

Our Women and Children

Conducted by
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OUR CHILDREN

1. Understood as They Should Be.

It was Frances Hodgson Burnett who said, "One generation, one entire generation of all the world of children, understood as they should be, loved as they ask to be, and developed as they might be would more than bring the millennium."

Ah, little children of the Negro race, who without the co-operation of your mothers can make it possible for you to be understood as you should be, loved as you ought to be and developed as you might be?

Understood as they should be—the vital duties of mothers are so far reaching in their effect on the child and on society that no child can afford to be misunderstood by its mother. How few the tragedies and sorrows of life would be if we had all been understood as we should be. How many good mothers are heart-broken over children who have gone astray, yet these mothers do not realize that too often they themselves are at fault because they did not understand their children. Sometimes we hear a mother, "O, if I could only gain my mother's confidence," when she should say, "Regain my child's confidence. Every child in early life confides implicitly in its mother if this ceases the mother is to blame for she has not understood her child as she ought. It is a priceless treasure the mother has lost and it is an irreparable injury the child has received.

Mothers, you must study your children if you would gain that understanding of their natures that will aid most in their normal physical, mental and moral development. There is a right and a wrong way in dealing with each individual child. Each child has its own idiosyncrasies. The mother must also seek inspiration from the Great Teacher and she will gradually gain a sympathetic insight into the hearts of her little ones.

Understanding the child demands an acquaintance with its teachers; this not only aids the teacher but brings about an intelligent, sympathetic co-operation between the home and the school. Often the teacher learns things about the child of which the mother is ignorant and of course the mother can give the teacher much insight into the nature of the child. Both can better understand and serve the child by working together for its interest.

The demand for efficient Negro mothers is equal to the demand for efficiency of the Negro race for are they not one and the same? Home, civic, social and moral conditions are fixed according to the standard of the care of children. We cannot rid motherhood of its responsibility, but we can grasp the richness it offers. The best of us make mistakes; we can all look back and see instances where we misunderstood our children, where we did not respect a childish viewpoint, where our eyes were closed to a childish weakness, but these mistakes may prove valuable lessons.

Mothers, you may be busy with duties you cannot shirk, you may feel that no more can be required of you, but you can find a little time to study child nature, to learn something of those with whom your children will associate. Let your life stay close to the life of your children, live with them, play with them, try to get their vision that they may grow up, understood as they should be.

—L. S. E.

(Next week. II. Loved as They Should Be.)

DR. J. L. GREEN OPENS OFFICE

Dr. J. L. Green, a mechano-therapist from the American university, Chicago, Ill., has now opened an office at 1614½ North 24th street, over the Progressive tailors' shop and is prepared to treat all chronic diseases according to the latest drugless methods. Besides being an experienced manual manipulator, he is prepared to give electro massage treatments and all forms of medicated baths, which will save you the time and expense of going away to some spring or bathing place for your health. Think of this being the only place in the city conducted along this line by a Colored man. This is what we need. We want to see the Colored man make himself prepared and walk out and take his stand beside other men. It is said that all forms of chronic disease are benefited by these combination of treatments, and that if a few are taken all along you will keep well and defeat old age a long time. The wise man is trying to preserve his health. The time you should consult a doctor is when you are up on your feet. When you are well. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. There will be a lady attendant for ladies.

REPORT OF THE N. W. C. A.

January 1, 1918, to February 1, 1919

Mrs. Ashby, a bedspread and two gallons of canned cherries.
Mrs. H. L. Brown, groceries amounting to \$14; drayage, \$1.50.
Mrs. Stewart, one suit of underwear and dress for inmate.
Mrs. Carroll, a suit of underwear for inmate.
Mrs. Dr. Peebles, two jars of fruit.
Mrs. Nellie Gordon, comforter.
Mrs. A. Bowler, blanket.
Mrs. Martha Smith, comforter.
A Friend, one comforter, blanket, a pair of pillow slips.
Mrs. John Perry, two dozen cans of tomatoes.
Solicited by Mrs. H. Black and Mrs. Solomon, eight tons of coal, one ton of wood.

Money Received.	
Entertainments	\$175.28
Donations and pledges	137.18
Inmates' board and room	117.50
Money collected from N. W. C.	
A. banks	30.42
Dues	12.95
Red Cross	10.00
Pennies from Flower fund	1.16
Total	\$484.49

Money Spent.	
Groceries	\$181.36
Matron's salary	124.42
Nebraska Fuel Co.	53.96
Nebraska Telephone Co.	29.70
Printing and advertisement	20.10
Gas	8.03
Metropolitan Water Co.	5.12
Drugs	4.65
Insurance	4.00
Central Furniture Co.	4.00
Weaving rugs	2.80
Ice cream and paper napkins	5.25
Hauling	3.25
Donations to Mr. Walls for his place of business for a dinner	2.00
Donation to Mrs. Ida Johnson for use of gas for cooking dinner	2.00
Flowers for deceased	1.50
Incorporation fees	1.00
Total	\$468.69

We hope next year to get our yearly report out in book form, so that every one's name who so kindly helps us will be inserted in the book and sent to each person.

We hope we haven't omitted a donation from any one, and thank each and every one, and those who so liberally donated to the New England dinner and Mrs. N. W. Spencer for her kindness in giving her services to the inmates at the home.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ANNIE BOWLER, President.
MRS. MARTHA TAYLOR SMITH, Treasurer.

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BASTROP, TEXAS

We wish to thank our friends for their assistance shown during our sorrow and the beautiful offering to my dear husband. Yours respectfully, Mrs. Lillie Matthews, wife; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Matthews; Mr. Joe Matthews, brother; Mrs. Lizzie Gage, sister, Bastrop, Tex.

The body of Yancy Matthews was buried by the K. of P. lodge. Dave Williams, Colored undertaker had charge of the funeral.

PALESTINE, TEXAS

All the churches had appropriate services on Sunday.

The Rev. A. W. Keith was in his pulpit and had a good crowd on Sunday night at Mt. Vernon A. M. E. church.

The Rev. J. R. Carns preached a soul-stirring sermon at St. Paul A. M. E. church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and the Rev. S. M. Bolden, the pastor, stirred things up Sunday night.

The Pilgrim Rest Baptist church had a good service Sunday night.

The Rev. Johnson of the Cartrel Chapel A. M. E. church is in town stirring things up for his church.

Grant Chapel A. M. E. church is rolling things up for Easter. South Union Baptist church had appropriate services.

There was a mass meeting at West Union Baptist church and a large congregation was present and organized the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with 100 members. The officers elected were as follows: S. J. Williamson, president; Miss Emer Paton, secretary; Dr. W. R. Roberts, treasurer. And that looks like business. Mr. John Jackson is very sick at

Mr. Walter Pinsons and not expected to get well.

Mr. Tom Miller died on last Friday. Miss Bettie Coin is still on the sick list.

Miss Emer Howard is on the sick list.

Fiss Bertha Johnson and Mr. Orther Jones were married on last Thursday night and we hope for them a happy and prosperous life. The writer hopes they may live forever and the writer never die.

Miss Jewell Pinson went to Jacksonville on last Friday on business.

Rev. Pierson, and wife were in town last week.

Mrs. Rebecca Henry of Oakwood was in town last week.

Mrs. Jane Johnson died last week and was shipped to Kilgore for burial.

Mr. George Dunsun and Mrs. Emer Brown were married last week. We hope for them a happy life.

LINCOLN NEWS

C. B. Hosmer, a teacher in the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama is visiting Lincoln, and on Saturday spoke in a number of churches in the interest of Negro education in the south. Tuskegee Institute is Booker T. Washington's great school, which was established 39 years ago.

The home makers' association cooperated with the Red Cross nursing department in arranging a meeting for Colored women at the A. M. E. church last Wednesday evening. Forty women were present. Major Westermann spoke on "Necessity for Proper Attention to the Health in the Home." Miss Margaret Wharton followed with an explanation of home nursing classes. Seventeen of the la-

dies signed up for class work in the home nursing. Last week Mrs. Floyd Wambean talked to the group on clothing.

An Easter party was given last Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Mabel Williams at her home, 409 South 21st street, in honor of her mother, Mrs. John May, of Sheridan, Wyo.

The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with a profusion of Easter novelties. A huge white Easter bell was suspended from the archway, surrounded by Easter lilies, which were woven and interwoven about its folds. For amusement an egg hunt and other games were participated in by all, which brought forth much enjoyment, after which a very dainty luncheon was served.

ORKIN BROTHERS NEW ADVERTISING MANAGER

Orkin Bros., whose up-to-date and elegant ladies store is steadily growing in popularity, has secured the services of a live-wire advertising manager in the person of Mr. Henry Steinlauf, a most pleasant and courteous young gentleman, formerly of New York. Mr. Steinlauf has but recently been released from military service, where he did his bit. He was in New York when Col. "Bill" Hayward's fighters returned and he says "New York gave those boys some reception. It looked like all New York had turned out to welcome those boys home. Well, they deserved it."

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