

MISS PAULINE JAMES LEE.

Graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago. Gifted Contralto Soloist and Rising Young Musician of Great Promise.



Chicago.—During the recent session of the Chicago conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church held in this city Miss Pauline James Lee won the admiration of the large audiences at the conference as a musician. She was pronounced as one of the best contralto soloists of the race. She is one of the youngest singers to appear before a great assemblage here, but her work takes the first rank.

Her early preparation for literary work was begun in the public schools, where her wonderful musical voice was noted by her teachers.

After finishing the public school course Miss Lee entered the American Conservatory of Music, Kimball hall, in this city, where she graduated from piano, pipe organ and public school music as a contralto soloist, being a pupil of Mme. Azalia Hackley, who is well known the country over. This modest young woman has won her way to the front step by step.

Miss Lee was assisted in furnishing music for the recent conference by the Institutional church choir—Mrs. T. A. Smythe, soprano; W. C. Buckner, bass, and twenty-eight other musicians. Her debut as a public singer was made recently in Washington, where she appeared before an audience of 2,000. The Washington Bee in speaking of her says, "Her contralto voice is rich, full and resonant and is under excellent control, so that in the most difficult arias she seems not to extend herself to the limit of her wonderful vocal powers."

Miss Lee represents the possibilities of the young women who will take the time to prepare for their work. She holds four diplomas from the American Conservatory of Music, and she is modest, refined and cultured. She is educated to and not away from her people. She is a Christian young woman, who is spending her talent for religious uplift.

From Washington she appeared in a concert in New York at the Music School settlement. Some of the best musicians of the race as well as other races heard her and were loud in their praises of her wonderful voice and the ability to control it.

Miss Lee will devote her time to music and in helping her people, especially the young women. Her aim is to inspire the young girls to seek higher things in life. She believes that it is possible for our race to produce more women like Jennie Lynn, Flora Batson, the Hyers sisters and many others of like note living and dead. She is at present active in the Institutional church here. Bishop Coppin is loud in his praise of her good work.

WELL MANAGED SCHOOL.

The Charlotte (N. C.) Sunday Observer Commends Training School Work.

Professor James E. Shephard, president of the National Training school of Durham, has called a conference of Negro educators on Nov. 21 and 24 to be participated in by heads of universities, colleges and secondary schools for the training of colored youths in the United States. These will be the guests of the institution at Durham. A number of set subjects will be discussed to the end that the actual conditions and needs of schools devoted to the education of colored youths may be accomplished. The management of the Durham institution is one of the most progressive in the south, and lasting good ought to come out of the proposed conference.

RED-TAILED HAWK

(*Buteo borealis*)



Length, about two feet. One of our largest hawks; adults with tail reddish brown.

Range: Breeds in the United States, Mexico, Costa Rica, Canada and Alaska; winters generally in the United States and south to Guatemala.

Habits and economic status: The red-tailed hawk, or "hen-hawk," as it is commonly called, is one of the best known of all our birds of prey, and is a widely distributed species of great economic importance. Its habit of sitting on some prominent limb or pole in the open, or flying with measured wing beat over prairies and sparsely wooded areas on the lookout for its favorite prey, causes it to be noticed by the most indifferent observer. Although not as omnivorous as the red-shouldered hawk, it feeds on a variety of food, as small mammals, snakes, frogs, insects, birds, crawfish, centipedes, and even carrion. In regions where rattlesnakes abound it destroys considerable numbers of the reptiles. Although it feeds to a certain extent on poultry and birds, it is nevertheless entitled to general protection on account of the insistent warfare it wages against field mice and other small rodents and insects that are so destructive to young orchards, nursery stock, and farm produce. Out of 530 stomachs examined, 457, or 85 per cent, contained the remains of mammals, nests such as field mice, pine mice, rabbits, several species of ground squirrels, pocket gophers, and cotton rats, and only 62 contained the remains of poultry or game birds.

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