# SOME FACTS ABOUT THE A. M. E. PUBLISHING HOUSE.

**Rev. Jackson McHenry Tells Some Hitherto Unpublished Things About the Publishing House and its Mauager.—Other Men More Deserving of the Position.**

[From The Atlanta Independent]

Things are far from being in a satisfactory condition at the Publishing House of the A.M.E. Church in Philadelphia. The present managing editor, though a sociological student, was not even known generally as a member of the Church until after he was given the present position through the influence of the late Bishop Gaines. For three years he staid in Philadeplhia, engaged in his work at the University of Pennsylvania, and never connected himself with any A. M. E. Church, or was even an attendant upon any of the churhes.

It is felt that he was unwise in the step he took when assuming charge of his present field to put out of office nearly all the old employees and putting in as bookkeeper, clerk, and secretary three members of his own family. For his brother, sister and brother-in-law are now employed. This is nepotism with a vengeance. All the books and conference requisite that are sold around at the conferences pass only through the hands of the Wright family. But if such conduct of the business does not pay the Church, it certainly pays the manager, because he has been enabled within two years to purchase two homes and is now buying the third one.

It has been said that Dr. Wright was the only man in the Church who would accept the position and that only now are there others willng to take the place Correspondence will show that there were at least a dozen other men who would have gladly assumed the editorship. Among those are: Drs. A. L. Gaines, C. M. Tanner S. P. Hood H. H. Pinkney, J. G, Robinson, Joshua Jones, D. J. Jordan, J. A. Jones, and a number of others. All of these men, in years gone by have aspired to the place. Strange indeed is it that when a vacancy occured they would not have place! But no the change was made quietly and only a very few knew about it until it was over. These men have done the bidding of the Church upon every other occasion. It is a base libel on them to now say, they would not have the work. No. they were refused. The shadow of death has fallen across this case, but more, than one simony has been charged.

That the concern was saved by this Daniel come to judgement, is again a slander upon such connectional characters as Drs. Watson, Hurst, and Hawkins Why can not men be content to rise by degrees without seeking to destroy all those with whom they are associated?

Dr. Hurst was instructed by Bishop Gaines to be in Philadelphia and redeem the concern. Drs. Hurst Watson, Thornton, Hawkins, and Bishop Coppin were there. Dr. Hurst had the money but Dr. Wright would allow anyone to act until he had made this grand stand play of "saving" the concern. Dr. Thornton, at Mother Bethel was also on guard. He was ready and worked incessantly. But no, it must be published to the world that all these men, whose work the Church well knows, had suddenly turned traitors and there was but one man to redeem the Recorder. If this is true, then every one of them should be relegated to the traitor's place. But it is not true. For Dr. Wright charged the Church $106 for the use of $1,800 for about 48 hours and if Dr. John Hurst had not threatened him with a suit in court, he would not have turned over the judgment of Mrs. Collett to the Financial Department of the Church, but would have carried out his crigінal plan to hold the balance of the judgment over the church as the sword of Damocles. I believe that this is the first time the real inside of the Napoleonic move in Church finance has ever been disclosed. Drs. Hurst, Hawkins, Watson, and Thornton are all candidates for place. They have kept silent and endured this false accusation rather than be drawn into a controversy. But I am not a candidate and can speak.

How far short, too, did the editor come when in his obituary notice of the late Bishop Gaines he declared that he was an uneducated man an never mastered his mother tongue. This might have been said by some reporter, but by the editor of our official paper and a servant of the Church in a normal resume of the life of one of the Bishops, never. How many men are there in America who have mastered the English language? Few, if any. Certainly not Dr. Wright. But consider the work Bishop Gaines did. Morris Brown College founded and scores of churches established. Still he is to be measured and judged by a man who has never spent two years in the pastorate.

More anon.

JACKSON M'HENRY—Delegate to General Conference. §§§

## BUSINESS LEAGUE HERALD.

**New Monthly Publication to Represent Business Men Generally.**

At the annual meeting of the Alabama State Business league, recently held at Tuskegee, the first number of the Negro Business League Herald was issued. This paper is published monthly by the National Negro Business league. The editors are Emmett J. Scott, corresponding secretary of the National league, and Charles H. Moore, national organizer. In its announcement the editors say:

"The Negro Business League Herald is published, as its name states, in behalf of the Negro in business. It does not regard itself as the official organ of the National Negro Business league or of any organization.

"Its major interest is helping to advance the business and economic condition of the Negroes of the United States. It earnestly hopes, to begin with, that it may have the eager support of state Negro business leagues and local Negro business leagues as well as of all persons who are in any way concerned with business enterprises among the Negro people."

**Noted Speakers at Abyssinian Church.**

The three weeks' special meetings held by the Abyssinian Baptist church in New York recently resulted in the addition of ninety new members to the church. The Rev. Dr. A. Clayton Powell, pastor, was assisted in the series of meetings by Dr. W. Bishop Johnson pastor of the Second Baptist church in Washington. Another series of special soul saving meetings will begin on Friday, March 1, to run for three weeks The first week will be devoted to Bible study under the lead of Dr. S. N. Vass, and the next two weeks Dr. Charles T. Walker of Augusta, Ga., will lead in the revival work for soul saving.

**Opposition to Hook Was Nation Wide.**

Opposition to the appointment of Judge William C. Hook to succeed the late John M. Harlan as associate justice of the United States supreme court seems to have been nation wide in so far as the colored citizens were concerned. The attitude of Judge Hook on the color line is said to be the cause of his failure to land the job.

## SHE NEEDED THE EXERCISE

**How Man Dodged Criticism for Allowing Lady of Ample Proportions to Row Him.**

Allen had been visiting friends on their houseboat, moored off Edgewater, on the Jersey side. When it came time to leave Mr. and Mrs. Wilson volunteered to row Allen and Miss Wilson, sister of the husband, to a dock near the Fort Lee ferry.

Mrs. Wilson and Miss Wilson are of ample proportions, and Allen didn't like the idea of allowing his hostess to row, especially as it was rough and the tide was coming in. So he protested. "No, I must row," he said.

"Couldn't think of it," returned Mrs. Wilson smiling. "I need the exercise, you know. I don't get exercise on the houseboat." And she had taken the second pair of oars and settled herself in the seat behind her husband before Allen could bestow himself and baggage and assist Miss Wilson to a seat in the stern.

"What will those fishermen think of me, allowing a woman to row me?" he protested. "I'm going to explain it to them as we pass. I don't want to get in bad."

Sure enough as the boat passed the fishermen on the piers Allen called out: "The lady needs exercise!" And the fishermen, appreciating the situation, grinned, and by their demeanor indicated they absolved Allen from appearing to take it easy.—New York Herald.

**In the Garden of Eden.**

"Did you know this was my birthday?" asked Eve.

"Could I forget it?" answered Adam "Let's see—how old are you, this year—now don't answer—let me guess. Your are—ah—seven!"

"You hateful wretch!" cried Eve "I'm only five, and you know it.

"But that is just like you men—you try to pretend that the time is dragging and that your wives are growing old! Just because you are over six, and have lots of gray hairs you think you can insult your wife!"

Eden was never the same after that tiff.

# BUSY LIFE OF DR. J. D. HERBEN

## Summary of His Activities as Pastor and Evangelist.

## KNOWS HOW TO GET RESULTS

**Hardworking Minister Who Has Made His Way by Persistence From Obscurity to Prominence—Conducted First Missionary Journey at Eleven Years of Age.**

Atlantic City, N. J.—J. Douglas Herben, the subject of this sketch is a native of Greensboro, N. C. He received the rudiments of his early education in the public schools, in which he made rapid progress. He is one of a family of ten children, whose mother died when Douglas was seven years of age. After the death of his mother young Herben went to work at a salary of $3 per month. Having felt the call to the ministry early in life, he began preparation after his conversion at ten years of age.

When eleven years of age he started on a preaching tour which took him as far west as Cincinnati, O., where he was baptized in the Ohio river by the Rev. G. W. Wyatt, pastor of the Antioch Baptist church, from which he received his license to preach. This was in March, 1891. He attended the public school in Cincinnati from which he graduated before changing his residence to Pittsburgh, whither he went in 1895

In Pittsburgh Rev. Mr. Herben entered Iron City college, where he took the course in theology. He is noted as a successful worker in revivals and has conducted successful meetings in the John Wesley A. M. E. Z. church, Ebenezer Baptist, Carron Street Baptist, Good Hope Baptist, Shiloh Baptist, St. Paul Methodist and Brown's A. M. E. chapel in Pittsburgh and

REV. DR. J. DOUGLAS HERBEN.

many other churches. He was ordained by the First Baptist church in Frederick, Md., twelve years ago.

He has traveled extensively throughout the southwest, doing evangelistic work. During his pastorate of the Zion Baptist church at Harpers Ferry he completed a beautiful church edifice and greatly increased the membership. Rev. Mr. Herben has also pastored successfully in Washington and in Maryfield, Va.

At his present charge, the Second Baptist church in this city, he has served seven years with great success to the cause. He has fellowshiped over 1,400 members and erected one of the largest and most beautiful church edifices in the state. Rev. Mr. Herben has the distinction of knowing how to meet difficulties and overcome them. This fact has been thoroughly demonstrated during his pastorate of the Second Baptist church.

The people of Atlantic City regard the work of Rev. Mr. Herben very highly. He is amiable, ambitious and sincere and lets no opportunity pass by which he may benefit his people He is broad minded and liberal in his dealings with all denominations. The high estimation in which Dr. Herben is held by clergymen of note may be judged from the following:

Dr. J. Douglas Herben has conducted meetings for me, and I find him to be a preacher of rare ability.—W. B Johnson, LL. D., Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Washington.

Few men have greater power in revival services than Dr. J. Douglas Herben of Atlantic City. He is honest with pastor and people.—Clarence Parish, Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, Roxborough, Pa.

I most highly commend Dr. J. Douglas Herben of the Second Baptist church, Atlantic City, to the brotherhood.—William A. Creditt, D. D., LL. D., Pastor of Cherry Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia; President Downingtown Industrial School and College and President of the New England Baptist Missionary Convention.

He is quite an eloquent speaker, and we are proud of him as our son—Greensboro (N. C.) Observer.

Dr. J. Douglas Herben of Pittsburgh is stirring the northwest of the city at the Vermont Avenue Baptist church. He carries large crowds.—Washington Post.

**Lucy Laney League to Hold Reception.**

The seventh annual reception of the Lucy Laney league will be held in New York on Friday evening, March 8. The proceeds from the reception will be donated to the Haines Industrial school in Augusta, Ga. The league is composed of former students and graduates of this institution.

## TEACHERS' COLLEGE NOTES.

**New Light on This Department of Howard University.**

Washington.—The enrollment in the Teachers' college of Howard university has reached the encouraging figure of 137. These students are all of college grade, as there is now one standard for admission into the School of Liberal Arts, and all candidates are recommended by a single committee. This number is an increase of eight over last year. The dean reports that the freshman class is the best prepared that has ever been received. The instructors in the Teachers' college have now been divided into two groups.

The first group consists of the faculty of education, giving particularly academic and professional work, and the second group is composed of the faculty of practical arts, giving work in domestic science, domestic art, manual training, library economy and music. The important work in the practical arts is thus brought into full adjustment with the other courses in the Teachers' college. The largest advanced class in the practical arts ever sent forth will be graduated this year.

By joint action of the instructors in the Teachers' college and the College of Arts and Sciences the establishment of the new degrees of bachelor of arts in education and bachelor of science in education is recommended to the board of trustees. The dean reports that this action should, if practicable, carry with it of necessity the enlargement of the professional and academic work in the Teachers' college and the consequent better fitting of graduates for specific work in teaching.

These new degrees and new courses of study are designed to be in line with the work of the Teachers' college at Columbia university, Chicago university and other leading schools of the country. In order to carry out the plan contemplated an additional teaching force is needed immediately for the Teachers' college, as there will be required professional educational courses in English, with a minimum of nine hours' work, of history nine to twelve hours and modern languages twelve hours.

With this addition our work will be relieved of a serious handicap under which it is now laboring. Dr. Lewis B. Moore, dean of the Teachers' college, also reports the enrollment among its students of four candidates for the degree of master of arts, one of whom is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. Thus the institution is measuring up to its high privilege.

## SCHEDULE OF HAMPTON'S FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN.

**Captain George W. Blount Conducts Annual Northern Tour.**

Hampton, Va.—Every year Hampton Institute, which is neither a state nor a government school, must raise annually through voluntary contributions over $125,000 for current expenses and scholarships. To secure this money campaigns are conducted several times a year. Captain George W. Blount of the commandant's office has taken a party of twenty Negro and ten Indian boys north for the Hampton winter campaign in New York, Brooklyn, Boston, New Haven and Philadelphia.

The campaign opened on Sunday Feb. 25. One meeting was held in Brooklyn and another in New York. The schedule of the meetings covers the following dates:

Feb. 26, 8 p. m., Carnegie hall, principal address by Hon. Joseph H Choate; Feb. 27, 3 p. m., Plymouth theater, Boston, address by Dr. H. B Frissell; Feb. 28, Woolsey hall, New Haven, Conn., Dr. Booker T. Washington will speak, and Professor Henry Farnam of Yale will preside; Feb. 29 Brooklyn Academy of Music, addresses by Dr. James M. Taylor, president of Vassar college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. and Robert C. Ogden of New York city who is president of the Hampton board of trustees.

On Friday, March 1, two meetings in New York private schools; March 1 Orange, N. J., address by Dr. James M Ludlow; March 2, two meetings in New York; March 3, two meetings in Philadelphia; March 4, Horticultural hall Philadelphia, principal address by Hon George McAneny of New York, Dr. H B. Frissell, principal of Hampton Institute, will speak on "Negro and Indian Folklore" and Indians in costume will render the following numbers: "Love Song," "Death Song," "Planting Song," "Ball Dance" and "War Dance."

A Zulu student at Hampton, Madikane Q. Cele, dressed in native costume, will sing a love song and give a war dance. Major Robert R. Moton, commandant of cadets at Hampton Institute, will speak on "The Meaning of Hampton." A group of thirty Negro students dressed as road workers will sing a labor song. The Hampton boys dressed in their military uniforms will sing plantation songs or "spirituals." Stories of Indian and African life will be told by Michael V. Wolf, a Chippewa Indian from Reserve, Wis., and M. Q. Cele of Zululand, South Africa.

**Judge Pleased With Colored Jurors.**

For the first time in the history of Reno county, Kan., a case was recently tried at Hutchinson before a jury composed exclusively of colored men. It was the case of Mrs. M. J. Marshall, a colored woman, who was examined as to her sanity. Deputy Probate Judge Fulton is said to have remarked that he never saw a finer set of men on a jury than those six colored men, one of them a doctor, another a minister and a third a law student and all of them men who have good education and character.


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## CURIOUS BITS OF HISTORY

**TROUBLES OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND.**

By A. W. MACY.

The Bank of England, "the greatest monetary establishment in the world," has had its troubles, notwithstanding its great financial strength. It has passed through many perils. At various times its notes have been at a heavy discount, its credit has been assailed, it has been threatened with impeachment, and it has been attacked by rioters. The first "run" on the bank occurred in 1707. Other panics or runs occurred in 1745, 1797 and 1825. In 1832 the Duke of Wellington was unpopular, and four men placarded the walls of London with the words, "To Stop the Duke, Go for Gold." Nobody knew exactly what it meant, but it produced a tremendous run on the bank. At one time the bank lost 320,000 pounds, or almost $1,500,000, through the forgeries of one man, and still more at another time, by the forgeries of another man.

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