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BISHOP DEMBY IS WELCOMED HERE BY BIG CONGREGATIONS

Suffragan of Arkansas and Southwest Province Preaches at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon and Trinity Cathedral

MAKES LASTING IMPRESSION

The Sympathizing and Sustaining Christ Theme of Helpful Sermon. Tells of Missionary Work in Arkansas.

Large congregations greeted the Rt. Rev. Edward Thomas Demby, bishop suffragan of Arkansas and the Southwest Province of the Episcopal Church, both at St. Philip's Church, where he preached Sunday morning, and at Trinity Cathedral, where he delivered an interesting address on the work of the Episcopal Church among the race in the Southland, Sunday night. He made a most favorable and lasting impression upon all who near him.

Bishop Demby celebrated the Holy Communion at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon at 7:30 A. M., and both he and his cultured and charming wife briefly addressed the children of the Church on Sunday School at 10 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock service, which was the usual choral Eucharist, Father Williams was the celebrant, and Bishop Demby preached and gave the blessing. His theme was "The Sympathizing and Sustaining Christ," and was based upon St. Matthew XI:28, "Come unto Me all ye that travail and are heavy laden and I will refresh you." The speaker stressed among other points the truth of our blessed Lord's knowledge of the needs and aspirations of the humblest of men and His desire and willingness to help and give them strength for their daily tasks. He emphasized the need of consistent following of the Divine Teacher, and the manifestation of His spirit in the lives of all those who profess to be His followers. The church was filled to capacity at this service, several persons having to stand.

Trinity Cathedral was comfortably filled Sunday night when Bishop Demby spoke on the work of the Episcopal Church among the colored people in the Southland and especially in Arkansas. The service was taken by Dean McGinley and the Rev. John Albert Williams, Bishop Shaylor welcoming and introducing Bishop Demby and giving the benediction.

Bishop Demby told how that in the ante-bellum days many of the slaves were given spiritual training by the Episcopal church and how, despite the fact that after the war, many went into other religious bodies, traditions and love for the Church's ritual and worship prevailed. His own territory covered 640,000 square miles and in this territory more than 2,000,000 of the race dwell. One great need for education and evangelization is money. There is also a scarcity of trained workers. One of the most helpful signs of the times in the solution of the inter-racial problem is the number of broadminded and upstanding white Southerners who are striving to see that things are made better for the race. The Church is striving to do her share in upbuilding Christian character and promoting good feeling that will make the races walk side by side in amity and good will in preserving the best traditions of this country against hostile foreign elements that would overthrow our institutions.

COLORED WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The Colored Woman's Democratic Club, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, chairman, Mrs. Harry Leland, first vice chairman, Mrs. A. C. Oglesby, second vice chairman, and Miss Moseley, secretary, met last Tuesday night at Mrs. Oglesby's beautiful residence, 2734 Blondo, and decided to meet next Tuesday night at 2115 Grant, Mrs. Williams' residence.

The meeting was animated but harmonious and demonstrated that women have an intelligent grasp of the political situation. Addresses were made by Harry Leland, in which he excoriated Sheriff Clark for alleged negligence during the riot of 1919; by A. C. Oglesby, who attacked the tariff and code bill; by Thomas H. Jones on journalistic observations; by Mrs. Johnson and other women who surprised their hearers with their knowledge of local, state and national politics.

Mrs. Blanche Simmons is quite ill at her home, Twenty-fifth and Maple streets.

COURTESIES EXTENDED TO BISHOP AND MRS. DEMBY

Despite the fact that Bishop and Mrs. Demby's stay in Omaha was brief they were the recipients of many appreciated social courtesies. Saturday night an informal reception was held at St. Philip's rectory which gave many an opportunity of meeting socially these delightful guests. Sunday afternoon Mrs. W. E. Davis, nee Celia Rector, formerly of Little Rock, Ark., but now a resident of Omaha, took them with their host and hostess for a delightful automobile ride; on Monday afternoon Bishop and Mrs. Demby, with their host and hostess, the Rev. and Mrs. John Albert Williams, were the guests of Bishop and Mrs. E. V. Shayler at luncheon, at the handsome Episcopal residence in Fairacres, after which they were taken for an automobile ride by Mrs. Craig Morris. Dr. Morris placed his car at the disposal of these distinguished guests, conveying them to and from the Cathedral, to other engagements and the train. Other parishioners thoughtfully and kindly offered their cars which courtesies were appreciated. Bishop and Mrs. Demby left for Chicago at half past five o'clock Monday, delighted with their visit to Omaha.

DR. BRAGG'S NEW BOOK MAKES ITS APPEARANCE

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 13th—"The History of the Afro-American Group of the Episcopal Church" is the title of a new book just from the press last week by Dr. George Freeman Bragg, rector of St. James P. E. Church.

Well bound, excellently printed, the new volume of some 320 pages comprehends the work of the colored communicants in the Episcopal Church from the earliest beginnings to the dedication of the Rt. Rev. Momoulu Gardiner as Bishop of Liberia last year. Colored Episcopalians are said to number 31,851 with 288 congregations and 171 colored clergymen.

Bishop Theodore Bratton, white, of Mississippi, in his introduction refers to Dr. Bragg as an editor and essayist for thirty years during which time "his own publications on current history have become sources in large measure, of his labor of love for his people and his church."

CAN STILL SUPPLY CUSTOMERS

The Consumers Coal Company, who are regular Monitor advertisers, had a bad fire Sunday night. About 5000 tons of coal burned, but this enterprising company had such a large supply on hand and in transit that they can readily take care of all their old customers and any number of new ones. They still have coal to sell, and coal that will burn.

JEALOUS LOVER WOUNDS GIRL; COMMITS SUICIDE

Virgil Dysart Attempts to Kill Young Woman Who Refuses to Marry Him and Then Turns Gun on Himself.

Miss Ruby Smalley was seriously, perhaps fatally wounded, Sunday night while on her way to church by Virgil Dysart at Twenty-fifth and Caldwell streets. Dysart had been pressing his suit for marriage with Miss Smalley, who refused him. Sunday evening he resumed his entreaty. When Miss Smalley again positively declined to promise to marry him, the rejected suitor drew a pistol and shot her, inflicting a dangerous wound in her breast. Believing her dead he turned the gun upon himself and killed himself. Miss Smalley was rushed to the Lord Lister hospital where an operation was performed to extract the bullet. She is in a precarious condition. The young woman is a prominent member of Pilgrim Baptist church. The shooting occurred within a short distance of the Smalley home.

REPUBLICANS OF NEW JERSEY ENDORSE DYER BILL IN STATE PLATFORM

New York, Oct. 20.—Acting upon the request of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Dr. George E. Cannon, member of the national board and president of the Jersey City branch, has been successful in having inserted in the New Jersey state republican platform a plank urging passage of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill. The plank is as follows:

"We believe in the majesty of the law and condemn mob violence as a menace to the safety of our republic. We denounce it as a national crime and contrary to the American standard of justice. We therefore urge congress to pass the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill now before the United States senate, to the end that no human being within the bounds of the United States will be deprived of life without due process of law."

PROMINENT DENTIST MOVES INTO NEW RESIDENCE

Dr. and Mrs. Craig Morris, one of Omaha's most prominent and successful dentists, have just moved into their handsome artificial stone residence at Creighton boulevard and Manderson streets. It is one of the prettiest and most attractively finished homes owned by our group in this city.

LITTLE CHARLOTTE HICKS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

By Selma Gordon.
To a birthday party on October the six, The kiddies assembled at little Miss Hicks'; In automobiles swiftly some of them came,
While some were already there playing a game.

And then I must say there were groupups there too,
Who were eager and glad the occasion to view,
But no one who looked on could ever dispute
That the children indeed all looked very cute.

'Mid shouts of amusement on the autumn air borne,
At short intervals came the sound of a horn;
The fun still ensued till the hostess did mention
That there was something inside to attract all attention.

Inside, a huge table awaiting its freight
Was glowing with Hollow'en decorations great;
The kiddies came forward and stood all around
Enjoyed the grand repast with hardly a sound.

The presents were many, were useful and rare,
Thus having been chosen, with the greatest of care.
And when all was over they started for home,
In their hearts wishing Charlotte more birthdays to come.

ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-sixth and Seward Streets
Russell Taylor, Pastor
Our services Sunday were exceptionally good. Most of the members are supporting the services royally in the matter of their attendance. The pastor is emphasizing the need of more stringent efforts for community betterment. The Church must come to her own and strive for the saving of the community as well as the individual. The Church is the one important institution in the world to put into execution the first and second and to my mind the most important petitions of the Savior's prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth."

Services next Sunday will be as follows: 11 a. m., "Give Me the Old Time Religion." 8:00 p. m., "The Message to the Church in Smyrna."

Much good is obtainable from the study of the Spirit's messages, to the early Churches, for in them is a forecast of the various circumstances through which the Church in all ages must pass.

At 7:15 the Christian Endeavor topic is "Patriotism: What It Is and What It Does." Isa. 1:16-20. (Citizenship Day.)

THE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE.

This organization met in its initial meeting at the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday morning and was called to order by the Rev. J. P. Jackson of Council Bluffs. The ministers gave very encouraging reports of their work. There was a united determination to put forth a more determined effort against prevailing vice in our midst. This determination was given new impetus by an address full of weighty thoughts and earnest persuasion given by Miss Hawes, National Secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Russell Taylor; Vice-president, Wm. H. Franklin; Secretary, J. A. Harris; Recording Secretary, O. J. Burckhardt; Treasurer, T. S. Saunders.

Program Committee: Chairman, Frederick Divars, with W. F. Botts; E. H. McDonald, O. J. Burckhardt, J. C. McFarland.

JUDGE W. F. WAPPICH FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE

I am one of the present Police Judges of Omaha. I am a candidate for Municipal Judge at the coming election on the non-partisan ticket. In the event of my election I may be assigned to the Police Court as its judge. If I do, I will in the future as I have in the past, treat all who come before me fairly and justly, regardless of race, creed or color. My record as Police Judge speaks for itself. I would appreciate your vote, and assure you that you will never regret it.

VIRGIN ISLANDERS ARE SUFFERING IS THE REPORT

"More Capital, Better Farming, and Thrift Education are Urgently Needed," Says Frederick MacFarlane.

DAILY WAGE IS FORTY CENTS

Islanders Are Handicapped by Traditions and Need More General Education Along Various Lines.

Hampton, Va., Oct. 20.—Natives of the Virgin Islands, which were acquired by the United States from Denmark in 1918 through purchase, after many years of futile negotiations, are suffering from dire poverty on account of the rapid removal of Danish capital, the heavy inroads of the cotton boll-weevil, and the wasteful "mining" of the soil by the extensive and persistent cultivation of sugar cane, according to Frederick MacFarlane, a native of St. Croix and former instructor in history at the junior-senior high school of St. Thomas, who spoke recently in Ogden Hall, Hampton Institute, on "The History and Economic Conditions of the Virgin Islands."

Professor MacFarlane has spent the past twelve years in the Virgin Islands. Previously he devoted three years to study in Denmark, where he prepared himself to become a translator in the Danish language. Recently he brought to Hampton Institute three promising, high-school boys from the Virgin Islands. These boys will be educated at Hampton Institute out of funds which will be raised in the Virgin Islands and among Virgin Islanders living in New York and other large cities.

Some of Professor MacFarlane's observations on the Virgin Islands may be summarized as follows:

"The Orphan Islands"
Little is known about the Virgin Islands which were under the control of Denmark for 250 years. The Virgin Islands might be called the "orphan islands" since no one bureau of the U. S. Government cares to assume responsibility for them.

The Virgin Islands include about 124 square miles—St. Croix (bought by Denmark of France in 1733), 89 square miles; St. Thomas (taken by Denmark in 1671) and St. John (taken by Denmark in 1683), 44 square miles.

In 1848 Negro slavery was abolished dramatically in the Virgin Islands. The governor-general, named von Scholten, on July 3, 1848, acting on his own responsibility, declared the slaves free and issued the emancipation proclamation on July 4. In September, 1848, this act of the governor-general was confirmed by the King of Denmark.

In 1841 the Danish government started schools for the children of Negro slaves in the Virgin Islands.

Low Wages Bring Suffering
In the last days of the Danish administration, full grown men received 25 cents per day for their labor. In 1915 a labor union was organized and in 1916 a six-week strike brought the daily wage of the laborer to 40 cents. Then the World War carried the daily wage to 90 cents. Now the daily wage of the laboring man has dropped to 40 cents and the laboring man can secure only two days of labor each week.

Handicapped by Traditions
The Virgin Islands lie eighty miles east of Porto Rico and eighteen degrees north of the equator. The people on these islands are handicapped by their devotion to conventions and traditions, especially in the matter of farming.

The people of the Virgin Islands want the type of education for which Hampton Institute stands—a type which will teach men, women and children the principles of thrift and sound reasoning.

REPUBLICAN LEAGUE HAS NEW MEETING PLACE

The Douglas Republican League held an enthusiastic and well attended meeting last Friday night. M. F. Singleton, the president, was in the chair. Sheriff Clark explained his part in trying to protect his prisoner from the mob when the Court House was so badly damaged three years ago. He was bombarded with questions which he answered without evasion. Mr. Beal, candidate for County Attorney, was another speaker. Addresses were made by several others. Hereafter the League will meet every Friday night at the Colored Republican headquarters, 2206 North Twenty-fourth street. The public is invited to all meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dewey Allen have purchased a beautiful modern home at Twenty-seventh and Hamilton streets into which they expect to move on or about November 1.

LOUISVILLE HAS RADIO SCHOOL FOR COLORED

Louisville, Ky.—The Radio school idea started by Station W of this city has been extended now to include a school for colored people. The school is at the colored Y. M. C. A. The colored population of the Louisville territory is estimated at 80,000 and the colored Y. M. C. A. is in the heart of the most important colored district.—From Radio Digest.

FACTS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

\$225,000,000 was contributed by Negroes during the war in Liberty Bonds, Red Cross and other drives.

There were 106 captains, 329 first lieutenants and 204 second lieutenants commissioned from the officers training school, Ft. Des Moines, 1917.

John Brown requested that "my only religious attendants be poor little, dirty, ragged and barehead and barefooted Slave Boys and Girls, led by some old gray-headed slave Mother."

Haiti has had 25 presidents since 1902.

Our inventive genius has been applied successfully from the ground up—from mining apparatus to flying machines; from cotton pickers to piano players; and some of the largest industries in the country are built upon the basic patents of Negro inventors—notably a twenty-odd million dollar shoe machine industry founded upon Jan E. Maitzelinger's invention for lasting shoes.

2 NEW YORK MAGAZINES PUBLISH ARTICLES OF INTEREST TO RACE

Two articles of especial interest to colored readers are published in two magazines of New York.

One of the articles appears in the October McClure's Magazine. It is called "Race Co-operation" and is by George Madden Martin, who has written many short stories about colored people. The other article is by a colored author, Benjamin Brawley who writes on "The Negro in American Literature" in the October "Bookman."

Mrs. Martin speaking of what has been done and planned by interracial committees in the South, asserts that the chief obstacle to proper consideration of race problems is that the white man does not know the Negro. "The white man in the United States," says Mrs. Martin, "will never see the Negro as he is, until he sees him as an individual, and sees his case as an individual case."

The unrepresentative character of the Southern Commission on Interracial Co-operation is admitted in the figures which Mrs. Martin gives, showing that only five out of the fifty-eight members are Negroes, but Mrs. Martin shows that it has interested and brought together many of the best white people of the South in an endeavor to create better conditions.

Mr. Brawley calls the Negro "the supreme challenge to American literature." Speaking of the flood of inferior works now being published, Mr. Brawley says: "In all this welter of commercialism and sensationalism the Negro's one request of literature so far as he is concerned, is that it be fearlessly and absolutely honest."

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Bigamy is no joke; it's darned hard work.

No government official ever died from overwork yet.

Quit thinking you can reap before you sow.

Take courage, and occasionally a liver pill, also.

Very few go bankrupt through benevolence.

The only devil there is in the mind.

"Would be a queer shaped head that fits a woman's hat."

A fellow can get plenty of hell without reading Dante.

The pea is mightier but the sword pays better.

Cleverness and cussedness frequently goes arm in arm.

The worst evils to threaten us are ourselves.

It is the married man who thinks seriously of marriage.

All's well that ends well if it pays well.

Never put off till tomorrow those you can do today.

Too many of us have millionaire dispositions.

It takes valuable time to roll cigarettes.

Put down two and carry one—that's triplets.

Don't spend too much time contemplating.

RECEPTION AND ACTIVITIES AT THE NORTH END "Y"

Last Monday night a largely attended reception was held at the North End "Y". It was the annual fall get-together meeting. The audience was a representative one. Mrs. D. W. Gooden had charge of the program. The audience was given a radio treat, hearing a concert from Atlanta, Ga. An earnest address and plea for the support of this good work was made by Miss Mae C. Hawes, of New York, who is one of the general financial secretaries. Other brief but excellent addresses were made by Miss Blank, another national worker from New York; Mrs. Campbell, secretary of the Central "Y", and Mrs. Offutt, chairman of the colored work and a staunch friend and liberal contributor to this work. Cooperation was pledged by the Rev. W. S. Metcalfe and Mr. H. R. Randall. Refreshments were served and a delightful social evening was spent. A call for 100 women to volunteer as canvassers of the North End to raise the branch quota of about \$3,500 was made by Miss Hawes. Several responded. The drive is on next week and everybody who is approached should cheerfully avail themselves of the privilege of giving for this much needed work.

Several classes have been organized and are open for membership. Among these are a reducing class, for those who are too stout and want to shuffle off some of their surplus flesh; a gymnasium class, for those who want to become graceful and strong; a Bible class for those who desire instruction in the Book of Books; a millinery class and a book-lovers club. Other activities will be added as need requires. The Y. W. C. A. has been established here to serve the community.

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SPECIAL SESSION NOV. 20th ON DYER AND SHIPPING BILLS

Harding Asked to Support League's Petition—League Urges Signatures So As to Get President to Name Dyer Bill in Call.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Congress is to be convened in extraordinary session on November 20th. President Harding will issue the call immediately after election. He means to drive the ship subsidy bill through and while the house is wrestling with that the senate will be expected to put the anti-lynching bill over.
The calling up of the latter measure comes as a complete and not particularly pleasant surprise to the average legislator, who is as skittish about this as about the ship subsidy, but for the sake of the Negro vote in Ohio and other northern states certain pledges were made and it is the intention to redeem these as soon as possible.
This welcome White House statement comes while the National Equal Rights League is in the third week of effort in petitioning President Harding to call a special session and to name the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill in the call. The League operating from its headquarters in Boston, first telegraphed a request to the president direct. The president's secretary wrote back to Rev. M. A. N. Shaw, the president of the league, October 1st that a special session was not likely to be put before the president. Meantime Representative Tinkham of Boston had written the president at the league's request. On October 3rd the league had an audience with Senator Lodge in Boston, as a result of which he wrote President Harding that night. Then came the press report printed as above in several papers including the Boston Globe.
The league wired Senator Lodge to press the president to name the Dyer bill in the call. It urges the race to keep on signing its petition, also to ask senators and congressmen to write to the president and to ask their senators to press the bill through before the regular session.
The Boston branch is arranging a meeting with Senator Lodge for supporting its petition, at which he will be asked to speak.

REGISTER AND VOTE

Every citizen, male or female, of the age of twenty-one years who has been a resident for six months, can vote provided they have registered. Registration costs nothing. Next Friday, October 27th, is the last day for registration. Don't put it off. If you have not registered, register TODAY.

\$5,000 FOR WHIPPING
Abilene, Kansas, Oct. 13th—William Bradley, whipped by a mob of white strike breakers last July, was awarded \$5,000 damages from the city under the State Mob Law.

WHITE SOUTHERN LEADER ENDORSES ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

Prominent Thinker and Trustee of the University of Tennessee Makes Plea for the Passage of the Dyer Bill

NOT ANTI-SOUTHERN ATTACK

Opponents of the Measure Are Laboring Under Misapprehension Is the Contention of Bolton Smith.

New York, Oct. 20.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, has made public a statement from Bolton Smith, of Memphis, Tennessee, president in 1919 of the local Rotary Club, and a trustee of the University of Tennessee, endorsing the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill which is to come to a vote in the Senate during the next session of Congress.
The statement of Mr. Smith was said to be especially significant, by James Weldon Smith, Secretary of the Advancement Association, in that Mr. Smith declared the Bill contained no special attack upon the South.
Mr. Smith's statement in full is as follows:

"I am in favor of the Dyer Bill giving Federal courts jurisdiction in connection with the crime of lynching under certain cases, because:
"1. I believe that local sentiment in many places is too strong to permit local authorities to enforce the law against mobs.
"2. A trial before a jury in a United States Court is not a trial before an alien tribunal. But the jury is selected from the people of the entire district or state, and one is assured of a more impartial jury—one not terrorized by that local sentiment which usually is so blatant after any mob action. Few officers have the courage to oppose strong local sentiment.
"3. There is no special attack on the South in such a measure. It is required by the progress of the country, north as well as south. As common Negro labor has moved into the North, Negroes have been lynched by white mobs there too.
"4. That some Southern men who sincerely oppose lynching should not favor the Dyer Bill is due to a misapprehension of its effect and purpose. There is no part of the United States in which those favoring the due process of law for the punishment of crime should not be in favor of the punishment of lynchings by Federal Courts, whenever local officials fail to do their duty.
"5. The lynching of Negroes by white mobs is bad enough, but there is some danger that we will, before long, be faced with an even more dangerous character of lynching, namely the lynching of those of one religious faith by those of another faith. This would divide America into hostile camps and produce civil war, and we need a law that will enable the Federal Courts to repress these cases with the utmost severity.
"6. The crime of lynching is, next to the assassination of a prominent officer of the Nation, one of the greatest which can be committed. This is especially so where it is performed by one class or race and suffered by another, which other race or class regards the lynching as an attack against every one of its members. A lynching in Georgia tends to disturb labor conditions not only in the adjoining states but in the entire South, and is not without its effect in embittering race relations in the North. It cannot be regarded as merely against the peace and dignity of the State within whose limits it is committed. Its evil effects spread far beyond those limits. It is a crime against the Nation in a very real sense and therefore should be triable by Federal Courts.
"7. I do not assume that this law will immediately stop lynching; but it will be one step in that direction. Above all, it would impress the officials of every state with the determination of the people at large to stop this crime. The effect of a few trials in the Federal Courts will be highly beneficial."
(Signed) Bolton Smith.

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