborne will remain in the city until after the holidays.

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