

Dark Merit



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For your Negro
History Scrapbook

Slavery

In the seventeenth century in the United States there was an effort to place the status of the Negro lower than that of the Indian. In 1670 a law in Virginia made distinction between the slavery of Negroes and that of Indians. When Indians were sold, the terms were the same as the Englishmen. However, soon the Indian had so many uprisings against the white man that soon they were not considered as desirable as the Negro. Soon the Indians joined with the Negroes in conspiracy against the white man.

Soon all over the country, the slaves began to rebel against the cruel treatment of their masters. In New York City in 1741 there was such a rebellion. Of the one hundred and twenty-five Negroes arrested, thirteen were burned, eighteen hanged, and seventy-one deported. Then in 1743, desperate Negroes planned to burn the city of Boston. The city was then pre-cautioned against, "Indians, Negro, or Mulatto Servants, or Slaves." Strong leaders in the Negro race led their people to rebel. This brings to my mind the thought that some of the best stories of the Negro people were lost during slavery.

Because of the uprisings, people became less interested in helping the Negroes. Negroes who were free were having to shift for themselves in an unfriendly world. The people soon began to believe that the Negro was incapable of spiritual and mental development. Many, ignorantly, thought him without a soul. In 1756 in Virginia it was almost impossible for a white man to be convicted for murder of a Negro who was regarded as an animal.

Soon some sympathetic persons who believed themselves to be Christians began to believe that the Negro had a mind and a soul and needed help. This was the beginning of the development of the anti slavery movement.

Stories of Cruel Slave Masters,
Next week.

Singfest

President Robert W. Woods of Union college will present the brief meditation at third Christmas carol singfest at St. Paul Methodist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Hugh Rangelor of Lincoln public schools, will lead the sing, and Paul LeBar will be organist. Rev. Virgil Anderson will preside over the program and Boy Scouts are to usher.

The St. Paul Methodist choir of 45 voices will sing "A Christmas Carol from Lapland," with Donnie Wageman and Carl Carson singing solo roles, and Shirley Pscherer will sing "Ave Maria." These singfests are sponsored by a committee from Lincoln Ministerial association and Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce which is sponsoring the Pinewood Memorial bowl in Pioneers park.

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. R. E. Handy
A letter on Christian Brotherhood
Scripture Text—Phil. 4:1-20
Golden Text: "Now the Lord is that Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."
II Cor. 3:17.

Topic—"Christians love builds Brotherhood.

—Present Day Application—

Beside the letters that Paul wrote to the churches, he surely wrote many private ones.

His letter to Phileman is the only one, that we have any knowledge of.

Phileman owned a slave named Onesimus, who ran away from his master.

In his flight, he came in contact with Paul and through his teachings was converted. Paul then persuaded him to return to his master and wrote Phileman the letter to be kind to his slave.

We should practice brotherhood and have to all fellowmen whether bound or free, saint or sinner.

Only in that way can we be rich in the love of God.

A kind word, a smile or a kind deed, brings back a kind word, a smile or a kind deed. The peculiar thing about this is the more we give, the more we have.

Selfishness never pays off in smiles.

Be like Paul. Speak kindly to, and about those around you. You will be able to lift up Christ and drawn men unto Him.

Birthday Calendar

There is still time to get your name on the birthday calendar if you act at once. Members of the Usher Board and the Auxiliary are sponsoring the project under the auspices of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, with William B. Mosby, president and Head Usher. Mrs. William Woods is Chairman, and Mrs. John Robinson is among those assisting. You may contact anyone of them to have your name placed on the 1947 calendar.

Rev. Welton Shearron Guest Speaker at Christ Temple Church

Rev. Welton Shearron, associate minister of the Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) 26th and Burdette Streets will be the guest speaker at the 3:00 p. m. service at Christ Temple Church here this Sunday.

Rev. Shearron, is the Treasurer of the Sunday School and Holiness Young Peoples Union of the Midwest District of the Church of Christ (Holiness) which includes the churches in Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City and Denver. Rev. Shearron was appointed as the District Treasurer by the Bishop Wm. A. Washington, Presiding Bishop of the Western Diocese at the Diocese Convention in Los Angeles last July.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Velma Shearron, daughter, Betty and son, Glover, mother, Mrs. Bertha Shearron, and Mrs. Catherine Gibson of the Omaha Church. We are looking for you.

If I were to choose among all gifts and qualities on the whole that which makes life pleasantest I should select the love of children. No circumstances can render this world wholly a solitude to one who has this possession.

—T. W.

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